

# † SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS †

January 3, 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 provide visitor information, member updates, or submit comments/requests to the pastors or church office, please use the sign-up sheet in the bulletin or the welcome cards in the pew racks. Church offerings 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.**

**SUNDAY - 10:45 a.m.**

Spoken Divine Service

**PRELUDE**

(5:30)

From Heaven Above

- Pelz/Arnatt/Held

(10:45)

Divinum mysterium

- Kevin Hildebrand

**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**

Of the Father's Love Begotten

LSB Hymn #384

**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 have poured into our hearts the true Light of Your incarnate Word. Grant that this Light may shine forth in our lives; 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.**

## +LITURGY OF THE WORD+

### OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Jeremiah 31:7-14

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### EPISTLE

Ephesians 1:3-14

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### GOSPEL

John 1:10-18

P: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 1<sup>st</sup> 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

O Sing of Christ

LSB Hymn #362

### SERMON

“Children of God”

Rev. Deric Taylor

### 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: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

## OFFERING/VOLUNTARY

(5:30)

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

- Hugo Gehrke

(10:45)

Before the Manger

- Roger Wilson

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

### +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 all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord; for in the mystery of the Word made flesh You have given us a new revelation of Your glory that, seeing You in the person of Your Son, we may know and love those things which are not seen. 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.**

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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**

(10:45)

God Loves Me Dearly

LSB Hymn #392

## **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

A: O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through 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**

Now Sing We, Now Rejoice

LSB Hymn #386

## **DISMISSAL**

P: The Divine Service is ended. Go in peace to serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

## **POSTLUDE**

(5:30)

Good Christian Men, Rejoice

- Wilbur Held

(10:45)

In dulci jubilo

- Dietrich Buxtehude

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**SUNDAY - 9:00 a.m.**  
Service of Word and Prayer

**PRELUDE**

Divinum mysterium

- Kevin Hildebrand

**ENTRANCE HYMN** (*Congregation rising*)  
Of the Father's Love Begotten

LSB **Hymn #384**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL FAITHFUL ATTENDANCE AWARDS**

**GREETING and OPENING SENTENCES**

**P:** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C:** **And also with you.**

**P:** In the beginning was the Word,

**C:** **and the Word was with God and the Word was God.**

**P:** In the Word was life,

**C:** **and the life was the light of all people.**

**P:** The Word became flesh and lived among us,

**C:** **and we have seen His glory, full of grace and truth.** (*Psalm 51:15*)

**CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS**

**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.**

**HYMN OF PRAISE**

(LSB Hymn #368, v. 3)

Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing;  
Come adore on bended knee Christ the Lord, the newborn King.  
Gloria in excelsis Deo.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

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P: Let us pray. Almighty God, You have poured into our hearts the true Light of Your incarnate Word. Grant that this Light may shine forth in our lives; 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.**

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## RESPONSORY (Congregation rising)

P: To us a child is born, to us a son is given,

C: **and the government will be on his shoulders.**

P: And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,

C: **Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.** (*Isaiah 9:6*)

P: Sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things

C: **All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.** (*Psalms 93:1, 3*)

## GOSPEL

John 1:10-18

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 1<sup>st</sup> 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.**

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

## HYMN OF THE DAY

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LSB **Hymn #362**

## SERMON

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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.

## **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

**A:** Lord, in Your mercy,

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## **OFFERING/VOLUNTARY**

## **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **OFFERTORY** (*Congregation rising*)

(LSB Hymn #364, v. 3)

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask Thee to stay close by me forever and love me, I pray.

Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care, and take us to heaven to live with Thee there.

## **LUTHER'S MORNING PRAYER**

**All:** I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You; for into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me. Amen.

## **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*)

## **BENEDICTION**

### **CLOSING HYMN**

Now Sing We, Now Rejoice

LSB Hymn #386

### **SILENT MEDITATION** (*Congregation seated*)

### **POSTLUDE**

In dulci jubilo

- Dietrich Buxtehude

# Sunday School Faithful Attendance Awards

## **Red Pin - 1 Quarter**

Angelia Christiano  
William Christiano  
Brendan Ortiz  
Henry Podoll  
Sophia Rigg

## **Gold Pin - 1 Year**

Ben Mahoney

## **4 Quarter Certificate**

Nora Podoll

## **5 Quarter Certificate**

Ryan Rockhill

## **2 Year Pin - 6 Quarters**

Kate Albano  
Joshua Gleason  
Diana Mayer

## **7 Quarter Certificate**

Grant Reyes-Guerra

## **3 Year Pin - 9 Quarters**

Justin Gerber

## **10 Quarter Certificate**

Lyndsie Schultz

## **14 Quarter Certificate**

Mercedes Del Castillo

## **5 Year Pin - 15 Quarters**

Ryan Gerber

## **16 Quarter Certificate**

Ryan Martin

## **17 Quarter Certificate**

Alyson Schultz

## **7 Year Pin - 21 Quarters**

Robert Martin

## **25 Quarter Certificate**

Abigail Geiling

# 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 Mayer family for providing the refreshments.

**PRAYER LINE:** Please remember those members or friends who are hospitalized or recovering from an illness especially Dawn Galloway, Sheila Giglio, Carroll Hanson, Lyn Hartwell, Adrienne Hiddleston, Scott James, David Just, Madison Klein, Irene Krolides, Gene Lunog, Janet Lunog, Evan Meyer, Warren Podszus, Sylvia Puig, John Rapillo, Julio Sanchez. 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 family of Lois Hoffmann, friend of Pastor Hartwell and singer at the Good News Coffee House, who passed away on December 24, 2009. 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, Maj. Bradley Rakov, LCDR Christopher Rakov, Brent Smith.

## CHURCH NEWS

**VLC MUSIC MINISTRY: Updated scheduling information for Round-the-Table Carol Sing!! Chancel Choir** will rehearse with the strings at **6:15pm on Wednesday, Jan. 6**; there will be no rehearsal on Thursday, Jan. 7, but we will sing at 9:00am on Sunday, January 10; **Youth Choir** will rehearse at 7:00pm on Wednesday, Jan. 6; **High School Choir** will resume on Sunday, Jan. 10, at 10:15am; **Village Brass** will play for the rescheduled Round-the-Table Carol Sing on Jan. 6 at 7:30pm; **Village Bells** will rehearse at **7:00pm on Wednesday, Jan. 6** and play for the service at 7:30; **FaithWalk** will look for a service date in January or February; watch for further updates.

**Wednesday morning Bible Study** will not meet on December 30; the next session will be on **January 6** at 10:45 a.m., when we will complete Isaiah 40.

**EPIPHANY ROUND-THE-TABLE CAROL SING** - Our annual choir service had to be postponed because of the snowstorm on December 20. We will now offer this service of lessons and carols as a **special Epiphany service on Wednesday, January 6, 2010, at 7:30 p.m.** Come and celebrate "Little Christmas" with music by the Chancel Choir, Youth Choir, Village Bells, Village Brass and string quartet.

The Village Lutheran Church will host the **Good News Christian Coffee House on Saturday, January 9, 2010** with music by Psalm 96. 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.

**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: **January 12, February 9.**

**Women's Bible Study/LWML - January 16** at 8:30 a.m. Please read Chapter 5 of Slightly Bad Girls of the Bible: Using Her Wits, Rebekah the Mother. We will also be discussing a new mission project. If you are able, please bring a breakfast item to share. Questions? Call Julie Taylor, 793-9075.

**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 Saturday, January 30, 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. You don't have to miss a thing!

Each week we will share a thought from the book, *Life's Little Book of Wisdom For Kids* (Barbour Publishing, [www.barbourbooks.com](http://www.barbourbooks.com)). This week, remind that special child in your life: **If you don't have something nice to say, don't say anything at all.**

**LWML Mite Box Report:** Mission Grant #10 has been completed thanks to all who have so generously to the Mite Box collection. The next Mission Grant to be met is #11 (Beautiful Feet). This Mission Grant will bring hundreds of college students together to learn about missions around the world, how they can be involved, and build them up to both lead mission education on their campuses and serve the Lord and Churches around the world on the mission field. Mite Boxes can be obtained in the Multi-Purpose Room on the piano. You can take home a Mite Box, fill it with loose change and return it to the big Mite Box.

**The women of VLC have started a PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY.** A Prayer Shawl is a soft, warm shawl, knitted or crocheted, which is 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 where it will be 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](mailto:eobb46@gmail.com). or Jeanette Van Duyne, Development Assistant at 914-337-0207 x 1040 / e-mail [jvandyne@vlc-ny.org](mailto:jvandyne@vlc-ny.org).

**Village Lutheran Church & The Chapel School Stays Green with X3 Clean!** VLC/TCS is now providing alcohol-free foam hand sanitizers in all classrooms and offices, and now has wall-mount units posted throughout the building. X3 Clean is "green", but we have seen test results wherein it has proven effective against H1N1 (Swine-like flu).

### **SENIOR NEWS**

**Upcoming Seniors' Luncheons - Save the dates!**

**January 12** - Deacon Carol Pfizenmaier discusses her recent mission trip to Malawi, Africa..

**February 9** - BINGO and Chinese Banquet.

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

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

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS**

**In Sunday School today**, the lesson was about the boy Jesus in the temple (Luke 2:41-52). As a boy, Jesus was found in His Father's house. In God's house I hear His Word, see that Jesus is my Savior, and receive His gifts of forgiveness and salvation. Because of sin, we are like Jesus' parents and do not understand what God says to us. We don't recognize who Jesus truly is - our Savior. Talk about how through Baptism and the power of God's Word, the Holy Spirit makes clear to us that Jesus is God's Son and our Savior.

### **FELLOWSHIP NEWS**

**Church and School Undecorating Party - Sunday, January 3, 2010 at 12 noon.** Bring your left-over Christmas Cookies/Treats. Pizza and soda provided.

### **STEWARDSHIP NEWS**

**End of Year Giving:** Would you like to make an end of year gift to Village Lutheran Church or The Chapel School? Gifts may be mailed in to: 172 White Plains Road, Bronxville, New York 10708 or made electronically on-line (up to Dec. 31, 2009 at [www.VLC-NY.ORG](http://www.VLC-NY.ORG) (Click on "GIVING") or [www.THECHAPELSCHOOL.ORG](http://www.THECHAPELSCHOOL.ORG) (Click "Giving" and then "Giving on Line").

Our free gift of forgiveness of sins and eternal life cost Jesus His life. "*Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends*" (John 15:13). Because of His great love for us, He willingly suffered and died on our behalf. Christ made us righteous in the sight of God. When we give faithfully, we express our thanks and gratitude for our new lives in Jesus. We give to worship and glorify Him. Jesus said, "*It is more blessed to give than to receive*" (Acts 20:35).

**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** - "Hearty home-made vegetable soups are great for cold days. They not only provide vitamins that aid the immune system, but these foods are also rich in antioxidants, substances known to counteract the effect on the body of free radicals (this may help to prevent some cancers)."

**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.

**St. Monica's Circle has become aware of a family in need.** This young family will suddenly and unexpectedly be adopting a newborn baby boy in the next few weeks from a family member who is not well. They have no baby supplies, clothes, etc. If you have baby supplies or baby clothes, up to size 18 months, that you would like to donate, please call the church office (914)337-0207 x 1003 and speak with Kim Rapillo. She will be helping to identify what is needed for this family.

**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, January 8**, 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 **January 14, 2010**. Questions, call Erika (914)395-1954 or e-mail [tyandbash@aol.com](mailto: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 [Dtaylor@VLC-ny.org](mailto:Dtaylor@VLC-ny.org).

**Crusaders (9th-12th)** - **LC-MS Gathering Check Up meeting, Jan. 10** 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 Mindy at [VLCcrw10@optonline.net](mailto:VLCcrw10@optonline.net).

### **COMMUNITY NEWS**

**ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A GREAT NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION...** Help others learn English. The Adult Learning Center, located at 138 Centre Avenue in New Rochelle, is looking for volunteers who would be willing to give two or more hours a week teaching basic English to adult students. We will provide all books & training. No prior experience needed. Classes begin Feb. 3, 2010. Call Sister Eileen/Sister Mary (914)633-7298.

**MEALS ON WHEELS 10708, INC. NEEDS VOLUNTEERS!** Can you spare approximately 1 ½ hours one day a week (or at least a month) to assist us in the delivery of the noon-day meal to our clients, located mainly in the Bronxville area? Meals are delivered every day of the week, including weekends and holidays - 365 days per year. Our clients, most of whom are homebound, elderly or disabled, will be most appreciative of your help. To volunteer or obtain more information, call the Meals-On-Wheels Office at 787-3027 or e-mail [MOW1973@aol.com](mailto:MOW1973@aol.com).

**An Invitation to Join the District's "Stop, Drop and Pray" Team** - Do you believe in God's power through prayer to dramatically increase the effectiveness of our mission and kingdom work? Are you a member of the Atlantic District Mission Society's "Stop, drop and pray" network? If not, I invite you to join our prayer team today in seeking out God's blessing and provision for all our outreach efforts. We seek to faithfully partner with the Lord in the essential work of extending the kingdom of God on earth. When you join "Stop, drop and pray," you'll receive a free weekly E-Letter reminding you to stop what you are doing and take time out to pray for specific mission projects and events throughout the District. To enroll, simply contact me at [carol.mittelstaedt@ad-lcms.org](mailto:carol.mittelstaedt@ad-lcms.org) or call Carol at 914-337-5700 x 6.

**PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICES**

Assisting Ministers:	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	Deacon Carol Pfizenmaier
	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Deacon Intern Faith Forliano
	<b>10:45 a.m.</b>	George Heath
Organist:	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	Marcia Kollmann
	<b>9:00 a.m. &amp; 10:45 a.m.</b>	Deborah Reiss
Lectors:	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	Janet George
	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Morris Mayer
	<b>10:45 a.m.</b>	Peter Kollmann
Comm. Assts:	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	Morris Mayer
	<b>10:45 a.m.</b>	Charles Eisenberg
Youth Wor. Assts:	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	Casey McGinnis
	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Diana Mayer
	<b>10:45 a.m.</b>	Luke Geiling
Ushers:	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	Frank McGinnis, Sarah McGinnis
	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Anton DeRosa, Ruth DeRosa, Mindy Warnken, Richard Graham
	<b>10:45 a.m.</b>	Richard Allen, Carlette Allen, Robert Hehn, Carolyn Driessnack
Altar Guild:	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	Deacon Carol Pfizenmaier
	<b>10:45 a.m.</b>	Deacon Intern Faith Forliano, Deacon Carol Pfizenmaier, Joan Condon
Altar Flowers:		Kim Rapillo
Childcare:		Jennifer Pinto, Bradley Taylor
Sextons:		Hannah Geiling

**NEXT WEEK IN WORSHIP**

<i>WED., Jan. 6, 2010</i>	<i>7:30 p.m.</i>	Round-the-Table Carol Sing
<i>SAT., Jan. 9, 2010</i>	<i>5:30 p.m.</i>	Spoken Divine Service
<i>SUN., Jan. 10, 2010</i>	<i>9:00 a.m.</i>	Worship Service and Sunday School
	<i>10:45 a.m.</i>	Worship Service and Holy Communion
	<b>SERMON:</b>	Rev. Dr. Patrick Bayens, guest preacher
<b>LESSONS:</b>	Isaiah 43:1-7	
	Acts 8:14-17	
	Luke 3:15-17, 21-22	

**Stewardship Update**

Amount received last week: \$8,449

Amount received to date: \$163,665

Amount needed to date: \$172,510

\$6,635 average weekly need to meet our 09-10 commitment

### **Jeremiah 31:7–14**

<sup>7</sup>For thus says the LORD: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, “Save, O LORD, your people, the remnant of Israel.” <sup>8</sup>See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. <sup>9</sup>With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn. <sup>10</sup>Hear the word of the LORD, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, “He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock.” <sup>11</sup>For the LORD has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. <sup>12</sup>They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the LORD, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again. <sup>13</sup>Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow. <sup>14</sup>I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the LORD.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### **Ephesians 1:3–14**

<sup>3</sup>Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, <sup>4</sup>just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. <sup>5</sup>He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, <sup>6</sup>to the praise of his glorious grace that he

freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. <sup>7</sup>In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace <sup>8</sup>that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight <sup>9</sup>he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, <sup>10</sup>as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. <sup>11</sup>In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, <sup>12</sup>so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup>In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; <sup>14</sup>this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God’s own people, to the praise of his glory.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### **John 1:10–18**

<sup>10</sup>He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. <sup>11</sup>He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. <sup>12</sup>But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, <sup>13</sup>who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. <sup>14</sup>And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father’s only son, full of grace and truth. <sup>15</sup>(John testified to him and cried out, “This was he of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’”) <sup>16</sup>From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. <sup>17</sup>The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup>No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father’s heart, who has made him known.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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