

† THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT †

March 7, 2010

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

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

COMMUNION STATEMENT

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



TO KNOW LIVE AND SHARE THE LOVE OF CHRIST

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

TO GOD ALONE BE GLORY

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

PRELUDE

Christ, the Life of All the Living

- Flor Peeters

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

Come Unto Me, Ye Weary

LSB Hymn #684

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. O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; 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

Isaiah 55:1-9

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL

Luke 13:1-9

P: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 13th 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

When Peace, Like a River

LSB **Hymn #763**

SERMON

“Never Give Up”

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: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING/VOLUNTARY

It is Well with My Soul

arr. Tim Doran

OFFERTORY

(LW Hymn #956)

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from Thy presence; and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation; and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

+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.

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P: Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world:

C: Grant us Your peace.

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

C: And also with you.

DISTRIBUTION

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

A: O God, the Father, the fount 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 Christ, the Life of All the Living (v. 1-4) LSB **Hymn #420**

DISMISSAL

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

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

POSTLUDE

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

- Wilbur Held

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SUNDAY - 9:00 a.m.
Service of Morning Prayer

HANDBELL PRELUDE

Psalms for Bells

- Judy Hunnicutt

ENTRANCE HYMN (*Congregation rising*)

LSB Hymn #684

Come Unto Me, Ye Weary

INVOCATION and OPENING SENTENCES

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

C: **Amen.**

P: O Lord, open my lips,

C: **and my mouth shall declare Your praise.** (*Psalm 51:15*)

P: The Lord is near to all who call on Him.

C: **O come, let us worship Him.**

INTROIT (*from Psalm 63*)

P: O God, You are my God, earnestly I seek You;

C: **My soul thirsts for You, my body longs for You, in a dry and weary land where there is no water.**

P: I have seen You in the sanctuary and beheld Your power and Your glory.

C: **Because Your love is better than life, my lips will glorify You.**

P: I will praise You as long as I live, and in Your name I will lift up my hands.

C: **My soul will be satisfied as with the richest of foods; with singing lips my mouth will praise You.**

P: On my bed I remember You; I think of You through the watches of the night.

C: **Because You are my help, I sing in the shadow of Your wings.**

All: **Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

OFFICE HYMN

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

LSB Hymn #770

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy, be gracious to all who have gone astray from Your ways and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of Your Word; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

YOUTH CHOIR ANTHEM

Step By Step

- Beaker/Butler-Moore

O God, You are my God, and I will ever praise You.

*I will seek You in the morning, and I will learn to walk in Your ways,
and step by step You'll lead me, and I will follow You all of my days.*

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OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

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CHANCEL CHOIR ANTHEM

O Rest in the Lord

- Felix Mendelssohn

*O rest in the Lord, wait patiently for Him, and He shall give thee thy heart's desires.
Commit thy ways unto Him, and trust in Him; and fret not thyself because of evildoers.*

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 13:1-9

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 13th 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 #763

SERMON

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OFFERING/HANDBELL VOLUNTARY The Ash Grove - Barbara Baltzer Kinyon

OFFERTORY (*Congregation rising*) (LW Hymn #956)

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from Thy presence; and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation; and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

COLLECT FOR GRACE

P: O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and everlasting God, You have safely brought us to the beginning of this day. Defend us in the same with Your mighty power and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger, but that all our doings, being ordered by Your governance, may be righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever.

C: **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

RECESSIONAL HYMN Christ, the Life of All the Living (v. 1-4) LSB **Hymn #420**

SILENT MEDITATION (*Congregation seated*)

POSTLUDE Jesu, meines Lebens Leben - Flor Peeters

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

HANDBELL PRELUDE

The Ash Grove

- Barbara Baltzer Kinyon

ENTRANCE HYMN (*Congregation rising*)

LSB Hymn #684

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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 #770, v. 1)

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!

What a privilege to carry ev'rything to God in prayer!

Oh, what peace we often forfeit; oh, what needless pain we bear –

All because we do not carry ev'rything to God in prayer!

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- Bach/Burkhardt

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†HOLY COMMUNION†

PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

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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, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given us Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. We give You thanks that on Calvary You spared not Your only Son but sent Him to offer His life as a ransom for many. As we eat and drink His body and blood, grant us, like Abraham our father, to trust in Your promise now fulfilled in Christ, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

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

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION and SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

C: And also with you.

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

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

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

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

A: O God, the Father, the fount 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

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SILENT MEDITATION (*Congregation seated*)

POSTLUDE

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VLC NEWS AND NOTES

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 the Decker and Mahoney families 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 Nicolas Polidoro, brother of Patrick Durkin, who passed away on February, 22, 2010. The family of William Snyder, father/father-in-law of William & Diane Snyder, who passed away on February 18, 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

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.

VLC MUSIC MINISTRY: **Chancel Choir** will rehearse on Thursday, March 11, and will sing at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, March 14; **Youth Choir** will rehearse on Thursday, March 11, at 7:00 p.m. and on Sunday, March 14, at 8:30 a.m.; **High School Choir** will rehearse at 10:15 a.m. today and on Sunday, March 14; **Village Brass** rehearses on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. during Lent; **Village Bells** will rehearse at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, March 10, before the Lenten service.

Wednesday morning Bible Study will meet on **March 10** at 10:45 a.m. We are currently studying Isaiah chapters 44-45.

Midweek Lenten Services continue each **Wednesday at 7:30 pm through March 24**. The theme for March 10 will be "The Ears of Christ." A light reception will follow the service. Please join us in worship.
New Members Welcomed into Membership at VLC:

BENNETT, Eric & Linda

DINOTA, Anthony & Shannon

GRAYBOSCH, Erik

HARLFINGER, Natasha

MARROW, Danielle (Matthew)

MICHELSEN, Carole

SHATZOFF, Mary (Neil)

STINGA, Linda

YAKMAN, Stephen

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

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: **March 9, April 13, May 11.**

VBS News - Anyone interested in helping with this year's Vacation Bible School is welcome to join us at our first meeting this month, on **Thursday, March 11 at 7:00 p.m.** in the lunchroom. Interested parents can also join us, to give us input into our planning. This year, VBS will be held from Sunday, July 11 through Friday, July 16. Most of this meeting will be a hands-on workshop to decide which materials to order, plus discussion concerning our Sunday festival, as well as committee formation and publicity decisions. Any youth entering 7th grade and up in September 2010 are welcome to join us as a volunteer. Please contact Deacon Ann Terenzio at (914) 337-0207 x 1112 or at ATERENZIO@thechapelschool.org with any questions.

GATHERING OF FRIENDS X - Friday, March 12, 2010. Gala Dinner (7:00p.m. to midnight) and Auction benefitting Village Lutheran Church and The Chapel School. For more information, 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.

The Village Lutheran Church will host the **Good News Christian Coffee House** on **Saturday, March 13, 2010** featuring Tina Wills and an Easter multimedia concert with Christian mime! 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.

Time to "Spring Forward" - Daylight Savings Time now begins as of the second Sunday in March. Don't forget to **set your clocks ahead one hour on Saturday night, March 13!**

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.

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.**

Easter Flowers - You may order Easter flowers through the church, allowing the church to use them for the Easter services, and later enjoying them yourself. You are asked to pick up your flowers 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.

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!

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 **“Bridges 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.

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!

March 9 - Rich O'Donnell, Appraiser for Eastchester shares tax issues for seniors. Corned beef & cabbage will be served.

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Today, the Sunday School classes learned about Jesus' miracle of feeding 5,000 hungry people (John 6:1-14). They learned that in His love, God promises to care for all our physical and spiritual needs and gives us the greatest treasure - His Son and the gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation. As a family, talk about the many ways that God has provided for both your physical and spiritual needs. In the catechism, look at the explanation to the First Article of the Apostles' Creed.

From *Life's Little Book of Wisdom For Kids* (Barbour Publishing, www.barbourbooks.com). This week, remind that special child in your life: **The greatest love comes from God!**

STEWARDSHIP NEWS

By the power of the Holy Spirit we are transformed from sinful people who go our own ways into those who delight in God's will and walk in His ways. As John the Baptist said, "*He must become greater; I must become less*" (John 3:30). We desire to do His will not for our own glory, but so that others may see Christ in us. Jesus wants us to let our "*light shine before men, that they may see [our] good deeds, and praise [our] Father in heaven*" (Matthew 5:16).

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 7 - Protein items: canned/dried beans, canned meat, peanut butter, tuna in water.

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 - When a person is exposed to excessive sound levels, sensitive structures of the inner ear can be damaged, resulting in permanent hearing loss. These structures can be injured by exposure to a brief but intense sound, such as an explosion, as well as from repeated exposure to excessive sound levels over time. A good rule of thumb - if you must raise your voice to be heard, you are in a potentially hazardous environment for your hearing. When excessive exposure is unavoidable, wear hearing protection! Disposable foam earplugs are good for recreational use and inexpensively available at most drugstores.

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 11, 2010**. Questions, call Erika (914)395-1954 or e-mail tyandbash@aol.com.

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

Crusaders (9th-12th) - Pray for the chaperones and youth signed up for the Crusader H.S. Youth Gathering Trip this summer (July 17-21, 2010) to New Orleans. Mrs. Warnken, Pastor Hartwell, Rachel, Josh, Tom, Hannah, Ian, Alex, Max and Rachel. **There is still time 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

Winter Bereavement Support Group Offerings - Senior Loss of Spouse on Mondays from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Hospice & Palliative Care of Westchester, 311 North Street, Suite 204, White Plains, NY. Pre-registration is required! Contact: Janice Sauer, Bereavement Coordinator (914) 682-1484 x130.

The Concordia Conservatory presents the Juilliard String Quartet on Sunday, March 7, at 4:00 p.m. This is a rare opportunity to see an American musical treasure right here in Bronxville, at Concordia's Sommer Center for Worship and the Performing Arts. Tickets are \$25 for adults/\$12.50 for children under 12 and seniors. Tickets may still be available at the door.

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

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 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

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

March 10

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 Intern Morris Mayer
	9:00 a.m.	Deacon Carol Pfizenmaier
	10:45 a.m.	Ralph Schoene
Organist:	5:30 p.m.	Marcia Kollmann
	9:00 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.	Deborah Reiss
Lectors:	5:30 p.m.	Janet George
	9:00 a.m.	Beverley Lorie
	10:45 a.m.	Peter Kollmann
Comm. Assts:	5:30 p.m.	Janet George
	10:45 a.m.	Lydia Chao
Youth Wor. Assts:	5:30 p.m.	Casey McGinnis
	9:00 a.m.	Kaitlyn Gotte
	10:45 a.m.	Volunteer
Ushers:	5:30 p.m.	Frank McGinnis, Sarah McGinnis
	9:00 a.m.	Anton DeRosa, Ruth DeRosa, Mindy Warnken,
		Richard Graham
	10:45 a.m.	Richard Allen, Carlette Allen, Robert Hehn,
		Carolyn Driessnack
Altar Guild:	5:30 p.m.	Deacon Ann Terenzio
	10:45 a.m.	Deacon Elect Faith Forliano, Deacon Carol
		Pfizenmaier, Deacon Intern Joan Condon
Altar Flowers:		Kim Rاپillo
Childcare:		Amy Heath
Sexton:		Molly Warnken

NEXT WEEK IN WORSHIP

WED., Mar. 10, 2010 7:30 p.m. Midweek Lenten Service

SAT., Mar. 13, 2010 5:30 p.m. Spoken Divine Service

SUN., Mar. 14, 2010 9:00 a.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion and Sunday School

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

SERMON: "Lost, But Now Found"
Rev. Deric Taylor, preaching

LESSONS: Joshua 5:9-12
2 Corinthians 5:16-21
Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Stewardship Update

Amount received last week: \$6,328

Amount received to date: \$231,582

Amount needed to date: \$232,225

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

Isaiah 55:1-9

¹Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. ²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. ³Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. ⁴See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. ⁵See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. ⁶Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; ⁷let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. ⁸For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord. ⁹For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

¹I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, ²and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, ³and all ate the same spiritual food, ⁴and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. ⁵Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most

of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness. ⁶Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. ⁷Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." ⁸We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. ⁹We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. ¹⁰And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. ¹¹These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. ¹²So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. ¹³No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

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Luke 13:1-9

¹At that very time there were some present who told [Jesus] about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ²He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans?" ³No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. ⁴Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them – do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem?" ⁵No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did." ⁶Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig

tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. ⁷So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' ⁸He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it

and put manure on it. ⁹If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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