

† FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY †

February 7, 2010

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

- *The order of worship for each of our three weekend services is indicated in the bulletin and the hymnal, “Lutheran Service Book” (LSB), is located in the pew racks in front of you.*
- *We extend a special word of welcome to first-time visitors and invite you to take a welcome kit located by the Jesus Fountain in the church entrance.*
- *To register member and visitor attendance, provide updates or other information, or to submit comments/requests to the pastors or church office, please use the **Welcome Card with Sign-Up/Information Sheet** in the bulletin. Church offerings, welcome cards and any other information will be collected during the offering time or may be left in the wicker basket by the Jesus Fountain after the service.*

COMMUNION STATEMENT

- *The congregation of Village Lutheran Church welcomes to Holy Communion those baptized Christians who: †Know Jesus Christ as their Savior (John 20:31); †Recognize that the body and blood of Christ are truly present in the bread and wine (1 Cor. 11:29); †Are able to examine themselves and repent of their sins (1 Cor. 11:28); and †Look to God’s Holy Spirit for help in living the Christian life (Col. 1:10). Persons not receiving Communion may come forward to receive a blessing.*
- *Non-Alcoholic Fruit of the Vine: Persons who are sensitive to alcohol are welcome to receive the blood of Christ in the sacrament using non-alcoholic grape juice. The juice is located in the center circle of each individual tray and is lighter in color. Wine is always available with the Common Cup or Individual Cups.*
- *Gluten-free consecrated hosts (the bread of Holy Communion) are available for all those with allergies or intolerance to gluten. Simply say “Gluten-Free” to the minister or bring your bulletin forward and point to the Gluten-Free symbol prior to receiving the bread.*
- *Communion may be brought to those with limited mobility. Please alert a Pastor or usher if you wish to commune in this way.*



TO KNOW LIVE AND SHARE THE LOVE OF CHRIST

- *Under the blessing of God, the mission of Village Lutheran Church is a ministry of the Word and Sacraments. This ministry gives opportunities for mission, witness, nurture, fellowship, stewardship, and service. It focuses on the specific needs of individuals and groups within the congregation and extends to the church-at-large, the community, and the world.*
- *The Chapel School is an integral part of the congregation’s ministry directed specifically to children. It provides a distinctive Christian education enabling children to evidence a Christian lifestyle and to achieve academic success.*

TO GOD ALONE BE GLORY

SATURDAY - 5:30 p.m.
Spoken Divine Service

PRELUDE

Adagio from Sonata 1

- F. Mendelssohn

INVOCATION and CONFESSION

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, (+) and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of Your people, turning us from our sin to live for You alone. Give us the power of Your Holy Spirit that, attentive to Your Word, we may confess our sins, receive Your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Gracious God, have mercy on us. In Your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by Your Spirit so that we may live and serve You in newness of life, to the honor and glory of Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. Whoever believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C: Amen.

OPENING HYMN

Alleluia! Let Praises Ring

LSB Hymn #822

KYRIE

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. Most holy God, the earth is filled with Your glory, and before You angels and saints stand in awe. Enlarge our vision to see Your power at work in the world, and by Your grace make us heralds of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

+LITURGY OF THE WORD+

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 6:1-8

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 15:1-11

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL

Luke 5:1-11

P: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 5th chapter.

C: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

(The Gospel is read)

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lord of the Dance

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SERMON

“From Empty Nets to Full Lives”

Rev. Dr. Robert Hartwell

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

A: We pray:

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING/VOLUNTARY

Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

- Paul Manz

OFFERTORY (Congregation rising)

(LSB Hymn #621, v. 1&4)

Let all mortal flesh keep silence and with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly-minded, for with blessing in His hand
Christ our God to earth descending comes our homage to demand.

At His feet the six-winged seraph, cherubim with sleepless eye,
Veil their faces to the presence as with ceaseless voice they cry:
“Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, Lord most High!”

+LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST+

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

C: **Holy, holy, holy Lord. God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD and MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

P: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

C: **Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

P: Through Him, with Him, and in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is Yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever.

C: **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Let us pray with confidence to the Father, in the words our Lord gave us:

C: **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever and ever. Amen.**

AGNUS DEI

P: Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world:
C: Have mercy on us.
P: Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world:
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P: Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world:
C: Grant us Your peace.
P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C: And also with you.

DISTRIBUTION

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A: Lord God, You have called Your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go but only that Your hand is leading us and Your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C: Amen.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus LSB Hymn #729

DISMISSAL

P: The Divine Service is ended. Go in peace to serve the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God. Amen.

POSTLUDE Trumpet Tune - John Stanley

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copy “Lord of the Dance” from AGPS #170

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

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COMBINED CHOIR ANTHEM

Joy - Ralph & Dorothy Schultz

Joy is budding trees and raindrops, sunswept waves and golden sand;

Joy is amber-tinted forests, new white snow from God's own hand.

Joy is mother's tender caring for her tiny newborn child;

Joy is father's gentle pruning of the young tree growing wild.

Joy is faith and hope and loving, growing stronger through the years;

Joy is meeting life at sunset feeling no despair or fear.

Joy is being truly thankful for the dawn of each new day;

Joy is working, praying, sharing, ev'ry step along the way.

Joy is telling little children Jesus shelters them from harm;

Joy is leading hopeless sinners to His ever-open arms.

Joy is Jesus' strength around me, joy is Jesus' love within;

Joy is knowing my salvation, that I'm free from death and sin.

Joy is living here for Him who gave Himself for me;

Joy is living there in heaven to sing for joy eternally.

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ALLELUIA VERSE (Congregation rising)

P: Alleluia. Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?"

C: **And I said, "Here am I; send me!" Alleluia.** (Isaiah 6:8)

GOSPEL

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

(After the message, children and teachers in Grades 3-6 go to their Sunday School classes)

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I Love to Tell the Story

- Dale Wood

OFFERTORY (Congregation rising)

(LSB Hymn #621, v. 1&4)

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Christ our God to earth descending comes our homage to demand.

At His feet the six-winged seraph, cherubim with sleepless eye,
Veil their faces to the presence as with ceaseless voice they cry:
"Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, Lord most High!"

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

C: **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen. (Matt. 6:9-13)**

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C: **Amen.**

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LSB Hymn #729

SILENT MEDITATION (*Congregation seated*)

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune

- John Stanley

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Music Note

The Choir anthem today is from a larger work written by former VLC members Ralph and Dorothy Schultz. While Dr. Schultz was the choral director at Concordia, he made “Sing for Joy” the choir’s theme and composed several anthems under that title. The “Sing for Joy” banner in our sanctuary is a part of this legacy, and the music is something which binds together the Concordia Choir alumni from over 35 years of music-making. Many of the people in the choir today sang this piece with the Concordia Choir and/or sang with the Schultzes at church. The words by Mrs. Schultz (our long-time Kindergarten teacher) remind us again where true joy is found. We are thankful for their music ministry at both Concordia and the VLC, and for the spirit that continues.

SUNDAY - 10:45 a.m.
Service of Holy Communion

PRELUDE

Adagio from Sonata 1

- F. Mendelssohn

ENTRANCE HYMN (*Congregation rising*)

LSB **Hymn #822**

Alleluia! Let Praises Ring

INVOCATION and CONFESSION

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. (*A brief time of silence for reflection*)

P: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: **who made heaven and earth.** (*Psalm 124:8*)

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C: **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.** (*Psalm 32:5*)

P: O almighty God, merciful Father,

C: **I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.**

P: Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

(LSB Hymn #507, v. 3-4)

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see,
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee, perfect in pow'r, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.

Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty! God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

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†HOLY COMMUNION†

PREFACE

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C: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P: It is truly good, right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given us Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. As the glory of Your presence once filled Your ancient temple, so in the incarnation of Your Son, Jesus Christ, You manifested the fullness of Your glory in human flesh. We give You thanks that in His most Holy Supper You reveal Your glory to us. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood so that we may one day behold Your glory face to face. Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

C: **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen. (Matt. 6:9-13)**

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION and SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: **And also with you.**

AGNUS DEI (*sung to “My Faith Looks Up to Thee”*)

O Lamb of God, we pray: Take all our sins away – our faith increase.

Have mercy on us all, strengthen us when we fall, answer our fervent call and grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

LSB **Hymn #709**

I Leave All Things to God’s Direction

LSB **Hymn #719**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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BENEDICTION

RECESSIONAL HYMN

I Am Trusting Thee, Lord Jesus

LSB **Hymn #729**

SILENT MEDITATION (*Congregation seated*)

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune

- John Stanley

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VLC NEWS AND NOTES

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Helen Messner's 10th Anniversary in Heaven from her daughters Kathy Coffey and Mary Messner Martin.

PLEASE JOIN US IN THE MULTIPURPOSE ROOM after the 9:00 a.m. worship service for cake, coffee and fellowship. Thanks to the Rockhill family for providing the refreshments.

PRAYER LINE: Please remember those members or friends who are hospitalized or recovering from an illness especially Joan Bevers, Dawn Galloway, Lyn Hartwell, Scott James, David Just, Robert Kubic, Gene Lunog, Janet Lunog, Alexis Matos, Luz Maria Nieves, John Rاپillo, John Stull. Also keep our shut-in/homebound members & friends in your prayers. **Names are listed for 3 weeks.**

PASTORAL VISITS TO THE SICK: HIPAA legislation prohibits hospitals from sharing names of those receiving care, even to clergy. If you are hospitalized or learn of a fellow VLC member who is hospitalized, please call the church office at 914-337-0207 x 1003, so a visit can be made.

BEREAVEMENT PRAYER LINE: We include in our prayers all those in our community that have recently lost a loved one, especially: The families of all who were killed in the earthquake in Haiti. The family of Frank Liersemann, Sr., grandfather of Sarah Gleason, who passed away on January 15, 2010. Please share the information on the tear-off sheet in the bulletin or call the church office 337-0207 x1003

Let us continue to pray for the soldiers, Marines, airmen, sailors and special forces who put their lives in harm's way, especially Joshua Alvarado AFSOS, Maj. Daniel Cahill, Sgt. Marco Cerbone, Chris Finocchio, Andrew Flink AFSOS, Bill Kavanagh, Chris Lena, Nick Lion, Olivia Lion, Ben Millarch, Dan Miller, Gregory Olsen, Maj. Bradley Rakov, LCDR Christopher Rakov, Brent Smith, Aaron Tiso.

CHURCH NEWS

VLC MUSIC MINISTRY: **Chancel Choir** will rehearse on Thursday, Feb. 11 and sing on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 17; **Youth Choir** will rehearse at 7:00pm on Thursday, Feb. 11, then will be on break from Feb. 14 until Feb. 25; **High School Choir** will resume rehearsals in March; **Village Brass** will rehearse on Wednesdays at 7:00pm and play for Ash Wednesday, Feb. 17; **Village Bells** will rehearse at 7:15pm on Wednesday, Feb. 10, and at 6:30pm on Feb. 17.

HAITI EARTHQUAKE RELIEF - Thank you to the families of The Chapel School and Village Lutheran Church for your support and involvement with relief for Haiti by donating completed health kits, supplies for kits, boxes for shipping and funds to cover shipping costs. We have shipped out 250+ kits over the past three weeks. Lutheran World Relief delivered their first shipment of health kits to Haiti on January 25. If you would like to keep up with their emergency updates, you can go to their website: www.lwr.org. There is no deadline for the health kits, so you can continue to bring in items and drop them off by the reception area. Please donate only what is specifically requested. **For a complete description of the items and kit assembly, please see the flyer on the tract rack.**

Altar Guild Luncheon and Meeting: Our faithful Altar Guild volunteers, plus anyone who is interested in joining the altar Guild, are invited to a luncheon **TODAY, Sunday, February 7, at noon in the MPR**. There will be potluck dishes to share, plus dessert and beverages provided by the church. Dishes may be dropped off early in the kitchen and kept warm if needed. Thank you to Deacon Ann Terenzio for coordinating the luncheon.

Join us for monthly worship at Sprain Brook Manor Rehabilitation in Scarsdale. Services are normally held at 2:00 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month. Future services: **February 9, March 9.**

Wednesday morning Bible Study will meet on **February 10** at 10:45 a.m., studying chapter 43 of Isaiah. *“Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine.”*

The Village Lutheran Church will host the **Good News Christian Coffee House** on **Saturday, February 13, 2010** with a special Valentine’s Day concert by Diane McKoy. The Coffee House opens at 7 p.m. with gourmet coffee and pastries, and the concert begins at 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$5/Adult, Seniors, Students. Children \$2 (ages 5-12). A love offering will be taken to offset expenses.

LENT BEGINS ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17 - We will have one full service with ashes and Holy Communion at **7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary**. VLC members and friends are also welcome to attend a brief service with ashes and Holy Communion led by Pastor Hartwell in the **Concordia chapel at 11:00 a.m.**

Women’s Bible Study/LWML - February 20 at 8:30 a.m. Please read **Chapter 6** of *Slightly Bad Girls of the Bible: The Night Has Eyes, Leah the Unseen*. If you have never joined us, or haven’t joined us recently, we’d love to see you (no need to read previous chapters, you may pick up right at Chapter 6). Also, you may bring along your mission kits for Lutheran World Relief and mite boxes. If you are able, please bring a breakfast item to share. Questions? Call Julie Taylor.

Are you currently working on a prayer shawl and would love to stitch in the company of others? Are you thinking of trying to make a prayer shawl, but are not sure how to knit or crochet? On **Saturday, February 20, 2010, from 10:30 a.m. - 12 noon**, you are welcome to attend a Prayer Shawl Gathering in the library of the school. We will be stitching together, and also teaching how to knit and crochet. So please consider joining us. Prayer Shawl brochures are located in the tract rack and explain all the materials needed.

Midweek Lenten Services continue each **Wednesday at 7:30 pm from Feb. 24 through March 24**. Our theme will be “The Body of Christ,” with devotional services that look at Jesus’ ministry through the physical and metaphorical image of His body. **If you would be willing to provide special music or to host a light reception** for one of these services, please fill out the sign-up form or contact Minister of Music Deb Reiss at 914-337-0207, x1018 or DREISS@VLC-NY.ORG.

First Communicant Classes will be held for **students in 5th grade and above** during Lent. **CLASS TIMES: Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. beginning February 24**. The LOCK-IN will be held Friday, March 19 from 6-10 p.m. and the 1st Communion Service will be Sunday, March 21 at 10:45 a.m. All VLC members, visitors and Chapel School students in the 5th grade & above who have not had their 1st Holy Communion are welcome!

PRAYER SERVICES are held regularly on the last Saturday of the month. Beginning at 6:30 p.m. (following the regular Saturday service), these brief moments for meditation & prayer offer personal prayers at the altar and the ancient tradition of anointing with oil. **The next service is Sat., February 27, at 6:30 p.m.**

LISTEN TO WORSHIP WHILE TENDING TO CHILDREN - The Care Room is now equipped with remote speakers so that children and caretakers can hear what’s going on in the service. There are also speakers in the Friendship Room for families who need to take upset children out for a break.

GATHERING OF FRIENDS X - Save the date & get involved! Friday, March 12, 2010. Gala Dinner and Auction benefitting Village Lutheran Church and The Chapel School. For more information or to get involved, please contact: Ellen Bryceland, Event Chair at 914-439-2911 / e-mail eobb46@gmail.com. or Jeanette Van Duyne, Development Assistant at 914-337-0207 x 1040 / e-mail jvandyne@vlc-ny.org.

Spring Alpha returns in April! Come join us on **Wednesday, April 7:** Celebration, Cocktails and Dinner. We will meet in the Multi-Purpose Room from **6:30 - 9:00 p.m.** What is it? An opportunity for anyone to explore the Christian Faith. Low Key, Friendly, Fun! Bring a Friend!

LWML News! With your generous support and mite box donations we have completed Mission Grant #13 (He Lives). We are now working on Mission Grant #14 (Cross Cultural Youth Expansion). We have 4 more grants to go before March 31, 2010 to complete all projects for this year. Please join us in the endeavor. Coins and bills are graciously accepted and all funds stay predominately in the U.S.A. where God's Word is spread and provisions are made for the needy.

The women of VLC have started a PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY. A Prayer Shawl is knitted or crocheted and given to persons who are ill, have suffered a loss, or are in the midst of a crisis. The shawl is intended to provide warmth, comfort, a "hug", and to be a reminder of God's embracing arms, which are always around us. When the prayer shawl is completed, it will be turned into the church office, blessed with special prayer and delivered by the Pastors or Deacons to someone in need. Anyone that can participate by knitting or crocheting a shawl or to assist in this endeavor, please contact Shawl Coordinator, Erika Doherty, at 914-337-1080. For more information, see the pamphlets in the Tract Rack, in the Narthex of the church.

Did you know? Pastor Hartwell is teaching at Concordia College this semester in the Education Department as an Adjunct Professor. EDU 343 Home, School, Church and Community Relations is a course that helps teacher candidates understand the unique relationships teachers have with parents, administrators, communities and churches and to begin thinking about building bridges with these important constituency groups as they educate children. A Professional Development School relationship (PDS), called "Concord of Excellence," between Concordia College and The Chapel School seeks to empower both institutions via shared resources and sharing of knowledge and expertise. Please pray for our PDS relationships as Concordia and The Chapel School seek "to know, live and share the love of Christ," especially to children and families.

SENIOR NEWS

Upcoming Seniors' Luncheons - Doors open at 11:30 a.m. and lunch begins at 12 noon. All VLC Seniors, Loehman Village Residents and community members welcome!

February 9 - BINGO and Chinese Banquet.

March 9 - Rich O'Donnell, Appraiser for Eastchester shares tax issues for seniors.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Today in Sunday School, the Bible story is Jesus calling His first disciples (Luke 5:1-11). The children learned that Jesus chose ordinary, sinful men to follow Him and be His disciples. In Baptism, Jesus chooses us to be His children. Talk about how sin causes us to want to hide from Jesus and doubt that He is who He says He is. Underscore that in Jesus' forgiveness we find peace and favor with God, whose Word testifies repeatedly and consistently that Jesus is God's Son.

Special children's bulletins called "Kids Celebrate" are available each week to reinforce the Bible lessons read in church, using puzzles, questions and other activities. Use them in church or at home!

From *Life's Little Book of Wisdom For Kids* (Barbour Publishing, www.barbourbooks.com). This week, remind that special child in your life: **Lying in the grass and looking up in the sky is more entertaining than TV.**

FELLOWSHIP NEWS

ARE YOU READY FOR SOME FOOTBALL? Join us for VLC's annual Super Bowl party **TONIGHT!** We will begin the pot-luck dinner at 5:30 p.m. with games and trivia before kickoff on the big screen TV. Bring a dish to share and join us for an exciting night of fun and fellowship!

STEWARDSHIP NEWS

Through Christ's death and resurrection, "*God was reconciling the world to Himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them.*" Paul followed that sentence with a sobering exhortation to us, his readers: "*And He has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making His appeal through us*" (2 Corinthians 5:19-20). This, then, is what our response should be to God's great love for us: to carry the message of Christ crucified for sinners to a world in need.

The Simply Giving Program - Just as you rely upon receiving income on a regular basis, Village Lutheran Church relies upon your regular contributions. Village Lutheran Church deeply appreciates the efforts of congregation members to make consistent donations throughout the year. To assist you, the church provides a convenient electronic giving option for setting up regular contributions: This program is offered by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. Contact Jeanette Van Duyne (914) 337-0207, x1040.

SOCIAL MINISTRY NEWS

The **Blessing Basket** collection will continue under the piano in the Friendship Room. Non-perishable items will be taken to ECAP.

PARISH HEALTH NEWS

Health tip from your Parish Health Practitioner Joy Elwell - As you head to your local grocery store next time, let your heart be your guide. There are lots of heart healthy choices you can make right in the aisles. There are three different kinds of fats: poly unsaturated, mono unsaturated and saturated fat. The better fats are the first two, the unsaturated fats, and they're found in things like olive oil, canola oil, nuts, seeds and fish. The fats you want to watch out for are the saturated kinds - animal fats and trans fats - limit your consumption of meat, higher fat dairy and prepackaged baked goods and crackers which contain trans fats.

On Sunday, February 21, Senior nursing students from the College of Mt. Saint Vincent, will be at Coffee Hour with their instructor, Nancy Manister. They will be taking blood pressures and offering health tips. Please stop by after the 9:00 a.m. service or before the 10:45 a.m. service to check your blood pressure.

Yoga is held on **Mondays at 7 p.m.** in the Multi-Purpose Rm. Cost \$10. If you need more information call Faith Forlano 725-8035. No pre-registration required.

St. Monica's Circle: St. Monica (b.333, d.387), the mother of St. Augustine, is a patron saint of mothers. A caring initiative for families growing through childbirth and adoption, St. Monica's Circle will provide 5 meals to benefit the growing family.

If you are expecting a child through pregnancy or adoption, please notify the church office at 337-0207 when your child is expected to come home, so that we may coordinate volunteers.

AED: Village Lutheran Church and The Chapel School have three **Automated External Defibrillators** (AED) located on each level of our campus: by the lunchroom, outside the gym and outside the sanctuary (in the closet marked AED) in the Friendship Room. These life saving devices are easy to use in the event that someone on our campus experiences distress and their heart stops beating.

Lutheran Counseling Center provides caring, Christian professional counseling right on our campus. Under LCC's Membership Assistance Program (MAP), VLC members & friends can access these services at the rate of only \$25 per session (for up to 4 sessions). Major health care insurance companies reimburse for LCC services and LCC uses a sliding scale. Call Pastor Hartwell at 337-0207 (1022).

CHAPEL SCHOOL NEWS

Lutheran Schools Week will begin on Sunday, February 28, and continue through Friday, March 5. We will celebrate Lutheran Schools Sunday on Feb. 28, including our school faculty and staff, the Chapel School Award and music by the Chapel School Select Choir. Under the theme "Covered with Kindness," students will participate in many special activities during the week. God bless our Chapel School!

YOUTH NEWS

Voyagers (3rd-6th) - Meetings are held in the Multi-Purpose Room 6 - 7 p.m. on Thursdays. The next meeting will be held on **Feb. 11, 2010**. Questions, call Erika (914)395-1954 or e-mail tyandbash@aol.com.

Lifers (7th-8th) - Meet on Thursdays from 6 - 7 p.m. for Confirmation. Please visit our VLC website under the youth section for more information or contact Pastor Taylor at (914)337-0207 (1021) or e-mail to Dtaylor@VLC-ny.org.

Crusaders (9th-12th) - Pray for the chaperones and youth signed up for the Crusader H.S. Youth Gathering Trip this summer (July 17-21, 2010) to New Orleans. Mrs. Warnken, Pastor Hartwell, Rachel, Josh, Tom, Hannah, Ian, Alex, Max and Rachel. There is still time for youth to sign up to attend. Call Pastor Hartwell at 914-337-0207 (1022) or 914-329-9182 or e-mail PastorH@vlc-ny.org. **Upcoming Crusader Youth**

Activities: St. Patrick's Day Corned Beef & Cabbage Supper Fundraiser, Wednesday, March 17 from 5 - 7 p.m., **Easter Egg Hunt** for the children, Saturday, April 3 at 11 a.m. (Lifers and Crusaders arrive at 9:30 a.m. to set-up), **Tag Sale** (Collection/set up days: April 29-30). Saturday, May 1 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. For questions/concerns about our Crusader Youth, please contact Pastor Taylor at (914)337-0207 (1021) or e-mail Dtaylor@VLC-ny.org.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Village Lutheran Church members and the Chapel School families are invited to

BE TRANSFORMED, at the 2010 Festival of Workshops hosted by The Atlantic District on

Saturday, March 6, at Concordia College, Bronxville. A complete list of workshops and registration information is available on the home page of the District's website, www.ad-lcms.org. Several workshops will be offered twice during the day to give people the opportunity to attend a variety of programs that interest them. Registration is \$25 per person if received by February 19th; the fee is \$30 per person thereafter. Morning hospitality and lunch are included. Please contact Carol Mittelstaedt at carolmittel@aol.com or 914-337-5700, x 6.

LUTHERANS LOVE TO LAUGH! Join many fellow Christians for a delightful evening with the noted humorist Garrison Keillor on Tuesday, March 9 - a 7:00 p.m. show at C.W. Post College in Nassau County - as a benefit honoring Martin Luther HS (Queen's) 50th Anniversary! Our local Thrivent Chapter is paying for a chartered bus for the first 47 quests to register. The bus leaves Concordia College at 5:00 p.m. Order your show tickets at 1-800-745-3000 and THEN contact Thrivent Chapter leader Kevin Cook at home or e-mail Kevincook@optonline.net. Free transportation for a terrific show in honor of our superior Lutheran high school! Join us!

The Senior Center at Lake Isle is planning a 3-day trip to Washington, D.C., March 28-30, 2010, featuring a special exhibit from China called "Terra Cotta Warriors." Cost for 3 days and 4 meals is \$445/person double occupancy, \$568/single occupancy or \$416/triple occupancy. For a detailed itinerary and further information, contact Norah Rossi Monday thru Friday, 9am-3pm, at 337-0390.

The Baltimore Lutheran H.S. Choir will be touring New York from **April 16-18, 2010**, and will be in need of some housing for the evenings of April 16 and 17. Please contact Randy Gast at Concordia College if you are able to help. Randy can be reached at 914-337-9300 x. 2106 or e-mail randal.gast@concordia-ny.edu.

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICES

Assisting Ministers:	5:30 p.m.	Rosemarie Gustafson
	9:00 a.m.	George Pietarinen
	10:45 a.m.	Deacon Carol Pfizenmaier
Organist:	5:30 p.m.	Marcia Kollmann
	9:00 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.	Marcia Kollmann
Lectors:	5:30 p.m.	Chuck Horvath
	9:00 a.m.	James Decker
	10:45 a.m.	Joan Condon
Comm. Assts:	5:30 p.m.	Chuck Horvath
	10:45 a.m.	Joan Condon
Youth Wor. Assts:	5:30 p.m.	Claire Horvath
	9:00 a.m.	Nicholas Clausen
	10:45 a.m.	Volunteer
Ushers:	5:30 p.m.	Chuck Horvath, Matthew Callanan
	9:00 a.m.	Anton DeRosa, Ruth DeRosa, Mindy Warnken, Richard Graham
	10:45 a.m.	Richard Allen, Carlette Allen, Robert Hehn, Lydia Chao
Altar Guild:	5:30 p.m.	Deacon Ann Terenzio
	10:45 a.m.	Deacon Intern Faith Forliano, Deacon Carol Pfizenmaier, Joan Condon
Altar Flowers:		Kim Rapillo
Childcare:		Amy Heath
Sextons:		Molly Warnken

NEXT WEEK IN WORSHIP

SAT., Feb. 13, 2010 5:30 p.m. Spoken Divine Service
SUN., Feb. 14, 2010 9:00 a.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion and Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Worship Service and Holy Communion

SERMON: "Let's Just Stay"
Rev. Deric Taylor, preaching

LESSONS: Exodus 34:29-35
2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2
Luke 9:28-36

Stewardship Update

Amount received last week: \$4,681
Amount received to date: \$203,375
Amount needed to date: \$205,685
\$6,635 average weekly need to meet our 09-10 commitment

Isaiah 6:1–8

¹In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. ²Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. ³And one called to another and said: “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.” ⁴The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. ⁵And I said: “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!” ⁶Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. ⁷The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.” ⁸Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!”

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

1 Corinthians 15:1–11

¹Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, ²through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you – unless you have come to believe in vain. ³For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, ⁴and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, ⁵and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. ⁶Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. ⁷Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. ⁸Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me.

⁹For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. ¹⁰But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them – though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. ¹¹Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Luke 5:1–11

¹Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, ²he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. ³He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. ⁴When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.” ⁵Simon answered, “Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.” ⁶When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. ⁷So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. ⁸But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus’ knees, saying, “Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!” ⁹For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; ¹⁰and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, “Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.” ¹¹When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**