

† THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY †

January 24, 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

I Love to Tell the Story

- Dale Wood

TIME OF REMEMBRANCE FOR HAITI

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

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

LSB Hymn #901

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. Almighty God, You sent Your Son to proclaim Your kingdom and to teach with authority. Anoint us with the power of Your Spirit that we, too, may bring good news to the afflicted, bind up the broken-hearted, and proclaim liberty to the captive; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our 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

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 12:12-31

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL

Luke 4:14-21

P: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 4th 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

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

LSB **Hymn #649**

SERMON

“Understanding Church as Body”

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: Hear the prayers of Your church;

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING/VOLUNTARY

Air

- G. F. Handel

OFFERTORY (*Congregation rising*)

(LSB Hymn #955)

Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.

Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.

Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now.

Grace our table with Your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.

+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.**

SUNDAY - 9:00 & 10:45 a.m.

Divine Service, Setting One (*LSB Page 151, Adapted*)

PRELUDE

Unser Herrscher

- Melvin Rotermund

TIME OF REMEMBRANCE FOR HAITI

ENTRANCE HYMN (*Congregation rising*)

LSB **Hymn #901**

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

INVOCATION and CONFESSION

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

C: **Amen.**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

C: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.** (*1 John 1:8-9*)

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore 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 (*Luke 2:14; John 2:29*)

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Cantor: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.

All: Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father: We worship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God: You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord, You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

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C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, You sent Your Son to proclaim Your kingdom and to teach with authority. Anoint us with the power of Your Spirit that we, too, may bring good news to the afflicted, bind up the broken-hearted, and proclaim liberty to the captive; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

(9:00) YOUTH CHOIR ANTHEM We are Called - David Haas

Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!

We are called to be light for the kingdom, to live in the freedom of the city of God.

We are called to act with justice, we are called to love tenderly;

we are called to serve one another, to walk humbly with God.

Come! Open your heart! Show your mercy to all those in fear!

We are called to be hope for the hopeless so all hatred and blindness will be no more....

Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be one!

God will reign, and we'll walk with each other as sisters and brothers united in love....

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(9:00) CHANCEL CHOIR ANTHEM Gracious Spirit Dwell With Me - K. Lee Scott

Gracious Spirit, dwell with me, I would gracious be;

Help me now Thy grace to see, I would be like Thee;

And, with words that help and heal, Thy life would mine reveal;

And, with actions bold and meek, for Christ, my Savior, speak.

Truthful Spirit, dwell with me, I would truthful be;

Help me now Thy truth to see, I would be like Thee;

And, with wisdom kind and clear, Thy life in mine appear;

And, with actions brotherly, speak Christ's sincerity.

Holy Spirit, dwell with me, I would holy be;

Show Thy mercy tenderly, make me more like Thee;

Separate from sin, I would and cherish all things good,

And whatever I can be give Him who gave me Thee.

Mighty Spirit, dwell with me, I would mighty be;

Help me now Thy pow'r to see, I would be like Thee;

'Gainst all weapons hell can wield, be Thou my strength and shield;

Let Thy word my weapon be, Lord, Thine the victory.

♪ **ALLELUIA VERSE** (*John 6:68*) (Congregation rising) LSB p. 156
Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

♪ **GOSPEL** Luke 4:14-21

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 4th 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.**

(9:00) **CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

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

HYMN OF THE DAY Blest Be the Tie That Binds LSB **Hymn #649**

SERMON “Understanding Church as Body” Rev. Dr. Robert Hartwell

APOSTLES' CREED

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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.

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COMMUNITY INFORMATION

OFFERING/VOLUNTARY Love One Another - Lynn Trapp

OFFERTORY (Congregation rising) (LSB Hymn #955)

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Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.

Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now.

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†HOLY COMMUNION†

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♪ PREFACE

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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:

♪ SANCTUS (*Isaiah 6:3; Matt. 21:9*)

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

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION and PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

P: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C: **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

P: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us 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*)**

SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

C: **And also with you.**

♪ AGNUS DEI (*John 1:29*)

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Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

Draw Near and Take the Body of the Lord
The Church’s One Foundation

LSB Hymn #637
LSB Hymn #644

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A: Almighty and ever-living God, we thank You that You have fed us in these holy mysteries with the body and blood of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Assist us with Your grace that we may continue as true members in the mystical body of Christ and do the good works that You desire; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C: Amen.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

Sent Forth By God’s Blessing

LSB Hymn #643

SILENT MEDITATION (*Congregation seated*)

POSTLUDE

The Ash Grove

- John Behnke

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VLC NEWS AND NOTES

PLEASE JOIN US IN THE MULTIPURPOSE ROOM after the 9:00 a.m. worship service for cake, coffee and fellowship. Thanks to the Albano 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, Carroll Hanson, Lyn Hartwell, Scott James, David Just, Marcus Khaleel, Madison Klein, Gene Lunog, Janet Lunog, Sylvia Puig, John Rappillo, Phil Roth, Julio Sanchez, Irmgard Schoene. 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 Sam Mohr, friend of the Murrer family, who passed away on January 10, 2010. The family of Pat Tween, friend of Robin & James Rockhill, who passed away on January 9, 2010. The family of Elizabeth Losee, aunt of Margaret & Anne Losee, who passed away on January 9, 2010. The family of Dina Epstein, best friend of Kathy & Marc Gerber, who passed away on January 8, 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, Jan. 28, and sing at 9:00am on Sunday, January 31; **Youth Choir** will rehearse at 7:00pm on Thursday, Jan. 28, and at 8:30am Sunday, January 31; **High School Choir** will rehearse today next Sunday, January 31, at 10:15am; **Village Brass** will rehearse on Tuesday, January 26, at 6:15pm; **Village Bells** will rehearse at 7:15pm on Wednesday, Jan. 27; **FaithWalk** will rehearse on Tuesday, January 26, at 7:00 p.m. and on Saturday, January 30, at 4:45 p.m.

HAITI EARTHQUAKE RELIEF - How You Can Help: Our church and school community is working with Lutheran World Relief to collect items for personal Health Kits to be shipped to Haiti. You and your family and friends can donate specific items or assemble a complete kit. **For a complete description of the items and kit assembly, please see the flyer enclosed with the bulletin or on the tract rack.** The items/kits may be dropped off at the Reception Desk at any time and will be sent out as soon as possible. Monetary donations will also be accepted and sent to Lutheran World Relief. Be sure to mark them "Haiti Relief."

The annual Winter Voters' Meeting will be held on Sunday, January 31, at 12 noon, in the MPR. New Trustees will be elected. A pizza lunch will be provided at the meeting. Biography's of candidates for the Trustee election are on page 16 of the bulletin.

Wednesday morning Bible Study will meet on **January 27** at 10:45 a.m. We will be looking at the first "servant song" of Isaiah in chapter 42.

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., January 30, at 6:30 p.m.**

Vacation Bible School Planning Meeting: Yes, it's time to start planning for this summer's VBS program. I look forward to working with both those who have helped in the past, as well as new volunteers, who have heard how much fun we have at VBS. Our first meeting will be held on **Thursday, February 4th from 7 - 8:30 p.m. in the Friendship Room.** This is an important meeting, as we need to establish committees to begin work and decide the format for the week. Youth entering 7th grade in September and up are also strongly encouraged to attend. Please contact Deacon Ann Terenzio at 914- 337-0207 x1112 or ATERENZIO@thechapelschool.org

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 on **Sunday, February 7, at noon in the MPR.** Please bring a potluck dish to share; dessert and beverages will be provided. Dishes may be dropped off early in the kitchen and kept warm if needed. Deacon Ann Terenzio will be contacting current members to coordinate the luncheon. For more info, contact her at 914-337-0207, x1112 or Aterenzio@TheChapelSchool.org.

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 service: **February 9.**

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.

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.

LWML News! As you know our church helps support the Lutheran Women's Missionary League. We are finished with Mission Grant #11 (Beautiful Feet) and Mission Grant #12 (North Country Mission Project) and are now working on Mission Grant #13 (He Lives). Thanks to everyone who picks up the Mite Boxes and fills them with their loose change. May it always continue. Have a great, happy, healthy New Year and may God Bless.

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.

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.

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

The account of Jesus’ rejection in Nazareth (Luke 4:16-30) is the Sunday School lesson today. In Nazareth, throughout His ministry, and even today, Jesus is rejected by people who do not have faith in Him. God’s Word clearly shows that Jesus is God’s Son, and in faith, we believe. With your family, discuss how sin blinds our eyes to the Savior and causes us to suffer from sin’s effects with sickness, trouble, and even physical death. Emphasize that through God’s Word and Sacraments we can see and believe in Jesus, who releases us from the bondage of sin. He restores us with forgiveness, life and salvation.

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: **If you can’t sing, play an instrument.**

FELLOWSHIP NEWS

ARE YOU READY FOR SOME FOOTBALL? Join us for VLC’s annual Super Bowl party on **Sunday, February 7**. We will begin the pot-luck dinner at 5:30 p.m. with games and trivia before kickoff on the big screen TV. Whether your team is in it or out of it, and even if you don’t know a flea-flicker from a nose tackle, you can check out the crazy ads and the half-time entertainment. Bring a dish to share and join us for an exciting night of fun and fellowship! Use the sign-up sheet in the bulletin to RSVP.

STEWARDSHIP NEWS

It is said that what a person does with his money tells a great deal about that person. If a person hoards his money, we call him tight or cheap. If someone wastes money, we can call him a fool or a spendthrift. A Christian manages his money wisely and gives it generously. The story of Zacchaeus (Luke 19:1-10) illustrates how the use of money can readily tell us about a person. Before Jesus changed his heart, Zacchaeus loved and hoarded his money. As a believer, Zacchaeus surrendered his life to Jesus, enabling him to give away half of his money to the poor. How are you using your money?

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 - Don't put your exercise plan "on ice" for the winter. It is understandable that very few of us would like to venture outside in freezing temperatures to take a brisk walk. If you want to keep warm, plan indoor exercises to get - or stay - in shape!

Yoga is held on **Mondays at 7 p.m.** in the Multi-Purpose Rm. Cost \$10. If you need more information call Faith Forliano 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

The next **Chapel School Open House** will take place on **Friday, February 5**, with a presentation for Grades K-8 at 9:00 a.m. and a Preschool presentation at 1:15 p.m. Invite families with young or elementary school-aged children to see how much The Chapel School has to offer!

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 **Jan. 28, 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) - The next **LC-MS Gathering Check Up meeting will be Sunday, Feb. 21** in the Lunch Room at 10:30 a.m. Watch the bulletin board and our Facebook page (vlccrw10) for upcoming events! Be a part of Crusader Youth! 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

The Lutheran Counseling Center of Bronxville (on the campus of Village Lutheran Church and The Chapel School) will hold a grief support group for those affected by the Haitian earthquake on Monday nights at Village Lutheran Church from 7:30 - 8:30 p.m. Participants must call 1-800-317-1173 to register. Rev. Dr. David Elseroad will facilitate the group and is fluent in French and some Creole. The program will begin as early as this Monday, January 25, 2010, once the registration group size is met.

We invite you to join us on January 29, 2010 for our Annual Legislative Speak-Out at the Westchester County Center, 198 Central Avenue, White Plains from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00. You will have a chance to meet & greet our new Westchester County Executive, Robert Astorino and hear his vision for sustaining & improving the quality of life of Westchester residents.

The Bronxville Career Network presents: Judy Rosemarin, “Humaway Story Telling” on **Wednesday, February 3, 2010 from 7:30-9:30 p.m.** at The Reformed Church of Bronxville, 180 Pondfield Road, Bronxville, NY 10708. For more information, email Pat Drew at pat@patdrew.org or call 914-588-8243. There is no admission and is open to all!

In Celebration of Black History Month, (former VLC Development Office Assistant), Dina Foster-Osbourne performs 30 minutes of organ and piano works by African-American composers at The Interchurch Center Chapel, 475 Riverside Drive, corner of 120th St. on **Wednesday, February 3, 2010 at 12 p.m.** Free Admission.

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.

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. The District joyfully offers this yearly day of resources in the hope that lay leaders and church workers will “BE TRANSFORMED” and re-ignited in their mission and ministry. The District’s Task Forces initiated the Festival of Workshops in 2002 to provide ongoing training, resources and opportunities for networking to church members. Workshops are led by noted teachers, lecturers and recognized experts, as well as District congregational leaders who share their expertise in a broad range of ministries. The keynote speaker this year will be Mary E. Hilgendorf, Ph.D., Professor of Education, Concordia University, Wisconsin.

Here is a sampling of workshop offerings and presenters:

Fostering a Culture of Generosity: How to encourage excelling in the grace of giving, by Pastor Vic Nelson.

Your Church’s Property, Workers and other Assets--and how to protect them, by Michael Jakob and Michael Colacicco.

Say Yes to No: A parenting workshop by Carol Mittelstaedt.

Websites for Churches: Why are we doing it that way? - a panel discussion by Pastors Robert Hartwell and Jonathan Priest, and Naresh Seoprasad.

A Tour of the Virtual Homebase of the Atlantic District (ad-lcms.org), tour guide, Jennn Partlow.

Other workshops will include:

The Transforming Churches Network (TCN) initiative; an overview of Vacation Bible School (VBS) ministries; House Church Planting; and Missional Worship/Worship Studies.

A complete list of workshops and registration information will be available on the home page of the District's website, www.ad-lcms.org, by mid-January. 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.

Candidates for Trustee Election at Voters' Meeting on Sunday, January 31 at 12 Noon.

Mary Gleason Akerfelds (Incumbent up for election for 2nd full term) - Mary and her husband Andis have two children, Dana and Aleksa. They have lived in Bronxville since 1991. Mary is the chairperson of the Blue Ribbon Foundation and was the auction chairperson for our 1st Gathering of Friends Benefit 10 years ago. Mary works in the fashion industry in New York City.

George Heath (Incumbent up for election for 2nd full term) - George is currently the Cantor/Youth Choir Director/Teen Choir/Village Brass Director for the Village Lutheran Church and music teacher in grades 1-8 for The Chapel School. He received a B.S. in music education from Concordia College (Bronxville) and is currently pursuing an M.A. in vocal performance from Hunter College, NYC. George resides in Tuckahoe, NY with his wife Amy and daughters (Chapel School students) Lorelei and Audrey.

Christine Koenig Price (Incumbent up for election for 3rd term) - Christine has been a member of the VLC since 1986. She was baptized and confirmed at Grace Lutheran Church in the Bronx, the borough where she grew up. Chris was married at the VLC and has a wonderful son T.J. who was both baptized and confirmed at VLC. He attended The Chapel School from 3 yr. old Nursery through 1st grade. Chris works for Citigroup as a Vice President and Financial Controller for the S & B Operations area at 388 Greenwich Street, in NYC.

Arthur Maggiola (Running for 1st Term) Arthur, a native of Yonkers, is a resident of New Fairfield, Ct and a Partner at the accounting firm, Maggiola & Gemborowski in New Rochelle (Chester Heights). He is married to Faye and has three children (two which attended Chapel School) and five grandchildren. Art is a Vietnam War Veteran in the US Army and has served on numerous local Boards including the St. Joseph's Hospital Board of Directors and Board Member of Big/Brothers Big Sisters off Yonkers.

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICES

Assisting Ministers:	5:30 p.m.	Deacon Ann Terenzio
	9:00 a.m.	Deacon Carol Pfizenmaier
	10:45 a.m.	Deacon Intern Betty Roberts
Organist:	5:30 p.m.	Marcia Kollmann
	9:00 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.	Deborah Reiss
Lectors:	5:30 p.m.	James Maxeiner
	9:00 a.m.	Sharon Peterson
	10:45 a.m.	Paul Grand Pre
Comm. Assts:	5:30 p.m.	James Maxeiner
	9:00 a.m.	Sharon Peterson, John Divi, Mark Blanco
	10:45 a.m.	Richard Allen
Youth Wor. Assts:	5:30 p.m.	Jason Napolitano
	9:00 a.m.	Kaitlyn Gotte
	10:45 a.m.	Volunteer
Ushers:	5:30 p.m.	Chuck Horvath
	9:00 a.m.	George Pietarinen, Anne Losee, Richard Graham
	10:45 a.m.	Ralph Schoene, Mickie Hover, Georgine Read, Lydia Chao
Altar Guild:	5:30 p.m.	Deacon Ann Terenzio
	9:00 a.m.	Ellen Spring, Deacon Intern Betty Roberts
	10:45 a.m.	Joan Condon, Helen Britz
Altar Flowers:		Kim Rapillo
Childcare:		Amy Heath
Sextons:		Natalie Vidal

NEXT WEEK IN WORSHIP

SAT., Jan. 30, 2010 5:30 p.m. Spoken Divine Service
SUN., Jan. 31, 2010 9:00 a.m. Worship Service and Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Worship Service and Holy Communion

SERMON: "Powerful Words - Powerful Results"
Rev. Deric Taylor, preaching

LESSONS: Jeremiah 1:4-10
1 Corinthians 13:1-13
Luke 4:21-30

Stewardship Update

Amount received last week: \$9,229
Amount received to date: \$195,430
Amount needed to date: \$192,415
\$6,635 average weekly need to meet our 09-10 commitment

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

¹All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. ²Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. ³He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law....

⁵And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up.

⁶Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground.... ⁸So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

⁹And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. ¹⁰Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

1 Corinthians 12:12-31

¹²For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body – Jews or Greeks, slaves or free – and we were all made to drink of one Spirit. ¹⁴Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸But

as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰As it is, there are many members, yet one body. ²¹The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." ²²On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; ²⁴whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, ²⁵that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it. ²⁷Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. ²⁹Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Luke 4:14-21

¹⁴Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. ¹⁶When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: ¹⁸"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, ¹⁹to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor." ²⁰And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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