

# † FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST †

September 5, 2010

## WELCOME TO WORSHIP

- *The order of worship for each service is indicated in the bulletin. At 5:30 and 10:45 we will use the hymnal “Lutheran Service Book” (LSB), located in the pew racks in front of you. At the 9:00 service on the Great Porch we will use “All God’s People Sing.”*
- *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./SUNDAY - 10:45 a.m.**  
Spoken Divine Service

**PRELUDE** (5:30)  
(10:45)

Arioso  
Wie schön leuchtet

- Raymond Haan  
- Johann Pachelbel

**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**

O Holy Spirit, Enter In

LSB Hymn #913

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray:

**C: O merciful Lord, You did not spare Your only Son but delivered Him up for us all. Grant us courage and strength to take up the cross and follow Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Deuteronomy 30:15-20

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**EPISTLE**

Philemon 1-21

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL**

Luke 14:25-33

P: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 14<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**

How Clear is Our Vocation, Lord

LSB Hymn #853

## **SERMON**

“Laboring for the Lord”

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: Hear us, O God;

C: **Your mercy is great.**

## **COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**OFFERING/VOLUNTARY** (5:30) Lord, Be Glorified - arr. Laura Bergquist  
(10:45) Mach’s mit mir - Johann Walther

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

(LSB Hymn #570, v. 1 & 6)

Just as I am, without one plea but that Thy blood was shed for me  
And that Thou bidd’st me come to Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.  
Just as I am; Thy love unknown has broken ev’ry barrier down;  
Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I 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. 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.**

(10:45) **DISTRIBUTION HYMN** “Come, Follow Me,” the Savior Spake **LSB Hymn #688**

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

A: Gracious God, we give You thanks for strengthening us through Your Son’s body and blood. Direct us in all our doings with Your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in You, we may glorify Your holy name and finally, by Your mercy, obtain everlasting life; 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**

Lord of All Hopefulness

**LSB Hymn #738**

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

**POSTLUDE** (5:30)  
(10:45)

Fugue in D Major a 3  
Repton

- G. F. Handel  
- John Behnke

**SUNDAY - 9:00 a.m.**  
Family Service with Holy Communion

**PRELUDE**

Simple Gifts

- Douglas Wagner

**INVOCATION and CONFESSION**

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

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

C: **Almighty God, we confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. For the sake of Jesus, our Savior, have mercy on us, forgive us, 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 forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

**OPENING HYMN**

AGPS Hymn #247

Thy Word is a Lamp

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray:

C: **O merciful Lord, You did not spare Your only Son but delivered Him up for us all. Grant us courage and strength to take up the cross and follow Him, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

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*(The Gospel is read)*

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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### CHILDREN'S BIBLE READING

“Who is Most Important?”

*Prayer:* Dear God, You said that the true leader is one who helps others. Help me to lead by loving and helping those around me. I love You, Jesus. Amen.

### HYMN OF THE DAY

Lord of the Dance

AGPS Hymn #170

### SERMON

“Laboring for the Lord”

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: Hear us, O God;

C: **Your mercy is great.**

### COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERING HYMN (sung while the offering is collected)

AGPS Hymn #148

Just As I Am

### †HOLY COMMUNION†

#### PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. Send now Your Holy Spirit into our hearts, that we may receive our Lord with a living faith as He comes to us in His life-giving body and blood.

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. (*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.

**DISTRIBUTION** (*Hymns from All God's People Sing*)

**POST-COMMUNION COLLECT**

**A:** Gracious God, we give You thanks for strengthening us through Your Son's body and blood. Direct us in all our doings with Your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in You, we may glorify Your holy name and finally, by Your mercy, obtain everlasting life; 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**

Lord of All Hopefulness

AGPS Hymn #167

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# VLC NEWS AND NOTES

**PLEASE JOIN US** after the 9:00 a.m. worship service for refreshments and fellowship. Thanks to the Fellowship Action Group for providing the refreshments.

**PRAYER LINE:** Please remember those members or friends who are hospitalized or recovering from an illness especially Agnes Anderson, Rosemarie Boecker, Lydia Chao, Opal Coker, Charlie Hunter, Justin Puccio, Eileen Smith, Linda Voelk. 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 Anthony Terenzio, father of Deacon Vic Terenzio, who passed away on August 29, 2010. The family of Denise Caruso Montaruli, daughter of Frank & Ann Caruso, who passed away on August 16, 2010. Put 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, James Evans, Chris Finocchio, Andrew Flink AFSOS, Bill Kavanagh, Nick Lion, Olivia Lion, Ben Millarch, Dan Miller, Gregory Olsen, Michael Porter, Maj. Bradley Rakov, LCDR Christopher Rakov, Brent Smith, Aaron Tiso.

## CHURCH NEWS

**RALLY DAY WEEKEND "Plus" will take place next weekend, Sept. 11-12.** Our annual start-up for Christian education is going to be enhanced this year with the addition of a special 9/11 remembrance and the installation of Pastor Minnix as Associate Pastor at VLC. Please join us in worship as we thank God for His blessings and rededicate ourselves to His mission:

**Saturday, Sept. 11** - 9/11 Remembrance at 5:30 p.m.

**Saturday, Sept. 11** - Good News Christian Coffee House at 7:00 p.m.

**Sunday, Sept. 12** - Sunday School start-up and faculty/staff installations at 9:00 & 10:45 a.m.

**Sunday, Sept. 12** - Installation of Rev. Roy Minnix as Associate Pastor at 4:00 p.m.

The next **Good News Christian Coffee House** will be held at VLC on **Saturday, September 11, 2010**, featuring HIS (Diane and Doreen). The Coffee House opens at 7 p.m. with gourmet coffee and pastries, and the concert begins at 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$10/Adults, \$5 Students. Children \$3 (ages 5-12).

**MUSIC MINISTRY** - We look forward to having all of our musical ensembles back in action and invite you to join us in making music this year. There is a group for every age level and many different ways to share your talents in worship. Come and help us praise God "With One Heart":

**Youth Choir** - Thursdays at 7:00 p.m., beginning Sept. 16

**Chancel Choir** - Thursdays at 8:00 p.m., beginning Sept. 16

**High School Choir** - Sundays at 10:15 a.m., beginning Sept. 19

**Village Bells** - Wednesdays at 7:15 p.m., beginning Sept. 29

**Village Brass** - Rehearsals TBD (contact Director George Heath)

**FaithWalk** - Rehearsals begin in October

**Wednesday Bible Study** will reconvene on **Sept. 15 at 10:45 a.m.** in the Friendship Room. We will review some of the major themes and characteristics of Isaiah and then continue with chapter 54.

A **welcome reception** will be held for Pastor Roy Minnix on **Thursday, Sept. 16 from 6 to 8 p.m.** on Stein Porch/Lawn. The reception is being sponsored by Concordia College for the entire Village Lutheran Church, Concordia College and The Chapel School Community. Please join us as we welcome Pastor Roy.

**Women's Bible Study/LWML - Begins on Saturday, September 18, 2010** and will be held the third Saturday of every month September through May from **8:30 - 10:30 a.m.** Coffee and juice will be provided. Please bring a breakfast item to share. Women worry a lot. Imagine what your life would be like without worry. With *Calm My Anxious Heart* by Linda Dillow, you can find encouragement and practical help to let go of your anxiety and experience the contentment that comes from trusting God. The book is now available for sale (\$15) from the Piano Bookstore. Please read chapter 1 for our first meeting. Join Deacon Wendy Haddad and Sharon Peterson for bible study, breakfast and fellowship. Questions, please call Deacon Wendy 914-391-9356.

**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., September 25, at 6:30 p.m.**

**Deacon training classes begin Tuesday, September 28 at 7:30 p.m.** Call Pastor Hartwell at 914-337-0207 (1022) for additional information.

**New at the Piano Honor Bookstore in the Friendship Room:** "The Boy Who Came Back from Heaven" (dvd); Reflections on the Movies; The Soul of the Lion, the Witch & the Wardrobe; Our Song: Meditations on Love and Marriage and lots of Bible Coloring Books for children. Check it out!

**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.

**Mite boxes** are like miniature Christian piggy banks. They can be filled with your loose change and the proceeds are sent off to support various mission projects. For your convenience, there are empty boxes available by the Jesus Fountain in the narthex and on the piano in the MPR. Please stop by and pick one up today, get rid of those heavy coins and bring the box back whenever you are ready. The **LWML** appreciates every contribution. God Bless!

**Lutheran World Relief Parish Project - School Kits!** We would like to supply School Kits this fall for children around the world through Lutheran World Relief's School Kit program. Haiti will be a new recipient of School Kits this year. If you can help out, please see the special bulletin insert with the shopping list of school supplies needed. This is the perfect time of year to shop with many local stores stocked with supplies at good value prices. For as little as \$10 you can get all the supplies on the list. **We will collect until the end of September.** Please place in the white bin marked SCHOOL KITS in the reception area. A sample completed kit is there for you to see. As kits are completed with hand-made cloth bags throughout the fall months, we will ship them out with the help of LWML ladies. Because these kits need machine sewn cloth bags, if you or someone you know sews, please contact Sharon Peterson ([SimpkinP@aol.com](mailto:SimpkinP@aol.com) or 914-337-3202 x 1007) for details. **A special THANK YOU** to the ladies who last Sunday stepped forward and offered to sew bags. **A thank you too** for the total of \$90 received from members to purchase school kit supplies. 12 kits were purchased. Sponsored by the VLC Women's Bible Study.

## STEWARDSHIP NEWS

**Stewardship Appeal 2010 - 2011: The Lifestyle of Faithful Stewards.** A life of stewardship is a life characterized by receiving God's grace through Word & Sacraments and then freely sharing what God has first given us. Prayerfully consider how you might live the lifestyle of a faithful steward for the praise and glory of our Lord. Bring your Commitment Form with you to church, drop it off in the church office or return it in the envelope enclosed in the Stewardship Appeal you received by mail.

Jesus said, *"The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into His harvest field"* ( Luke 10:2). Through God's grace, you are given time, talents, and resources to be His instrument here on earth. Scripture is clear that God expects and deserves your best. *"And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please Him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God"* (Colossians 1:10).

**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.

**Attention Thrivent Members:** The Thrivent GivingPlus matching gift program was recently discontinued. The Chapel School benefitted each year from the program, so this represents a sizable loss. However, there is **a new program is called "Thrivent Choice"** and directing your Thrivent Choice dollars to The Chapel School will help to make up for this loss. You can direct your Choice Dollars today by calling 1-800 THRIVENT (800-847-4836) and stating "Thrivent Choice," or online at [www.Thrivent.com/ThriventChoice](http://www.Thrivent.com/ThriventChoice). When directing dollars online, it is easy to register if you haven't done so already. Once you log in, the amount of Direct Dollars available at this time will appear in the right column. You can simply search for an entity such as "The Chapel School" and click on that link. You may also set up automatic direction of your Choice Dollars to The Chapel School or periodically direct matching dollars to The Chapel School and other Lutheran organizations (such as Concordia College or The Lutheran Counseling Center). If you have further questions, please e-mail [JvanDuyne@VLC-NY.ORG](mailto:JvanDuyne@VLC-NY.ORG) or call 914-337-0207, x1040.

## FELLOWSHIP NEWS

**New Church Family Pictorial Directory** - A directory is a very valuable tool that helps everyone to place names with faces and enhances the sense of fellowship. The Fellowship Action Group has invited Lifetouch Church Directories to produce a Church Family Album for us. Each participating family will receive a complimentary 8 x 10 portrait and a FREE Church Family Album. All we need to make our new directory a success is you! Whether you are single, a couple or family with children, please help by scheduling a sitting for the directory. Remember: The more members photographed, the more useful our directory will be. **Photos will be taken at church from Wednesday, Sept. 15 through Saturday, Sept. 18.** Outside photos may also be submitted by those unable to attend the photo shoot.

**Sign up for an appointment now (Saturdays after the 5:30 p.m. service or on Sundays after the 9 a.m. service & before and after the 10:45 a.m. service). Sign-ups will run each Saturday & Sunday until the photo date. You can also sign-up online at [www.vlc-ny.org](http://www.vlc-ny.org) and click on the link on the Home Page. Questions, call the church office 914-337-0207 x 1003.**

**Fellowship Social Luncheon on Sunday, September 26, 2010 at 12:00 p.m.** in the Multi-Purpose Room. Mix & Mingle with the leaders of our church's various ministries. We will give an overview and discuss the various ministries at VLC. For additional information contact Event Chair Chuck Horvath at [Chuck.Horvath@americas.ing.com](mailto:Chuck.Horvath@americas.ing.com) for call Morris Mayer (914) 906-3323. **Please fill out the sign-up sheet if you are interested.**

**On Sunday, October 3, 2010**, a hike is planned of all ages in the nearby Hudson Valley. We leave the church at 12:15 and will return by 6:00. Bring a lunch, shoes adequate for moderate hiking, and something to drink. Please call Dick Forliano at 914-725-8035 or e-mail him at [clancy5@optonline.net](mailto:clancy5@optonline.net) if you are interested.

### **PARISH HEALTH NEWS**

**Health tip from your Parish Health Practitioner Joy Elwell** - Are you concerned about eating eggs and salmonella? Eating eggs is safe, as long as they are cooked through. "For homemade ice cream and Hollandaise sauces, buy pasteurized eggs or liquid substitutes like Egg Beaters," recommends Arun Bhunia, Ph.D., a professor of food microbiology at Purdue University. The pasteurization process ensures that the eggs have been rapidly heated to kill all bacteria. When making egg dishes, opt for poached, hard-boiled, scrambled or over hard instead of sunny-side up.

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

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

**St. Monica's Circle** - We thank Mutiara & Morris Mayer, Ruth & Anton DeRosa, Valerie & Mark Runge, Sarah & Chris Gleason and Betty & Grant Geiling for providing meals to a family blessed with "a new addition".

**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).

### **SENIORS NEWS**

On **Tuesday, September 14** at 11:30 a.m. we will kick off the fall season with our annual picnic at the Wartburg, Mt. Vernon. Our September event is always a great way to ease back into fall activities and events after a relaxing summer. **Sign up on the tear-off sheet today or call Charlotte Vogt at 914-793-1264.**

### **SOCIAL MINISTRY NEWS**

The **Blessing Basket** collection will continue under the piano in the Friendship Room. Non-perishable items will be taken to ECAP.

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS**

There will be a **Sunday School staff meeting** on **Tuesday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m.** in the Multi-Purpose Room. **Please sign up on the tear-off sheet if you plan to attend.**

**The VLC is looking for Sunday School teachers for the fall.** Teachers Needed: Nursery 3 & 4. Teachers must be in High School or older. Contact the church office or fill out the tear-off if you would like to be contacted to serve. Call 914-337-0207 (1003).

## YOUTH NEWS

**Voyagers (3rd-6th)** - Meetings are held from 6 - 7 p.m. on Thursdays. The next meeting will be on **September 16, 2010**. Questions, call Erika (914)395-1954 or e-mail [tyandbash@aol.com](mailto:tyandbash@aol.com).

**Lifers (7th-8th) - On Thursday evening, Sept. 16 at 6 p.m.**, the Village Lutheran Church's Confirmation program will begin with a brief orientation meeting for children, parents and caregivers. It is open to all community members and provides weekly Christian education programming for students in grade 7 and 8 leading to The Rite of Confirmation (in the spring of the 8<sup>th</sup> grade year). Cost for the program is \$125 and includes a weekend winter retreat for the students (and interested parent chaperones) in January each year. Confirmation/CCD is held Thursday evenings from 6-7 p.m. Contact Kate Porter at [Kporter@VLC-NY.org](mailto:Kporter@VLC-NY.org) or at 914-337-0207 for more information.

**Crusaders (9th-12th)** - Contact [Kporter@VLC-NY.org](mailto:Kporter@VLC-NY.org) or at 914-337-0207 for more information.

**Come experience a "Taste of New Orleans"** with the Crusader youth who attended the 2010 National LCMS Youth Gathering. **See** pictures of the Gathering, **Hear** music and praise from the events. **Listen** to youth as they share memories, and **Taste** a little Cajun Cuisine. On **Saturday, September 18** from **6 - 8 p.m.** in the MultiPurpose Room. Come join us in reliving the Gathering. **Please RSVP** to [kporter@vlc-ny.org](mailto:kporter@vlc-ny.org) or on the sign-up sheet by **Sept. 5**.

**Don't miss the Crusaders encore presentation** of a "Taste of New Orleans" in all worship services the weekend of **September 25 & 26**. During the services, see for yourself the fun and fellowship that was shared by friends at the 2010 National LCMS Youth Gathering. Contact [Kporter@VLC-NY.org](mailto:Kporter@VLC-NY.org) or at 914-337-0207 for more information.

## CHAPEL SCHOOL NEWS

**Save the Date:** The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Chapel School Golf Outing on **Monday, Oct. 4, 2010** at Leewood Golf Club.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

**Eastchester Senior Citizens** Cruising on the Italian lines ship "Poesia" from New York on **Wednesday, September 22 through Saturday, October 2, 2010**. Port of calls - Sydney Canada, Prince Edward Island, Quebec, Halifax & Newport. Cabins range \$1430 - \$1880. Including cancellation insurance. Complete itinerary available at the Senior Center at Lake Isle. For more information call (914) 337-0390.

**Mill Neck Manor's Fall Harvest Festival - Saturday, October 9 & Sunday, October 10, 2010 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.** Two days of excitement over Columbus Day weekend, filled with activities and bushels of fun! Treat your family to a beautiful day on our 86-acre campus, dressed in Autumn's most gorgeous colors. For more information call (516) 922-4100 or [www.millneck.org](http://www.millneck.org).

**PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICES**

Assisting Ministers:	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	Deacon Wendy Haddad
	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	George Heath
	<b>10:45 a.m.</b>	Deacon Faith Forliano
Organist:	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	Marcia Kollmann
	<b>9:00 a.m. &amp; 10:45 a.m.</b>	Deborah Reiss
Lectors:	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	Deacon Wendy Haddad
	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Sharon Peterson
	<b>10:45 a.m.</b>	John Eaton
Children's Bible Story	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Todd Spring
Comm. Assts:	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	Deacon Betty Roberts
	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Sharon Peterson
	<b>10:45 a.m.</b>	Lydia Chao
Youth Wor. Assts:	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	Rachel Primavera
	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Alyson Schultz
	<b>10:45 a.m.</b>	Tyler Schultz
Ushers:	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	Rich Foster
	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Anton DeRosa, Ruth DeRosa, Mindy Warnken, Richard Graham
	<b>10:45 a.m.</b>	Tim Elwell, Carlette Allen, Robert Hehn, Elaine Podszus
Altar Guild:	<b>5:30 p.m.</b>	Deacon Wendy Haddad
	<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Deacon Ann Terenzio
	<b>10:45 a.m.</b>	Deacon Faith Forliano, Deacon Carol Pfizenmaier, Deacon Intern Joan Condon
Altar Flowers:		Kim Rapillo
Child Care:		Wendy Snyder
Sexton:		Molly Warnken

**NEXT WEEK IN WORSHIP - RALLY DAY WEEKEND**

<i>SAT., Sep. 11, 2010</i>	<i>5:30 p.m.</i> Divine Service and 9/11 memorial
<i>SUN., Sep. 12, 2010</i>	<i>9:00 a.m.</i> Family Service with Holy Communion and Sunday School
	<i>10:45 a.m.</i> Worship Service with Holy Communion
	<i>4:00 p.m.</i> Installation of Rev. Roy Minnix
<b>LESSONS:</b>	Exodus 32:7-14
	1 Timothy 1:12-17
	Luke 15:1-10

**Stewardship Update**

Amount received last week: \$5,872

Amount received to date: \$48,280

Amount needed to date: \$61,785

\$6,865 average weekly need to meet our 10-11 commitment

**Have you been away this summer? Please catch up your giving so we can meet our needs.**

**2010 -2011 Stewardship Pledge Report**

**62 pledges totaling \$188,485.00 Received to Date!**

Please hand your Stewardship Pledge card to the usher during the offering or you may place it in the wicker basket by the Jesus Fountain as we dedicate our commitments to God.

Additional Pledge cards are available at the Tract Rack.

### **Deuteronomy 30:15-20**

<sup>15</sup>See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. <sup>16</sup>If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. <sup>17</sup>But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, <sup>18</sup>I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. <sup>19</sup>I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, <sup>20</sup>loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### **Philemon 1-21**

<sup>1</sup>Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, <sup>2</sup>to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house: <sup>3</sup>Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>4</sup>When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God <sup>5</sup>because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. <sup>6</sup>I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. <sup>7</sup>I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother. <sup>8</sup>For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, <sup>9</sup>yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love – and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. <sup>10</sup>I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. <sup>11</sup>Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me.

<sup>12</sup>I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. <sup>13</sup>I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; <sup>14</sup>but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. <sup>15</sup>Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, <sup>16</sup>no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother – especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord. <sup>17</sup>So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. <sup>18</sup>If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. <sup>19</sup>I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. <sup>20</sup>Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. <sup>21</sup>Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

### **Luke 14:25-33**

<sup>25</sup>Now large crowds were traveling with [Jesus]; and he turned and said to them, <sup>26</sup>“Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. <sup>27</sup>Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. <sup>28</sup>For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? <sup>29</sup>Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, <sup>30</sup>saying, ‘This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’ <sup>31</sup>Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? <sup>32</sup>If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. <sup>33</sup>So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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