

† THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD †

January 10, 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 provide visitor information, member updates, or submit comments/requests to the pastors or church office, please use the sign-up sheet in the bulletin or the welcome cards in the pew racks. Church offerings 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

“Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier”

- J. S. Bach

INVOCATION and CONFESSION

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

C: Amen.

P: God of all mercy and consolation, come to the aid of Your people, turning us from our sin to live for You alone. Give us the power of Your Holy Spirit that, attentive to Your Word, we may confess our sins, receive Your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Gracious God, have mercy on us. In Your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by Your Spirit so that we may live and serve You in newness of life, to the honor and glory of Your holy name; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has had mercy upon us and has given His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgives us all our sins. To those who believe on His name He gives power to become the children of God and has promised them His Holy Spirit. Whoever believes and is baptized shall be saved. Grant this, Lord, unto us all.

C: Amen.

OPENING HYMN

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright (v. 1-3)

LSB **Hymn #395**

KYRIE

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, You anointed Jesus at His baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed Him as Your beloved Son. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in Your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

+LITURGY OF THE WORD+

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 43:1-7

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Acts 8:14-17

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

P: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 3rd 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

To Jordan's River Came Our Lord

LSB **Hymn #405**

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Patrick Bayens

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.**

OFFERING/VOLUNTARY

“Herr Gott, dich loben alle wir”

- F. Zachow

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

+LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST+

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

C: **Holy, holy, holy Lord. God of power and might. Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD and MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

P: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

C: **Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

P: Through Him, with Him, and in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is Yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever.

C: **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Let us pray with confidence to the Father, in the words our Lord gave us:

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

AGNUS DEI

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

C: **Have mercy on us.**

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

C: **Have mercy on us.**

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

C: **Grant us Your peace.**

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

C: **And also with you.**

DISTRIBUTION

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A: Almighty God, we thank You for the gift of Your Son Jesus Christ, who began His earthly work of redemption in the waters of the Jordan River. As He now meets us in the blessed sacraments of Holy Communion and Baptism, grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may recognize His presence, believe in Him with all our hearts and minds, and serve Him in newness of life all our days; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, 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

DISMISSAL

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

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

“Psalm XIX”

- Benedetto Marcello

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SUNDAY - 9:00 and 10:45 a.m.
Service of Word and Sacrament

PRELUDE

Wie schön leuchtet

- Jan Bender

ENTRANCE HYMN (*Congregation rising*)

LSB **Hymn #395**

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright (v. 1-3 and 5)

INVOCATION and REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM

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

C: **Amen.**

P: In Holy Baptism our sins are forgiven and we are granted a new life in Christ, our Lord. We solemnly renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways; we confess the gift of faith in God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Therefore, I ask you anew: Do you renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways?

C: **I do renounce them.**

P: Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?

C: **Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.**

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son?

C: **Yes, I believe 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.**

P: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

C: **Yes, 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.**

P: Is it your purpose to continue steadfast in this faith and in the promise of your Baptism and, as a member of the Church, to be diligent in the use of the means of grace and prayer?

C: **Yes, with the help of God.**

P: May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with His grace to life everlasting.

C: **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

This is a joyous, happy day; we glorify the Lord and say:

Christ is with us, joy surrounds us.

Christ takes our sin and sets us free; He makes us live eternally.

Christ is with us; Christ unites us. Praise our Maker, praise the Spirit, praise Christ Jesus.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, You anointed Jesus at His baptism with the Holy Spirit and revealed Him as Your beloved Son. Keep all who are born of water and the Spirit faithful in Your service, that we may rejoice to be called children of God; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

(9:00) YOUTH CHOIR ANTHEM

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 43:1-7

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Acts 8:14-17

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

(9:00) CHANCEL CHOIR ANTHEM

What Child is This?

- John Fenstermaker

ALLELUIA VERSE (Congregation rising)

P: Alleluia. Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. *(Isaiah 43:1)*

C: **And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with You I am well pleased." Alleluia. *(Luke 3:22)***

GOSPEL

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 3rd 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.**

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

HYMN OF THE DAY

To Jordan's River Came Our Lord

LSB **Hymn #405**

SERMON

Rev. Dr. Patrick Bayens

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

A: Lord, in Your mercy,

C: **hear our prayer.**

OFFERING/VOLUNTARY

Ermuntre dich

- Ralph C. Schultz

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY (*Congregation rising*)

(LSB Hymn #397, v. 1, 4)

As with gladness men of old did the guiding star behold;
As with joy they hailed its light, leading onward, beaming bright;
So, most gracious Lord, may we evermore be led by Thee.

Holy Jesus, ev'ry day keep us in the narrow way;
And when earthly things are past, bring our ransomed souls at last
Where they need no star to guide, where no clouds Thy glory hide.

†HOLY COMMUNION†

PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, 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. As the glory of Your presence once filled Your ancient temple, so in the incarnation of Your Son, Jesus Christ, You manifested the fullness of Your glory in human flesh. We give You thanks that in His most Holy Supper You reveal Your glory to us. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood so that we may one day behold Your glory face to face. Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

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

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

Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light
Baptized into Your Name Most Holy

LSB **Hymn #378**
LSB **Hymn #590**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A: Almighty God, we thank You for the gift of Your Son Jesus Christ, who began His earthly work of redemption in the waters of the Jordan River. As He now meets us in the blessed sacraments of Holy Communion and Baptism, grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may recognize His presence, believe in Him with all our hearts and minds, and serve Him in newness of life all our days; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, 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

Fugue

- Johann Pachelbel

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VLC NEWS AND NOTES

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Pat Carabello from Jean Riedl & family.

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

PRAYER LINE: Please remember those members or friends who are hospitalized or recovering from an illness especially Dawn Galloway, Sheila Giglio, Carroll Hanson, Lyn Hartwell, Adrienne Hiddleson, Scott James, David Just, Madison Klein, Gene Lunog, Janet Lunog, Evan Meyer, Sylvia Puig, John Rapillo, Julio Sanchez, Irmgard Schoene. 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 Martha Dodge Codman, friend of the Snyder Family, who passed away on December 27, 2009. The family of Lois Hoffmann, friend of Pastor Hartwell and singer at the Good News Coffee House, who passed away on December 24, 2009. Please share the information on the tear-off sheet in the bulletin or call the church office 337-0207 x1003

Let us continue to pray for the soldiers, Marines, airmen, sailors and special forces who put their lives in harm's way, especially Joshua Alvarado AFSOS, Maj. Daniel Cahill, Sgt. Marco Cerbone, Chris Finocchio, Andrew Flink AFSOS, Bill Kavanagh, Chris Lena, Nick Lion, Olivia Lion, Ben Millarch, Dan Miller, Maj. Bradley Rakov, LCDR Christopher Rakov, Brent Smith, Aaron Tiso.

CHURCH NEWS

VLC MUSIC MINISTRY: Many thanks to all choir members and additional musicians for enriching our Christmas season with music. Now is a perfect time to join of our groups, if you haven't done so already. **Chancel Choir** will rehearse on Thursday, Jan. 14, and sing at 9:00am on Sunday, January 17; **Youth Choir** will rehearse at 7:00pm on Thursday, Jan. 14, but will not sing on Sunday, January 17; **High School Choir** will rehearse today at 10:15am but will be off next week (January 17); **Village Brass** rehearsals will be on Tuesdays, January 19 and 26, at 6:15pm; **Village Bells** will rehearse at 7:15pm on Wednesday, Jan. 13; **FaithWalk** will rehearse on Tuesdays, January 12, 19 and 26, at 7:00 p.m. in preparation for worship on January 31.

Wednesday morning Bible Study will meet on **January 13** at 10:45 a.m. to continue with study of Isaiah 41.

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: **January 12, February 9.**

Women's Bible Study/LWML - January 16 at 8:30 a.m. Please read Chapter 5 of Slightly Bad Girls of the Bible: Using Her Wits, Rebekah the Mother. We will also be discussing a new mission project. If you are able, please bring a breakfast item to share. Questions? Call Julie Taylor, 793-9075.

PRAYER SERVICES are held regularly on the last Saturday of the month. Beginning at 6:30 p.m. (following the regular Saturday service), these brief moments for meditation & prayer offer personal prayers at the altar and the ancient tradition of anointing with oil. **The next service is Saturday, January 30, at 6:30 p.m.**

The Village Lutheran Church will host the **Good News Christian Coffee House** on **Saturday, February 13, 2010** with a special Valentine's Day concert by Diane McKoy. 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.

LISTEN TO WORSHIP WHILE TENDING TO CHILDREN - The Care Room is now equipped with remote speakers so that children and caretakers can hear what's going on in the service. There are also speakers in the Friendship Room for families who need to take upset children out for a break. You don't have to miss a thing!

Each week we will share a thought from the book, *Life's Little Book of Wisdom For Kids* (Barbour Publishing, www.barbourbooks.com). This week, remind that special child in your life: **When you have something nice to say, say it!**

LWML Mite Box Report: Mission Grant #10 has been completed thanks to all who have so generously to the Mite Box collection. The next Mission Grant to be met is #11 (Beautiful Feet). This Mission Grant will bring hundreds of college students together to learn about missions around the world, how they can be involved, and build them up to both lead mission education on their campuses and serve the Lord and Churches around the world on the mission field. Mite Boxes can be obtained in the Multi-Purpose Room on the piano. You can take home a Mite Box, fill it with loose change and return it to the big Mite Box.

The women of VLC have started a PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY. A Prayer Shawl is a soft, warm shawl, knitted or crocheted, which is given to persons who are ill, have suffered a loss, or are in the midst of a crisis. The shawl is intended to provide warmth, comfort, a "hug", and to be a reminder of God's embracing arms, which are always around us. When the prayer shawl is completed, it will be turned into the church office where it will be blessed with special prayer and delivered by the Pastors or Deacons to someone in need. Anyone that can participate by knitting or crocheting a shawl or to assist in this endeavor, please contact Shawl Coordinator, Erika Doherty, at 914-337-1080. For more information, see the pamphlets in the Tract Rack, in the Narthex of the church.

GATHERING OF FRIENDS X - Save the date & get involved! Friday, March 12, 2010. Gala Dinner and Auction benefitting Village Lutheran Church and The Chapel School. For more information or to get involved, please contact: Ellen Bryceland, Event Chair at 914-439-2911 / e-mail eobb46@gmail.com. or Jeanette Van Duyne, Development Assistant at 914-337-0207 x 1040 / e-mail jvandyne@vlc-ny.org.

Village Lutheran Church & The Chapel School Stays Green with X3 Clean! VLC/TCS is now providing alcohol-free foam hand sanitizers in all classrooms and offices, and now has wall-mount units posted throughout the building. X3 Clean is "green", but we have seen test results wherein it has proven effective against H1N1 (Swine-like flu).

SENIOR NEWS

Upcoming Seniors' Luncheons - Save the dates!

January 12 - Deacon Carol Pfizenmaier discusses her recent mission trip to Malawi, Africa..

February 9 - BINGO and Chinese Banquet.

March 9 - Rich O'Donnell, Appraiser for Eastchester shares tax issues for seniors.

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Jesus' Baptism (Luke 3:15-22) is the Bible story taught in Sunday School today. God sent the Holy Spirit at Jesus' Baptism, announcing that Jesus was God's son. At our Baptism, God makes us His children through the work of the Holy Spirit. Let your children tell you the dramatic events of this story, and share with them that because of God's wrath and anger over sin, the people were looking for a Savior. We, too, need a Savior, for God is angry with our sin. But thanks be to God, who in His mercy makes clear at Jesus' Baptism that we need look no more, for the Savior is here!

FELLOWSHIP NEWS

We welcome Deacon Intern Morris Mayer as the new head of the Fellowship Action Group and thank God for his willingness to serve in this important area. There are many ways to be part of our fellowship activities, so please consider what you might do if asked.

The next fellowship event is our annual **Super Bowl Party on February 7**. Watch for further updates and plan to join us for food, games, prizes and fun.

STEWARDSHIP NEWS

Along with the psalmist, we need to ask, "*How can I repay the Lord for all His goodness to me?*" (Psalm 116:12). Our response to God's goodness is determined by how grateful we are. If we are only slightly grateful, we express our thanks in token service and offerings. If we are very grateful, we will "*call on the name of the Lord*" (Psalm 116:13) and serve Him always and give generously. My God grant all of us hearts filled with gratitude for who God is and what He has done 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.

PARISH HEALTH NEWS

Health tip from your Parish Health Practitioner Joy Elwell - "Hearty home-made vegetable soups are great for cold days. They not only provide vitamins that aid the immune system, but these foods are also rich in antioxidants, substances known to counteract the effect on the body of free radicals (this may help to prevent some cancers)."

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.

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 has become aware of a family in need. This young family will suddenly and unexpectedly be adopting a newborn baby boy in the next few weeks from a family member who is not well. They have no baby supplies, clothes, etc. If you have baby supplies or baby clothes, up to size 18 months, that you would like to donate, please call the church office (914)337-0207 x 1003 and speak with Kim Rapillo. She will be helping to identify what is needed for this family.

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

Lutheran Counseling Center provides caring, Christian professional counseling right on our campus. Under LCC's Membership Assistance Program (MAP), VLC members & friends can access these services at the rate of only \$25 per session (for up to 4 sessions). Major health care insurance companies reimburse for LCC services and LCC uses a sliding scale. Call Pastor Hartwell at 337-0207 (1022).

CHAPEL SCHOOL NEWS

The next **Chapel School Open House** will take place on **Friday, February 5**, with a presentation for Grades K-8 at 9:00 a.m. and a Preschool presentation at 1:15 p.m. Invite families with young or elementary school-aged children to see how much The Chapel School has to offer!

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 **January 14, 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 Dtaylor@VLC-ny.org.

Crusaders (9th-12th) - **LC-MS Gathering Check Up meeting, Jan. 17** in the Lunch room at 10:30 a.m. Watch the bulletin board and our Facebook page (vlccrw10) for upcoming events! Be a part of Crusader Youth! For questions/concerns about our Crusader Youth, please contact Mindy at VLCcrw10@optonline.net.

COMMUNITY NEWS

ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A GREAT NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION... Help others learn English. The Adult Learning Center, located at 138 Centre Avenue in New Rochelle, is looking for volunteers who would be willing to give two or more hours a week teaching basic English to adult students. We will provide all books & training. No prior experience needed. **Classes begin Feb. 3, 2010**. Call Sister Eileen/Sister Mary (914)633-7298.

An Invitation to Join the District's "Stop, Drop and Pray" Team - Do you believe in God's power through prayer to dramatically increase the effectiveness of our mission and kingdom work? Are you a member of the Atlantic District Mission Society's "Stop, drop and pray" network? If not, I invite you to join our prayer team today in seeking out God's blessing and provision for all our outreach efforts. We seek to faithfully partner with the Lord in the essential work of extending the kingdom of God on earth. When you join "Stop, drop and pray," you'll receive a free weekly E-Letter reminding you to stop what you are doing and take time out to pray for specific mission projects and events throughout the District. To enroll, simply contact me at carol.mittelstaedt@ad-lcms.org or call Carol at 914-337-5700 x 6.

Village Lutheran Church members and the Chapel School families are invited to BE TRANSFORMED, at the 2010 Festival of Workshops hosted by The Atlantic District on Saturday, March 6, at Concordia College, Bronxville. The District joyfully offers this yearly day of resources in the hope that lay leaders and church workers will "BE TRANSFORMED "and re-ignited in their mission and ministry. The District's Task Forces initiated the Festival of Workshops in 2002 to provide ongoing training, resources and opportunities for networking to church members. Workshops are led by noted teachers, lecturers and recognized experts, as well as District congregational leaders who share their expertise in a broad range of ministries. The keynote speaker this year will be Mary E. Hilgendorf, Ph.D., Professor of Education, Concordia University, Wisconsin.

Here is a sampling of workshop offerings and presenters:

Fostering a Culture of Generosity: How to encourage excelling in the grace of giving, by Pastor Vic Nelson.

Your Church's Property, Workers and other Assets--and how to protect them, by Michael Jakob and Michael Colacicco.

Say Yes to No: A parenting workshop by Carol Mittelstaedt.

Websites for Churches: Why are we doing it that way?, a panel discussion by Pastors Robert Hartwell and Jonathan Priest, and Naresh Seoprasad.

A Tour of the Virtual Homepage of the Atlantic District (ad-lcms.org), tour guide, Jenn Partlow.

Other workshops will include:

The Transforming Churches Network (TCN) initiative; an overview of Vacation Bible School (VBS) ministries; House Church Planting; and Missional Worship/Worship Studies.

A complete list of workshops and registration information will be available on the home page of the District's website, www.ad-lcms.org, by mid-January. Several workshops will be offered twice during the day to give people the opportunity to attend a variety of programs that interest them. Registration is \$25 per person if received by February 19th; the fee is \$30 per person thereafter. Morning hospitality and lunch are included. For more about the Festival of Workshops, please contact Carol Mittelstaedt at carolmittel@aol.com or 914-337-5700, x 6.

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICES

Assisting Ministers:	5:30 p.m.	Morris Mayer
	9:00 a.m.	Deacon Wendy Haddad
	10:45 a.m.	George Pietarinen
Organist:	5:30 p.m.	Kevin Warnken
	9:00 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.	Deborah Reiss
Lectors:	5:30 p.m.	Patrick Durkin
	9:00 a.m.	Chris Gleason
	10:45 a.m.	Morris Mayer
Comm. Assts:	5:30 p.m.	Patrick Durkin
	9:00 a.m.	Chris Gleason, Anton DeRosa, Mark Blanco
	10:45 a.m.	Morris Mayer
Youth Wor. Assts:	5:30 p.m.	Volunteer
	9:00 a.m.	Volunteer
	10:45 a.m.	Diana Mayer
Ushers:	5:30 p.m.	Chuck Horvath
	9:00 a.m.	Ralph Schoene, Dan Chao, Robert Waldmann, John Divi
	10:45 a.m.	Mickie Hover, Carol Raff, Sylvia Essington, Ed Vidal
Altar Guild:	5:30 p.m.	Deacon Ann Terenzio
	9:00 a.m.	Molly Nagel, Marion Scaramuzzino
	10:45 a.m.	Joan Deery, Joan Condon
Altar Flowers:		Kim Rapillo
Childcare:		Amy Heath
Sextons:		Molly Warnken

NEXT WEEK IN WORSHIP

SAT., Jan. 16, 2010 5:30 p.m. Spoken Divine Service
SUN., Jan. 17, 2010 9:00 a.m. Worship Service and Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Worship Service and Holy Communion

SERMON: "Do Whatever He Tells You"
Rev. Deric Taylor, preaching

LESSONS: Isaiah 62:1-5
1 Corinthians 12:1-11
John 2:1-11

Stewardship Update

Amount received last week: \$6,259

Amount received to date: \$169,924

Amount needed to date: \$179,145

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

Isaiah 43:1-7

¹But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. ²When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. ³For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. ⁴Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life. ⁵Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; ⁶I will say to the north, "Give them up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth – ⁷everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made."

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Acts 8:14-17

¹⁴Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them.

¹⁵The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit ¹⁶(for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). ¹⁷Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

¹⁵As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."... ²¹Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²²and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.