

† FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT †

March 14, 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

Prelude and Fugue in E Minor

- J. S. Bach

INVOCATION and CONFESSION

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

C: **Amen.**

P: If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?

C: **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore You are feared.** (*Psalm 130:3-4*)

P: Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

C: **Almighty God, have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our 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.**

OPENING HYMN

Father Welcomes

LSB Hymn #605

KYRIE

P: Kyrie eleison.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: Christe eleison.

C: **Christ, have mercy.**

P: Kyrie eleison.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, our heavenly Father, Your mercies are new every morning; and though we deserve only punishment, You receive us as Your children and provide for all our needs of body and soul. Help us to acknowledge Your merciful goodness, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; 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

Joshua 5:9-12

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

P: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 15th 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

Amazing Grace

LSB **Hymn #744**

SERMON

“Lost, But Now Found”

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.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING/VOLUNTARY

Diapason Movement

- John Keeble

OFFERTORY

On my heart imprint Your image, blessed Jesus, King of grace,
That life's riches, cares, and pleasures never may Your work erase;
Let the clear inscription be: Jesus, crucified for me,
is my life, my hope's foundation, and my glory and salvation!

+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, who overcame the assaults of the devil and gave His life as a ransom for many that with cleansed hearts we might be prepared joyfully to celebrate the Paschal feast in sincerity and truth. 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:

C: Have mercy on us.

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 COLLECT

A: God of compassion, You welcome the wayward and embrace us all with Your mercy. As You have clothed us with garments of grace by our baptism and fed us at the table of Your love, keep us firm in the faith throughout our days of pilgrimage until we feast with You in the heavenly kingdom which has no end; 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

Come to Calvary's Holy Mountain

LSB Hymn #435

DISMISSAL

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

C: Thanks be to God. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Voluntary in C Major

- Henry Purcell

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

PRELUDE

Voluntary

- John Stanley

ENTRANCE HYMN (*Congregation rising*)

LSB **Hymn #605**

Father Welcomes

SUNDAY SCHOOL FAITHFUL ATTENDANCE AWARDS

<p>THE ORDER OF HOLY BAPTISM - LSB Page 268 EVAN JOHN MEYER</p>

YOUTH CHOIR ANTHEM

Waterlife

- Handt Hanson

Before I can remember the covenant was sealed with Father, Son, and Spirit, in water was revealed.

The cleansing was for certain, with water and the Word;

gentle words were spoken, in heaven they were heard.

They were singing waterlife, beginning life, waterlife all my life, waterlife, Spirit life, waterlife.

A simple sweet beginning, a loving place to start:

Christ began the singing that swells within my heart.

His love became my calling, His life my ministry. His name is my adoption into His family...

My hope and expectation for true community begins with resurrection, His death and life in me.

His Spirit fills the Body: His church through water sees promise for tomorrow, His waterlife in me...

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2 Corinthians 5:16-21

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CHANCEL CHOIR ANTHEM

Wondrous Love

- Paul Christiansen

VERSE (*Congregation rising*)

P: Return to the Lord, Your God, for He is gracious and merciful,

C: **slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.** (*Joel 2:13*)

GOSPEL

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 15th chapter.

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

(The Gospel is read)

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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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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Amazing Grace

- Martha Sherrill Kelsey

OFFERTORY

(LSB Hymn #422)

On my heart imprint Your image, blessed Jesus, King of grace,
That life's riches, cares, and pleasures never may Your work erase;
Let the clear inscription be: Jesus, crucified for me,
is my life, my hope's foundation, and my glory and salvation!

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PREFACE

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: Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. We give You thanks for the redemption You have prepared for us through Jesus Christ. Grant Your Holy Spirit that we may faithfully eat and drink of the fruits of His cross and receive the blessings of forgiveness and salvation that come to us in His life-giving body and blood.

C: Amen.

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD and SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

C: And also with you.

AGNUS DEI (*John 1:29*)

(LSB Page 180)

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DISTRIBUTION HYMNS

God Loved the World So That He Gave

LSB Hymn #571

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

LSB Hymn #686

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

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RECESSIONAL HYMN

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SILENT MEDITATION (*Congregation seated*)

POSTLUDE

Nettleton

- John Eggert

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

PRELUDE

Voluntary

- John Stanley

ENTRANCE HYMN (*Congregation rising*)
Father Welcomes

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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 RESPONSE

(LSB Hymn #571, v. 1&3)

God loved the world so that He gave His only Son the lost to save,
That all who would in Him believe should everlasting life receive.

God would not have the sinner die; His Son with saving grace is nigh;
His Spirit in the Word declares how we in Christ are heaven's heirs.

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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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VLC NEWS AND NOTES

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Edward M. Stong with love from his wife Virginia.

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR may be given in honor or memory of a loved one or a special occasion. The cost is \$35.00 per week and flowers may be taken home after the 10:45 a.m. service. Please sign up on the chart by the Jesus Fountain or contact the church office at 914-337-0207, ext. 1003.

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

PRAYER LINE: Please remember those members or friends who are hospitalized or recovering from an illness especially Dawn Galloway, Scott James, David Just, Robert Kubic, Mitchell Lunog, Alexis Matos, Luz Maria Nieves, Sylvia Puig, John Rapillo, Julio Sanchez, Pastor Deric Taylor & family. 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 Nina (Reiss) Bargo, grandmother of Deb Reiss, who passed away on March 7, 2010; The family of Nicolas Polidoro, brother of Patrick Durkin, who passed away on February, 22, 2010. 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

Pastor Deric Taylor, our Associate Pastor, has received a Divine Call to serve as Pastor of Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Fairlawn, New Jersey. In our Lutheran system, pastors receive a Divine Call directly from congregations and have the right to prayerfully accept or decline these Calls. Pastor Taylor will be reviewing the Call to this sister congregation of ours across the Hudson and will make a decision in 3 or 4 weeks. His intention is to let our congregation and school know as soon as he decides. Please express your feelings to Pastor Taylor. Please pray for Pastor Taylor and for Julie and Bradly as they together seek to follow God's leading. Please know that the Lord of the Church is with us and will help us to serve as His witnesses.

WE REJOICE ON THE OCCASION of the baptism of Evan John Meyer, son of Aaron and Alissa Meyer. The baptism will take place at the 9:00 a.m. service. Godparents for Evan are Jeff Craig-Meyer and Nicole Battaglia. Evan was born on November 16, 2009.

Easter Flowers - Order beautiful Easter flowers now through the church, allowing the church to use them for the Easter services and later enjoying them yourself. Flowers may be picked up following the 10:45 a.m. service on Easter morning. **The deadline for ordering Easter flowers is Sunday, March 28th.** Please see the tear-off for ordering flowers.

Wednesday morning Bible Study will meet on **March 17** at 10:45 a.m. Thank you to Pastor Taylor for

leading the discussion last week. We will pick up where the discussion left off (around Isaiah 45).

VLC MUSIC MINISTRY: **Chancel Choir** will rehearse on Thursday, March 18, and will sing at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, March 21; **Youth Choir** will rehearse on Thursday, March 18, at 7:00 p.m.; **High School Choir** will rehearse at 10:15 a.m. today and on Sunday, March 21; **Village Brass** rehearses on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. during Lent; **Village Bells** will rehearse at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 17, before the Lenten service.

Midweek Lenten Services continue each **Wednesday at 7:30 pm through March 24**. The theme for March 17 will be "The Eyes of Christ." There will also be a special St. Patrick's Day dinner before the service from 5:00-7:00 p.m. (see below) and Celtic music during the service. Please join us in worship.

St. Patrick's Day Dinner on Wednesday, March 17, 2010 from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Serving Corned Beef, Cabbage and Irish Soda Bread. Fun for the whole family! Adults \$10, Seniors \$9, Children \$5 (12 and under). Celtic music & desserts! Make your reservation by March 14, 2010. Sponsored by the Crusader Youth Group in support of their Youth Gathering Trip to New Orleans. For more info call the church office (914) 337-0207.

First Communicant Classes for students in 5th grade are almost complete. 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.** God bless our first communicants as they continue to grow in faith.

Women's Bible Study/LWML - March 20 at 8:30 a.m. Please read **Chapter 7** of Slightly Bad Girls of the Bible: Morning Has Broken, Leah the Unloved. If you haven't joined us recently, we'd love to see you (no need to read previous chapters, you may pick up right at Chapter 7). **Very important:** at our March meeting we will be selecting the mite box mission grants we would like our delegate to vote for at the LWML convention in April. VLC, herself, has submitted a grant, which we hope will be selected. An email copy of the proposed mission grants will be emailed to the Bible Study Group. If you are not on the email list, or would like to vote for the LWML Mission Grants, please see Julie Taylor for a paper copy. Questions? Call 793-9075.

EASTER EGG HUNT - Saturday, March 27 (Palm Saturday) promptly at 11 a.m. This Easter Egg Hunt is for toddlers through the 2nd grade. Come join us on the Great Porch with your bag or basket to collect your eggs. This is always a great event with lots of candy and fun! Please be sure to arrive on time as the children hunt very quickly to gather their eggs! This is sponsored by our VLC Lifers and Crusader Youth Groups.

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., March 27, at 6:30 p.m.**

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: **April 13, May 11.**

LWML News! With your generous support and mite box donations 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.

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!

The next **Good News Christian Coffee House** will be held at VLC on **Saturday, April 10, 2010** featuring HIS with Diane & Doreen. 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.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow! It is with great joy that we celebrate the commissioning of Deacon Elect Faith Forliano and Deacon Elect Betty Roberts at our 10:45 a.m. worship service on **Sunday, April 11, 2010**. Betty and Faith have worked very hard over these past years completing the Atlantic District Diaconate Program and are now ready for their commissioning as Atlantic District Deacons, serving our congregation and school. Please join us on this special day!

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. 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.

Calling all Women! Would you like to get away for a weekend of fellowship and worship? Would you like to meet other women from local Lutheran congregations? Please consider joining us for the **“Bridge of Hope” LWML Convention, April 24-25, in Suffern, NY.** (only 45 minutes away). Even if you’ve never attended an LWML meeting before, you are welcome to attend. There will be a key note speaker, an exciting banquet and singer, workshops to attend, worship time and more. Come fellowship with other women and be rejuvenated in the Lord. For more information, go to <http://www.adlwml.org/convention2010.html>, see Julie Taylor, or call (914) 793-9075.

On Saturday, May 8, 2010, we will host an **Equipping to Share Workshop** sponsored by Lutheran Hour Ministries. This is a marvelous workshop to equip us to share the Christian faith with someone you already know. We will meet from 9 a.m.- 2 p.m. A light breakfast, a delicious lunch and other treats will be provided. A \$10.00 free will offering is welcome. Please RSVP to the church office by May 5, 2010.

SENIOR NEWS

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

April 13 - George Heath, Cantor at Village Lutheran Church, will be performing.

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

The key point of today’s Sunday School lesson was that, in our sin, we are lost from God and doomed to die, but God, in His love, sought and found us and keeps us with Him forever. The Bible story was about Jesus seeking the lost as recorded by St. Luke (Luke 15). In your family discussions, talk about how God keeps us through the work of the Holy Spirit in the Word and the Sacraments. In the catechism, review the explanation to the Third Article of the Apostles’ Creed. How does this fit with the Bible story?

From *Life’s Little Book of Wisdom For Kids* (Barbour Publishing, www.barbourbooks.com). This week, remind that special child in your life: **It’s good to help others, even before they ask for help.**

STEWARDSHIP NEWS

Jesus tells us what He expects of us: *“If anyone would come after Me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow Me”* (Mark 8:34). By God’s grace we are enabled to overcome obstacles, disappointments, and ridicule in order to follow after God. And Jesus promises those who come to Him, *“My yoke is easy and My burden is light”* (Matthew 11:30).

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

LENTEN FOOD DRIVE will continue through March 26, 2010 - Bring in targeted items each week and leave them in the collection bins throughout the campus. Donations will be delivered to the hungry and homeless in our community:

Week of March 14 - Canned fruit/vegetables (low sodium preferred), pasta sauce, soups

EASTER BASKETS - Please help share the love of Christ this Easter with children in need. Pick up an empty Easter basket in the back of the church and fill it with goodies. Easter Basket suggestions: markers, crayons, children's scissors, coloring books, learn to count, read or write books, stuffed animals, toothbrushes, socks, hair brushes, barrettes, small balls, matchbox cars, play doh, blowing bubbles, notebook, pens, pencils and a bit of candy. Please be sure to wrap them in cellophane for easy transport. People are welcome to buy their own baskets as well. **Filled baskets should be brought back to church by Sunday, March 28 (Palm Sunday).**

EASTER SUNDAY CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST, APRIL 4th - Let's share the JOY of Easter Morning in fellowship with one another! Join us for a continuous continental breakfast in the Multi-Purpose Room from 8 a.m. - 12 noon on Easter Sunday. Will you help decorate the tables? Can you bring a breakfast item to share? Are you available to help replenish trays and coffee in between services? Help us to make our members and visitors feel welcome on this special day! **SEE BULLETIN INSERT TO SIGN UP!**

ECAP is collecting items for a three generational family in Yonkers who was burned out of their home a few weeks ago. Clothing and shoes are needed at this time. The children are: 4 yr. old girl (size 6), 7 yr. old girl (size 7-8), 13 yr. old boy (shirt size 16/pants 30), 15 yr. old boy (shirt size 18/pants 32), mother (XL/pants 18), adult female (14/pants 18), adult male (shirt L-XL/pants 38). **School supplies are also needed** such as notebooks, pencils, paper, backpacks, books, crayons. Donations can be left in the Lenten food drive bins.

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 - Athlete's foot is a fungal infection characterized by itchy, red blisters and cracked skin between the toes. The American Academy of Family Physicians suggests how to help prevent athlete's foot: 1) Remove shoes and socks while at home to let your feet "breathe." 2) Put on clean socks each day, especially in warmer weather. 3) Wear flip flops, sneakers or shoes in public places, and carefully dry your feet after walking in a public shower or locker room. 4) Don't borrow shoes from other people.

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.

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.

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

Summer Program brochures are now available on the tract rack or from the school office. Mad Science will also be on site this summer. Offering 9 weeks of flexible scheduling and classes with many of our own teachers. The Chapel School summer program is a great opportunity for your family and friends with children.

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 **March 25, 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 to sign up for the Youth Gathering.** Youth who are currently Freshman through Seniors in High School are welcome. Registration fee went up as of March 2, but contact Pastor Hartwell if you wish to go. Visit www.lcmsgathering.com for more information or call Pastor Hartwell 914-337-0207 (1022) or 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, March 27 at 11 a.m. * **Note: new date!*** (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

The Concordia College Tour Choir will be singing at The Christ Church in Bronxville on **Sunday, March 14**. They will be singing Evensong with the Christ Church Choir. The service will begin at 5:00 p.m. The Concordia Tour Choir will be singing pre-service music beginning at 4:45 p.m. Please come and support the choir and hear two new compositions written for Christ Church by Jason Thoms.

Jansen Hospice and Palliative Care Needs Volunteers Like You! Training begins March 16, 2010 from 2:30 - 4:30 p.m. for 7 Tuesdays. At Jansen Hospice and Palliative Care, 69 Main Street, Tuckahoe, NY. Contact Didi Marcal, LMSW 914-961-2818 x 355. Jansen Hospice and Palliative Care provides compassionate & supportive care to terminally ill patients who wish to live their final days in dignity and comfort.

BOOKS & COFFEE at Concordia College in the Sommer Center for Worship & the Performing Arts. **Thursday, March 18 at 7:30 p.m.** *Game Change: Obama and the Clintons, McCain and Palin, and the Race of a Lifetime* by John Heilemann and Mark Halperin. Co-author, John Heilemann, discusses the political book of the moment. Book signing & refreshments. Free admission. For information call (914) 337-9300 x 2159.

The Concordia Festival Choir Spring Concert will take place on **Sunday, March 21, at 4:00 p.m.** in the Sommer Center. The concert will be a benefit for Haiti relief, with all proceeds going to “Save the Children.” The program will feature the Bach Cantata No. 80 “Ein feste Burg” (A Mighty Fortress is Our God) as well as a **guest appearance by the Chapel School Select Choir.**

The congregation of First Baptist Church of Bronxville invites you to witness the Installation of Rev. Lamont Samuel Granby, MDiv. to the office of Senior Pastor on **Sunday, March 28, 2010 at 4:00 p.m.** First Baptist Church of Bronxville, 407 New Rochelle Road, Bronxville, NY 10708. (914) 793-2560. Reception to follow in Fellowship Hall.

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.

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THE FOLLOWING CHILDREN WILL BE RECEIVING FAITHFUL ATTENDANCE AWARDS TODAY:

Red Pin - 1 Quarter

Audrey Heath
Lorelei Heath
Emily Mahoney

5 Quarter Certificate

Andrew Clausen
Nora Podoll

11 Quarter Certificate

Lyndsie Schultz

5 Yr. Pin - 15 Quarters

Mercedes Del Castillo

Blue Pin - 2 Quarters

Sam Decker
Henry Nordahl
Oliver Nordahl
Henry Podoll

7 Quarter Certificate

Kate Albano

Diana Mayer

16 Quarter Certificate

Ryan Gerber

8 Quarter Certificate

Jordan Divi
Grant Reyes-Guerra

17 Quarter Certificate

Ryan Martin

Gold Pin - 1 Yr. 3 Quarters

Hannah Decker

3 Yr. Pin - 9 Quarters

Nicholas Clausen

6 Yr. Pin - 18 Quarters

Alyson Schultz

4 Quarter Certificate

Charlie Nordahl
Ben Mahoney

10 Quarter Certificate

Justin Gerber

22 Quarter Certificate

Robert Martin

26 Quarter Certificate

Abigail Geiling

WEDNESDAYS IN LENT - Devotional Service at 7:30 p.m.

March 17 - Preceded by a Youth Sponsored "St. Patrick's Day Feast

March 24 - Special music by the Chapel School Select Choir

PALM SUNDAY WEEKEND

March 27-28 - Saturday 5:30 p.m., Sunday 9:00 & 10:45 a.m.

Palm Processional and Reading of the Passion

MAUNDY THURSDAY

April 1 - 7:30 p.m.

Celebration of the Lord's Supper and Jesus' commandment
(Latin *mandatum*) to love

GOOD FRIDAY

April 2 - 12:00 noon and 7:30 p.m. - Tenebrae Service

EASTER VIGIL

April 3 - 5:30 p.m. - Baptismal Remembrance and First Service of Easter

EASTER SUNDAY

April 4 - 9:00 & 10:45 a.m. - Festival Worship with Holy Communion

Continental Breakfast 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICES

Assisting Ministers:	5:30 p.m.	Deacon Elect Faith Forliano
	9:00 a.m.	George Heath
	10:45 a.m.	Deacon Elect Betty Roberts
Organist:	5:30 p.m.	Kevin Warnken
	9:00 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.	Deborah Reiss
Lectors:	5:30 p.m.	Patrick Durkin
	9:00 a.m.	Peter Kollmann
	10:45 a.m.	Joan Condon
Comm. Assts:	5:30 p.m.	Patrick Durkin
	9:00 a.m.	Peter Kollmann, Mark Blanco, Anton DeRosa
	10:45 a.m.	Richard Allen
Youth Wor. Assts:	5:30 p.m.	Sean Durkin
	9:00 a.m.	Volunteer
	10:45 a.m.	Volunteer
Ushers:	5:30 p.m.	Chuck Horvath, Matthew Callanan
	9:00 a.m.	Ralph Schoene, Dan Chao, Robert Waldmann, John Divi
	10:45 a.m.	Sylvia Essington, Ed Vidal, Georgine Read, Robert Hehn
Altar Guild:	5:30 p.m.	Deacon Ann Terenzio
	9:00 a.m.	Molly Nagel, Marion Scaramuzzino
	10:45 a.m.	Joan Deery, Deacon Intern Joan Condon
Altar Flowers:		Kim Rapillo
Childcare:		Jennifer Pinto
Sexton:		Alex Hartwell

NEXT WEEK IN WORSHIP

WED., Mar. 17, 2010 7:30 p.m. Midweek Lenten Service

SAT., Mar. 20, 2010 5:30 p.m. Spoken Divine Service

SUN., Mar. 21, 2010 9:00 a.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion and Sunday School

10:45 a.m. Worship Service and Holy Communion

SERMON: "Pray Your Way In"

Dr. Robert Hartwell, preaching

LESSONS: Isaiah 43:16-21

Philippians 3:4-14

John 12:1-8

Stewardship Update

Amount received last week: \$4,707

Amount received to date: \$236,289

Amount needed to date: \$238,860

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

Joshua 5:9-12

⁹The Lord said to Joshua, “Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt.” And so that place is called Gilgal to this day. ¹⁰While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. ¹¹On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain.

¹²The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

¹⁸All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. ²⁰So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

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Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

¹Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus]. ²And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.” ³So he told them this parable... ¹¹“There was a man who had two sons. ¹²The younger of them said to his father, ‘Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.’ So he divided his property between them. ¹³A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in

dissolute living. ¹⁴When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. ¹⁶He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. ¹⁷But when he came to himself he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! ¹⁸I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; ¹⁹I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands.’” ²⁰So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. ²¹Then the son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ ²²But the father said to his slaves, ‘Quickly, bring out a robe – the best one – and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; ²⁴for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!’ And they began to celebrate. ²⁵Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. ²⁷He replied, ‘Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.’ ²⁸Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. ²⁹But he answered his father, ‘Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!’ ³¹Then the father said to him, ‘Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³²But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.’”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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