

# † SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER †

May 16, 2010

## WELCOME TO WORSHIP

- *The order of worship for each service is printed 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**

Voluntary in A Minor

- William Boyce

**INVOCATION and CONFESSION** (*Congregation rising*)

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

C: **Amen.**

P: Brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our sins, that we may prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mystery of the Lord's Supper.

*(A brief pause for silence follows)*

P: Have mercy on us, O Lord,

C: **for we have sinned against You.**

P: Show us, O Lord, Your mercy;

C: **and grant us Your salvation.**

P: May almighty God have mercy on us and lead us, with our sins forgiven, to eternal life.

C: **Amen. Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.**

**ENTRANCE HYMN**

Christ the Eternal Lord

LSB Hymn #829

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray:

C: **O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**READING FROM THE BOOK OF ACTS**

Acts 16:16-34

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE**

Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL**

John 17:20-26

P: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 17<sup>th</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**

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

LSB Hymn #700

**SERMON**

“Connected in Love Forever ”

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**

Prelude in C

- David N. Johnson

**OFFERTORY** (*Congregation rising*)

(LSB Hymn #955)

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

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

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

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

**+HOLY COMMUNION+**

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 on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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:** Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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

### **SIGN OF PEACE**

**P:** Our Lord Jesus Christ said to His apostles: "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you." This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

**C: Lord, have mercy upon us and grant us peace.**

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

**C: And also with you.**

### **DISTRIBUTION**

### **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

**A:** God of abundance, You have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; You have united us with Christ and one another; and You have made us one with all Your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of Your Spirit, that we may proclaim Your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

### **BENEDICTION**

### **CLOSING HYMN**

Go, My Children, With My Blessing

LSB Hymn #922

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

**POSTLUDE**

Largo (from *The Twelfth Sonata*)

- Henry Purcell

**SUNDAY - 10:00 a.m.**

Service of Farewell and Godspeed

**PRELUDE**

Andante

- Felix Mendelssohn

**ENTRANCE HYMN** (*Congregation rising*)

LSB **Hymn #829**

Christ the Eternal Lord

**INVOCATION and CONFESSION**

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

**C: Amen.**

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 consider our unworthiness and 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 upon 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 you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

♪ **HYMN OF PRAISE** (*sung to the hymn "For All the Saints"*)

Give glory to our God, exalted high, peace to His people, with His grace supplied.

Our God we praise, adore, and glorify. Alleluia! Alleluia!

To God, our Father and our mighty King, to Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God, we sing,

And to the Spirit, praises now we bring. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray:

**C: O King of glory, Lord of hosts, uplifted in triumph far above all heavens, leave us not without consolation but send us the Spirit of truth whom You promised from the Father; for You live and reign with Him and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**YOUTH CHOIR ANTHEM**

Best of All Friends

- K. Lee Scott

*Jesus, my Lord, let me be near You; by Your own word help me to hear You.  
 Jesus, my Lord, lead me to love You, nothing more dear, no one above You.  
 All through the day, sisters and brothers, Yours we will be, caring for others,  
 hearing Your words, learning Your story, bearing Your cross, sharing Your glory.  
 Teach us to know seeing from blindness, help us to show ev'rywhere kindness.  
 Jesus, our Lord, lead us and guide us, best of all friends, always beside us.*

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

Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.****CHANCEL CHOIR ANTHEM**

E'en So, Lord Jesus

- Paul Manz

*Peace be to you and grace from Him who freed us from our sins,  
 Who loved us all and shed His blood that we might saved be.  
 Sing Holy, Holy to our Lord, the Lord, Almighty God,  
 Who was and is and is to come; sing Holy, Holy, Lord!  
 Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein, rejoice on earth, ye saints below,  
 For Christ is coming, is coming soon, for Christ is coming soon!  
 E'en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come, and night shall be no more;  
 They need no light nor lamp nor sun, for Christ will be their All!*

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**ALLELUIA VERSE** (*Congregation rising*)

P: Alleluia. Since Christ was raised from the dead, He cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over Him. (*Romans 6:9*)

**C: I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you. Alleluia.** (*John 14:18*)

**GOSPEL**

John 17:20-26

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 17<sup>th</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**

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

LSB Hymn #700

**SERMON**

“Connected in Love Forever”

Rev. Deric Taylor

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

A: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

**COMMUNITY INFORMATION**

**OFFERING/HANDBELL VOLUNTARY**

Great is Thy Faithfulness

- Barbara Kinyon

**RITE OF FAREWELL AND GODSPEED**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

**PSALMODY** (*spoken responsively*)

P: I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come?

C: **My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**

P: Lord, You have been our dwelling place in all generations.

C: **Before the mountains were brought forth, or ever You had formed the earth and the world, from everlasting to everlasting You are God.**

P: Blessed shall you be in the city, and blessed shall you be in the field.

C: **Blessed shall you be when you come in, and blessed shall you be when you go out.**

P: Satisfy us in the morning with Your steadfast love, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

C: **Let Your work be shown to Your servants, and Your glorious power to their children.**

P: Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish the work of our hands upon us;

C: **yes, establish the work of our hands!**

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.**

**PRAYERS & SPOKEN BLESSING**

**CHORAL BLESSING**

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

- Peter Lutkin

**OFFERTORY** (Congregation rising)

(LSB Hymn #955)

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

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

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

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

**†HOLY COMMUNION†**

**PREFACE**

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C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

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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, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

♪ **SANCTUS** (*sung to the hymn “The Church’s One Foundation”*)

**Sing “Holy, holy, holy,” Lord God of pow’r and might:**

**Your mercy and Your glory fill heav’n and earth with light!**

**How blest is our Redeemer who comes to set us free.**

**Hosanna in the highest to the great One in Three!**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

P: Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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

**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 the hymn “On Jordan’s Bank”*)

**O Jesus Christ, true Lamb of God, who takes the sin of the world away,  
Have mercy on us, grant us peace, and fill us with Your love and grace.**

**DISTRIBUTION HYMNS**

Lift High the Cross

LSB Hymn #837

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

LSB Hymn #709

Lift Every Voice and Sing

LSB Hymn #964

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

**A:** God of abundance, You have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; You have united us with Christ and one another; and You have made us one with all Your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of Your Spirit, that we may proclaim Your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**BENEDICTION**

**P:** May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, equip you with everything good for doing His will, and may He work in us what is pleasing to Him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.

**C: Amen.**

**P:** And may the Lord almighty – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit – bless you and remain with you always.

**C: Amen.**

**CLOSING HYMN**

Go, My Children, With My Blessing

LSB Hymn #922

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

**POSTLUDE**

God of Grace

- Paul Manz

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**PLEASE JOIN US IN THE MULTIPURPOSE ROOM**  
after the 10:00 a.m. worship service for a special reception  
in honor of the Taylors.

Thanks to the Albano family and additional volunteers  
for providing the refreshments.

## VLC NEWS AND NOTES

**FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Pastor Taylor, Julie and Bradly for their service, love and dedication, from the Deacons.

**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 10:00 a.m. worship service for a special reception in honor of the Taylors. Thanks to the Albano family and additional volunteers for providing the refreshments.

**PRAYER LINE:** Please remember those members or friends who are hospitalized or recovering from an illness especially Agnes Anderson, Sigfredo Baez, Opal Coker, Bob Ficchi, Scott James, Nicholas Johnson, Mitchell Lunog, Alexis Matos, Luz Maria Nieves, Angela Pauling, Louise Podszus, Johnny Pool, Sylvia Puig, Julio Sanchez, Vicki Schmeling, Linda Voelk, Lorraine Weatherhogg. 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 Vincent Barbera, father-in-law of Michelle Barbera, who passed away on April 30, 2010. The family of Elliot Riley Floyd, infant daughter of David & Lynne Floyd, who passed away on April 27, 2010. The family of Richard Allen, husband of Carlette Allen, who passed away on April 24, 2010. Share information on the tear-off sheet in the bulletin or call the church office 337-0207x1003.

**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, Michael Porter, Maj. Bradley Rakov, LCDR Christopher Rakov, Brent Smith, Aaron Tiso.

### CHURCH NEWS

**VLC MUSIC MINISTRY:** **Chancel Choir** will rehearse on Thurs., May 20, at 8:00 p.m. and sing at the 9:00 a.m. service on Sun., May 23; **Youth Choir** will rehearse Thurs., May 20, at 7:00 p.m. and on Sun., May 23, at 8:30 a.m.; **High School Choir** will rehearse at 10:15 a.m. on Sun., May 23, and sing for the Confirmation Service; **Village Brass** rehearsals TBD; **Village Bells** will rehearse on Wed., May 19, at 7:15 p.m.

**Wednesday morning Bible Study** will meet on **May 19** at 10:45 a.m. to begin chapter 51 of Isaiah.

**ALPHA** continues on **Wednesday, May 19**, from **6:30 - 9:00 p.m.** with food, fellowship and discussion. What is it? An opportunity for anyone to explore the Christian Faith. Low Key, Friendly, Fun! Bring a Friend!

**PENTECOST & CONFIRMATION** will take place next weekend, **May 22-23**. In addition to welcoming new members (see below), we will host the Eastchester Firefighters Memorial at 9:00 a.m. and celebrate the Rite of Confirmation at 10:45 a.m. Between services, we will also observe the Pentecost Ritual of the releasing of the Pentecost Doves. This is a beloved tradition, especially loved by children. Join us in worship!  
**New Member Weekend!** We will be welcoming new members to Village Lutheran Church on the weekend of **May 22-23** at all services (Saturday at 5:30 p.m. and Sunday at 9:00 & 10:45 a.m.). If you would like to be welcomed as a member that day, contact Pastor Hartwell ([pastorh@vlc-ny.org](mailto:pastorh@vlc-ny.org)) before Tuesday, May 18. You may also call the church at 914-337-0207.

**PRAYER SERVICES** are held regularly on the last Saturday of the month. Beginning at 6:30 p.m. (after 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., May 29, at 6:30 p.m.**

**Deacon Program Graduate Rosemarie Gustafson** and the Graduating Class of 2010 of The Atlantic District Diaconate Program requests the honor of your presence at the Graduation Liturgy at Village Lutheran Church on **Saturday, June 5, 2010 at 2:00 p.m.** Reception will follow at the church. Clergy, Deacons, Graduates and students are invited to vest. The color of the day is Red.

**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: **June 8**.

**TABLE TALK** with Pastor Hartwell - All are invited to attend our informal worship service with the Lord's Supper at 5:30 pm on **Saturday, June 5 and 12** and then stay for refreshments and an hour Bible Study called "Table Talk." Visitors and newcomers welcome. The basics of the Christian Faith and the Lutheran Tradition will be explored. Perfect for long-time members to discuss the basics, for seekers, and for prospective members to learn more about the Lutheran tradition. For information call 914-337-0207 or [www.vlc-ny.org](http://www.vlc-ny.org).

**A Memorial Service for Richard Allen** will be held at VLC at **11:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 12, 2010**. Please join us as we remember the promises of God and the life and witness of our beloved friend.

The next **Good News Christian Coffee House** will be held at VLC on **Saturday, June 12, 2010** with Eric G KABLOK & RIVERA . 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.

**A beautiful new eucharistic table covering has been given in memory of Ruth Reichelt** by her loving family. As we join the hosts of heaven at the Lord's table in singing praise to God, we remember our dear friend Ruth and her loving witness in word and deed. The parament will be dedicated at a future service.

**Congratulations to Vicar Christopher J. Kollmann**, who was assigned to First Lutheran Church in Gainesville, FL for his year-long internship. Many of you know Chris, a Chapel School alumnus and son of the congregation, who has just completed his 2<sup>nd</sup> year at St. Louis Seminary. The call service for his vicarage assignment was held on Tuesday, April 27. Check out Chris's new vicarage congregation at <http://www.flcgainesville.org/>. Chris is the son of Herbert and Marcia Kollmann of Eastchester, NY.

**Update on Vacation Bible School:** VBS now has a link on our Village Lutheran Church and The Chapel School website. On this you can sign-up for specific volunteer assignments or register as a volunteer or student for VBS. I urge everyone to use this. Our next meeting for all interested volunteers will be on **Sunday, May 30<sup>th</sup>**, in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade classroom on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor. Contact Deacon Ann Terenzio at 914-337-0207 x 1112 or

[ATERENZIO@thechapelschool.org](mailto:ATERENZIO@thechapelschool.org) for more information.

**Outreach to Concordia College from Village Lutheran Church.** The voting body of the 19<sup>th</sup> Biennial Convention of the Atlantic District Lutheran Women's Missionary League has determined that a grant proposal submitted by Pastor Hartwell called, *Outreach to Concordia College from Village Lutheran Church*, be awarded one of the official Mission Grants of the organization in the amount of \$5000. The funding comes from mites collected throughout the Atlantic District via church societies or individual memberships.

**Join our 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. For information, please contact Shawl Coordinator, Erika Doherty, at 914-337-1080 or see the pamphlets in the Tract Rack, in the Narthex of the church.

### **SENIOR NEWS**

**Upcoming Seniors' Luncheons** - All VLC Seniors, Lohman Village Residents and community members welcome! **June 8 will be our end of year luncheon at Siwanoy Country Club at 11:30 a.m.** The cost is \$35 per person for this beautifully catered lunch with cocktails. Please call the church office (914) 337-0207 to make your reservations.

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS**

From *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: **Giving gifts feels better than getting them.**

### **STEWARDSHIP NEWS**

In the Parable of the Sower found in Mark 4:1-20, Jesus described four different results from sowing of the seed, His Word. Too many of us can relate to the third illustration, that of seed sown among the thorns that is choked out by the "*worries of this life, the deceitfulness of wealth and the desires for others things*" (verse 19). How foolish we are to expend all our energies in temporal things that quickly fade instead of investing in eternity! Jesus tells us, "*Seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well*" (Matthew 6:33).

**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** - Now that the trees and flowers are blooming, you may find your seasonal allergies are interfering with your enjoyment of nature's beauty. If you are suffering with itchy eyes and a runny nose, here are some tips to manage the pollens: Clean your air conditioner filter and start using the air conditioning. It cleans the air. Wipe down the surfaces in your home with a damp cloth daily to keep pollens and dust at bay. Talk to your health care provider about medications to help control your symptoms.

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

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

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

**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.

**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).

### **FELLOWSHIP ACTION GROUP NEWS**

The Annual VLC and The Chapel School Picnic will be held on **Sunday, June 6, 2010 from 12 - 3 p.m.** Fun for the whole family. Plenty of food: hamburgers and hot dogs provided. Bring a dish or dessert to share. DJ, Entertainment, prizes, water balloon relay races, face painting, jumping castle, snow cones, build your own ice cream sundae & much more! Bring a friend or two & neighbors welcome. Questions or for additional info contact Fellowship Chair Morris Mayer 914-906-3323 or [morris.mayer@yahoo.com](mailto:morris.mayer@yahoo.com).

### **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 **May 27, 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 to [Dtaylor@VLC-ny.org](mailto:Dtaylor@VLC-ny.org).

**Crusaders (9th-12th) - Singing for A Cure Band Bash:** Autism Speaks will be a beneficiary of the upcoming Singing For A Cure, an autism diabetes awareness concert sponsored by the Crusader Youth Group of Village Lutheran Church on **June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2010 , at 6 p.m.** at VLC in Bronxville, NY. The cost of the tickets are \$11.

**Tag Sale Update:** Thanks to all the volunteers, over \$2,123.00 was raised for the Youth Groups Trip to New Orleans over the summer. Thanks to all workers, shoppers and the many who donated their treasures.

**Welcome to Kate Porter, our new Crusader Youth Group Leader.** Kate steps into the leadership position held by Mindy Warnken, who recently completed her nursing degree at Concordia in the inaugural nursing cohort. We appreciate Mindy's work with the youth and wish her well in her new ventures. Kate will provide leadership to the group in a pivotal time of activity as the youth finalize plans to attend the tri-annual gathering.

Kate will chaperone the New Orleans trip along with Pastor Hartwell. Please pray for Kate as she leads and shepherds our high school youth programming.

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

It's in Our Backyards - Understanding Underage Drinking in Eastchester, **Thursday, May 20, 2010** in the Eastchester High School Auditorium at **7:00 p.m.** For more information go to [www.eastchesterctc.org](http://www.eastchesterctc.org)

**The Yonkers Philharmonic Orchestra** presents a free concert on **Sunday, May 23, 2010 at 3:00 p.m.** featuring winners of the 2010 concerto competition. James Sadewhite will conduct works by Haydn, Shostakovich, Beethoven and Dvorak. Saunders Trade and Technical High School, 183 Palmer Road, Yonkers, NY. For information call (914) 476-3711 or (914) 631-6674. [www.yonkersphilharmonic.org](http://www.yonkersphilharmonic.org)

**Camp SonRise is featuring a Work Weekend on May 28-30, 2010!** Show your support for SonRise by helping prepare camp for the summer. As our way of saying thanks, lodging and meals are provided at no charge for this weekend!

**Church For All Nations (CFAN)**, our sister congregation in midtown Manhattan is soon approaching its 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary! Though the beautiful landmark building was erected in 1885, the congregation of CFAN has only been in the neighborhood for ten years. To celebrate they will be having a special celebration/community mixer event on **Saturday, May 29, 2010 at 6:00 p.m.** It is free and open to the public. You are invited to attend this fun and invaluable opportunity to meet others in the neighborhood, the arts and ministries. Several key groups who have been longtime friends to Church For All Nations will give brief introductions of their organizations with musical presentations to follow. Some snacks and beverages will be provided.

**Trinity Lutheran Church**, located at 25 Crane Road in Scarsdale, will hold its **Vacation Bible School** from **June 27 - July 1, 2010 from 5:30 - 8:00 p.m.** Dinner will be served. Pre-school children from ages 4 up to the 6<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome to attend. For more information contact Pastor Rehm at (914) 723-1998 or Sandra Coffey at (914) 949-8067.

**Travel and Learn with Concordia College-New York** In the Footsteps of St. Paul...travel to Greece and Turkey (**October 19-29**). For more information call Rev. Greg Dwyer at 914-337-9300 x 2198.

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## Acts 16:16-34

<sup>16</sup>One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. <sup>17</sup>While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." <sup>18</sup>She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour. <sup>19</sup>But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. <sup>20</sup>When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews <sup>21</sup>and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." <sup>22</sup>The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. <sup>23</sup>After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. <sup>24</sup>Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks. <sup>25</sup>About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. <sup>26</sup>Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. <sup>27</sup>When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. <sup>28</sup>But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." <sup>29</sup>The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. <sup>30</sup>Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" <sup>31</sup>They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." <sup>32</sup>They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. <sup>33</sup>At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. <sup>34</sup>He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his

entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21

<sup>12</sup>"See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone's work. <sup>13</sup>I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end." <sup>14</sup>Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates.... <sup>16</sup>"It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star." <sup>17</sup>The Spirit and the bride say, "Come." And let everyone who hears say, "Come." And let everyone who is thirsty come. Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.... <sup>20</sup>The one who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! <sup>21</sup>The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## John 17:20-26

<sup>20</sup>[Jesus lifted up his eyes to heaven and said,] "I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, <sup>21</sup>that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. <sup>22</sup>The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, <sup>23</sup>I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. <sup>24</sup>Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world. <sup>25</sup>Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. <sup>26</sup>I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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