

† FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER †

May 2, 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.
Service of Holy Communion

PRELUDE

Prelude and Fugue

- F. W. Zachow

INVOCATION and CONFESSION

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

C: Amen.

P: Creator of all things in heaven, on earth and under the earth, we praise You because You are the Beginning and the End. We, however, are flawed and finite.

C: Because of our sinful nature, we are weak while You are strong.

(Silence for personal reflection and confession.)

P: Almighty God,

C: have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life, for the sake of Jesus Christ and His cross. Amen.

P: Jesus Christ paid the penalty for our sin on the cross, and by the power of His resurrection victory He makes all things new. 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

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds

LSB Hymn #465

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray:

C: O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may love what You have commanded and desire what You promise, that among the many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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HYMN OF THE DAY

They'll Know We are Christians

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SERMON

“What It Means to Be a Family”

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: We pray:

C: **Glory and praise to You, O living God.**

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING/VOLUNTARY

Make Me a Servant

arr. Laura Bergquist

OFFERTORY

(LSB Hymn #649, v. 1)

Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love;
The fellowship of kindred minds is like to that above.

†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, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new 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 PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

- 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.**

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)**

AGNUS DEI and SHARING OF THE PEACE

- P: Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world:
- C: **Have mercy on us.**
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- 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: Almighty and everlasting God, we thank and praise You for feeding us the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having with our mouths received the holy Sacrament, we may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

In Christ There is No East or West

LSB Hymn #653

SILENT MEDITATION (*Congregation seated*)

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune

- Arcangelo Corelli

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ADDITIONAL HYMN TEXTS

BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST

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Sing Alleluia! Amen! Let your prayers and your praises ascend.
Lift up your voices and sing to our Lord God, our Savior and King!
Here brought together by grace, we are gathered as friends in this place.

Refrain: And assembled as one, in the name of the Son,
Lifting hearts, lifting hands, celebrating as friends,
And proclaiming the Lord, all our praises afford.
We are brothers and sisters in Christ.

Man walked alone and in need, without faith, hope or promise or creed;
Wandering aimlessly lost unaware of the staggering cost;
That God in His mercy would save all His people from death and the grave. *Refrain*

Lord, teach us how to proclaim all Your goodness, Your love and Your name!
Lord, teach us how to forgive, and in love, teach us Lord, how to live.
Raising our voices in song, help us tell all the world we belong. *Refrain*

THEY'LL KNOW WE ARE CHRISTIANS BY OUR LOVE

Peter Sholtes, © 1991 The Lorenz Corp.

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored.

Refrain: And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land. *Refrain*

We will work with each other, we will work side by side,
We will work with each other, we will work side by side,
And we'll guard each one's dignity and save each one's pride. *Refrain*

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,
And all praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son,

And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one. *Refrain*

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

CALL TO WORSHIP (*FaithWalk*)

As I Look Into Your Eyes
Sing Alleluia

- Oddie/Nolan
- Hiindalong/Byrd

INVOCATION and OPENING SENTENCES

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

C: **Amen.**

P: This is the day which the Lord has made;

C: **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

P: From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C: **the name of the Lord is to be praised.**

ENTRANCE HYMN (*Congregation rising*)

Brothers and Sisters in Christ

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CONFESSION

P: Creator of all things in heaven, on earth and under the earth, we praise You because You are the Beginning and the End. We, however, are flawed and finite.

C: **Because of our sinful nature, we are weak while You are strong.**

(*Silence for personal reflection and confession.*)

P: Almighty God,

C: **have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life, for the sake of Jesus Christ and His cross. Amen.**

P: Jesus Christ paid the penalty for our sin on the cross, and by the power of His resurrection victory He makes all things new. 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.**

PSALM (*from Psalm 148*)

P: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, from the heavens! Praise Him from the skies! Let every created thing give praise to the Lord.

C: **Praise the Lord.**

P: Praise the Lord from the earth; kings of the earth and all people, rulers and judges of the earth, young men and young women, old men and children.

C: **Praise the Lord.**

P: Let them all praise the name of the Lord, for His name is very great; His glory towers

over the earth and heaven!

**C: He has made His people strong. Praise the Lord!
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.**

HYMN OF PRAISE (*text projected to screen*)

Majesty

- Jack W. Hayford

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray:

**C: O God, You make the minds of Your faithful to be of one will. Grant that we may
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many changes of this world our hearts may be fixed where true joys are found;
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COMBINED CHOIR ANTHEM

Bind Us Together/Song for the Nations

ALLELUIA VERSE (Congregation rising)

P: Alleluia. "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end." (*Rev. 21:6*)

C: "See, I am making all things new." Alleluia. (*Rev. 21:5*)

GOSPEL

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C: Glory to You, O Lord.

(The Gospel is read)

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CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

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

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COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**OFFERING/VOLUNTARY**

I Believe in Jesus

- Marc Nelson

OFFERTORY (*Text projected on screen*)

There is a Redeemer

- Melody Green

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*)

CLOSING COLLECT

P: Almighty God, grant us a steadfast faith in Jesus Christ, a cheerful hope in Your mercy, and a sincere love for You and one another; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

BENEDICTION**CLOSING HYMN**

Savior, Again, To Thy Dear Name We Raise

LSB **Hymn #917**

(*In loving memory of our brother in Christ, Richard Allen*)

SILENT MEDITATION (*Congregation seated*)

POSTLUDE

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

- Seth Bingham

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

PRELUDE (*FaithWalk*)

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ENTRANCE HYMN (*Congregation rising*)

LSB **Hymn #465**

Now All the Vault of Heaven Resounds (v. 1-3)

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C: **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

(LSB Hymn #465, v. 4)

Adoring praises now we bring and with the heav'nly blessed sing:

"Christ has triumphed! Alleluia!" Be to the Father and our Lord, to Spirit blest, most holy God,
All the glory, never ending! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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- Bob Gillman

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THE WORDS OF OUR LORD and PROCLAMATION OF CHRIST

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

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

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

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

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MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION

Sung by FaithWalk

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

A: Almighty and everlasting God, we thank and praise You for feeding us the life-giving body and blood of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Send Your Holy Spirit that, having with our mouths received the holy Sacrament, we may by faith obtain and eternally enjoy Your divine grace, the forgiveness of sins, unity with Christ, and life eternal; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN Savior, Again, To Thy Dear Name We Raise

LSB Hymn #917

(In loving memory of our brother in Christ, Richard Allen)

SILENT MEDITATION *(Congregation seated)*

POSTLUDE

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- Seth Bingham

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VLC NEWS AND NOTES

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are given to the Glory of God and in honor of our graduates from Concordia College.

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

PRAYER LINE: Please remember those members or friends who are hospitalized or recovering from an illness especially Agnes Anderson, Opal Coker, Bob Ficchi, Scott James, Nicholas Johnson, Mitchell Lunog, Louise Podszus, Johnny Pool, 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 Elliot Riley Floyd, infant daughter of David & Lynne Floyd, who passed away on April 27, 2010. The service will be held at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, May 2, 2010 at Westchester Funeral Home in Eastchester. The family of Richard Allen, husband of Carlette Allen, who passed away on April 24, 2010. The family of Warren Spatta, cousin of Carol Raff, who passed away on April 17, 2010. The family of Dr. Richard Dickinson, who passed away on April 17, 2010. The family of Pat Wick Golden, sister of Barbara Moccia, who passed away on April 15, 2010. The family of Nancy Ellen Stupple, niece of Mickie Hover, who passed away on April 7, 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, Michael Porter, Maj. Bradley Rakov, LCDR Christopher Rakov, Brent Smith, Aaron Tiso.

CHURCH NEWS

WE REJOICE ON THE OCCASION of the baptism of Madison Elizabeth Burnman, daughter of Alfred and Jessica Piccininni Burnman. The baptism will take place at a special service this afternoon. Godparents for Madison are Neil and Laura Brodsky. Madison was born on December 22, 2009.

VLC MUSIC MINISTRY: **Chancel Choir** will rehearse on Thursday, May 6, at 8:00 p.m. and will sing at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, May 9; **Youth Choir** will rehearse on Thursday, May 6, at 7:00 p.m. and on Sunday, May 9, at 8:30 a.m.; **High School Choir** will rehearse today and on Sunday, May 9, at 10:15 a.m.; **Village Brass** rehearsals TBD; **Village Bells** will rehearse on Wednesday, May 5, at 7:15 p.m.

Choir Invitation for May 16 - The Chancel Choir will be singing two familiar anthems for the special farewell service at 10:00 a.m. - "E'en So, Lord Jesus" by Paul Manz and Peter Lutkin's "The Lord Bless You and keep You." If you would like to sing with the choir for this service, please contact Deb Reiss at 914-337-0207, x1018 or DREISS@VLC-NY.ORG.

Wednesday morning Bible Study will meet on **May 5** at 10:45 a.m. We will conclude our study of Isaiah chapter 49 and begin chapter 50.

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 2nd 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.

ALPHA continues on **Wednesday, May 5**, 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!

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.

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 3, 2010.**

The next **Good News Christian Coffee House** will be held at VLC on **Saturday, May 8, 2010** with Servants of the Shepherd (featuring new music!). 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.

Attention: Men of VLC! Volunteers are needed for a special Mother's Day coffee hour event on Sunday, May 9th following the 9 a.m. service. Let's show appreciation to Mother's and Mother figures of VLC. Decorations will be provided. Sign-up on back or use the sign-up sheet located on the Fellowship bulletin board in the MultiPurpose Room.

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: **May 11, June 8.**

Farewell Events for Pastor Deric Taylor & Family - May 15-16 . Please join us in honoring Pastor Taylor, Julie and Bradly for their service, love and commitment to this community:

- **Farewell Dinner and Roast on Saturday, May 15, 2010**, at Lake Isle Country Club (\$60 per person). Invitations were mailed out with an RSVP card. Make checks payable to: Village Lutheran Church. If you need another copy or further information, please contact Kim Rapillo in the church office (914-337-0207, x1003 or KGRAP@VLC-NY.ORG).
- **One special worship service at 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, May 16**, with Pastor Taylor preaching. Pastor Taylor has also graciously agreed to participate in the Rite of Confirmation at Village Lutheran Church on May 23.

Our Trustee Board and leadership will be working in the days to come to make sure that the many activities that Pastor Taylor coordinated are covered. We could never replace Pastor Taylor but will work diligently to make sure we are properly staffed in the interim and also for the future. Please express your appreciation to Pastor Taylor and Julie and Bradly as they follow God's leading.

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) 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.**

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 30th**, in the 7th grade classroom on the 2nd floor. Contact Deacon Ann Terenzio at 914-337-0207 x 1112 or ATERENZIO@thechapelschool.org for more information.

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.

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.

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

May 11 - Help us say good-bye to Pastor Taylor and thank him for his service to our community and learn about his call to Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Fairlawn, NJ.

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). This week, remind that special child in your life: **Look forward to tomorrow's opportunities.**

The key point of today's Sunday School lesson came from the Bible story about the choosing of the seventy-two to go and tell others about Jesus. God chose the seventy-two to serve Him in a special task (Luke 10:1-24). God places us in various callings, giving us opportunities to serve Him and share our faith with others. As a family, talk about the various callings (vacations) each of you have and discuss the opportunities God gives you in these roles to share your faith. Who in your life needs to hear about the Savior?

Special Note: There will be no Sunday School on May 16 since we will be having our special farewell service for the Taylor Family at 10:00 a.m. Volunteers are needed to provide childcare during the service; please contact the church office.

STEWARDSHIP NEWS

True love always expresses itself in action. God tells us He loves us through His deeds. What greater act of love is there than that of God, who gave His only Son to die so that we will never have to experience separation from Him? St. Paul writes, “*You were bought at a price. Therefore honor God with your body*” (1 Corinthians 6:20). Honoring God with our bodies and all He has given us is our act of love in response to His love for us.

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.

NEEDED: A GENTLY USED LAPTOP COMPUTER - Invest in the education of a teenager in Malawi! I am currently looking for a gently used laptop computer (less than 2 years old) for a teenager that I know. Her name is Charity and she has recently passes exams and was accepted to a university level certificate course in computers. This is a great accomplishment if Malawi! See the April edition Village Voices article on the educational system in Malawi for details. He family are my friends and extended many kindnesses and support to me on my trip this past summer. Contact Deacon Carol Pfizenmaier @ 914-772-5971 or carolpfiz@aol.com. Thanks & God Bless!

PARISH HEALTH NEWS

Health tip from your Parish Health Practitioner Joy Elwell - Go outside and garden! Not only does it make your landscaping pretty, but gardening also burns approximately 250 to 350 calories an hour. For optimal health benefits, garden three times a week for an hour at a time. Anything that makes you sweat - mowing the lawn, pulling weeds, hauling mulch - qualifies as exercise. Rotate tasks every 20 minutes or so to give all your major groups a workout and to avoid over straining one set of muscles.

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).

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.

CHAPEL SCHOOL NEWS

Open House for the Preschool Program will take place on **Thursday, May 13 from 1:15 - 2:15 p.m.** K - 8th grade Open House will take place on **Friday, May 14 from 9 - 10 a.m.**

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 6, 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) - 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 18th, 2010 , at 6 p.m.** at VLC in Bronxville, NY. The cost of the tickets are \$11.

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

Camp SonRise is featuring a Daddy and Me Weekend on May 7 - 9, 2010! A great chance for dads to get some quality time with the kids. Activities will include fishing time, other outdoor activities including hikes, games and campfires. \$200 per pair, \$75 for each additional child. Cost includes 2 nights' lodging in a Lodge room or the Retreat Center, six meals and programming. Appropriate licenses are required for fishing. Bring your own poles and tackle.

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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PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICES

Assisting Ministers:	5:30 p.m.	Deacon Carol Pfizenmaier
	9:00 a.m.	Deacon Faith Forliano
	10:45 a.m.	George Heath
Organist:	5:30 p.m.	Marcia Kollmann
	9:00 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.	Deborah Reiss
Lectors:	5:30 p.m.	Deacon Carol Pfizenmaier
	9:00 a.m.	Beverley Lorie
	10:45 a.m.	John Eaton
Comm. Assts:	5:30 p.m.	Volunteer
	10:45 a.m.	Lydia Chao
Youth Wor. Assts:	5:30 p.m.	Kaitlyn Gotte
	9:00 a.m.	Nicholas Clausen
	10:45 a.m.	Luke Geiling
Ushers:	5:30 p.m.	Chuck Horvath
	9:00 a.m.	Anton DeRosa, Ruth DeRosa, Mindy Warnken, Richard Graham
	10:45 a.m.	Carolyn Driessnack, Carol Raff
Altar Guild:	5:30 p.m.	Deacon Ann Terenzio
	10:45 a.m.	Deacon Faith Forliano, Deacon Carol Pfizenmaier, Deacon Intern Joan Condon
Altar Flowers:		Kim Rاپillo
Childcare:		Amy Heath
Sexton:		Hannah Geiling

NEXT WEEK IN WORSHIP

SAT., May 8, 2010	5:30 p.m. Spoken Divine Service
SUN., May 9, 2010	9:00 a.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion and Sunday School
	10:45 a.m. Worship Service and Holy Communion
LESSONS:	Acts 16:9-15
	Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5
	John 5:1-9

Stewardship Update

Amount received last week: \$5,499

Amount received to date: \$284,069

Amount needed to date: \$285,305

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

Acts 11:1-18

¹Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. ²So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, ³saying, “Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?” ⁴Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, ⁵“I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. ⁶As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. ⁷I also heard a voice saying to me, ‘Get up, Peter; kill and eat.’ ⁸But I replied, ‘By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.’ ⁹But a second time the voice answered from heaven, ‘What God has made clean, you must not call profane.’ ¹⁰This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. ¹¹At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. ¹²The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house. ¹³He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, ‘Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; ¹⁴he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.’ ¹⁵And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. ¹⁶And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, ‘John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.’ ¹⁷If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?” ¹⁸When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, “Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.”

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Revelation 21:1-6

¹Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; ⁴he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.” ⁵And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” ⁶Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.”

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

John 13:31-35

³¹When he had gone out, Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. ³²If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. ³³Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come.’ ³⁴I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. ³⁵By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.