

# WELCOME BOOKLET

2010 – 2011



**Romans 15:5-6**

## **Village Lutheran Church and The Chapel School**

### **Our Mission: "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.*

The ministry of Village Lutheran Church and The Chapel School provides a unique community that brings together a diverse group of Christian friends. It is your “second home” in Bronxville. As you learn and grow in faith here, we want you to feel comfortable with everything we provide. Please take a moment to read over the descriptions of our ministries and programs. We are blessed by what God is doing here.

As you look through this ministry guide, you will see countless opportunities to participate. We invite you to join in our ministry. The invitation is not for “someone else” – it is for you. You are a welcome part of this community, and we need you. Read this booklet over, call the contact number for any areas of interest and find your place at your “Village home.”

## *Welcome in the Name of Christ!*

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### **ALTAR GUILD**

Members of the Altar Guild serve VLC by caring for the altar cloths and other linens used during our worship services. This includes changing and/or laundering these items as needed. Altar Guild members also prepare the altar for Holy Communion, helping out with one service per month. This group requires a minimal time commitment and provides a valuable service to the church.

Contact: Joan Condon 914-420-4492

### **ALPHA**

This nationally developed ten-week course is designed to explore the larger questions of life in an informal and interactive environment. Do you wonder, or has anyone ever said to you, “What’s the point of life?” or “What really happens when we die?” Discussion is free-flowing and intended for all faiths and “unfaiths” to delve into the meaning of Christianity. Dinner and weekly fellowship included at no cost.

Contact: Deacon Timothy Elwell 914-260-4402 or [tme38@aol.com](mailto:tme38@aol.com). See also [AlphaUSA.org](http://AlphaUSA.org)

### **AUTOMATED GIVING**

A service that allows weekly or monthly giving to be automatically deposited from the donor’s bank account to the VLC. No more check writing or catching-up on offerings after missed Sundays. This service is free and easy to apply for.

Contact: TH Arndt, Bookkeeper 914-337-0207 (1004) or [TArndt@VLC-NY.ORG](mailto:TArndt@VLC-NY.ORG)

### **BIBLE CLASSES**

These classes give us an opportunity to learn more about the Word of our Lord and to share ideas and information about our faith in a friendly, informal setting.

◆ Adult Bible Class: Wednesday Mornings from 10:45 AM-12:00 Noon – This group focuses on indepth study of a complete book of the Bible (most recently Isaiah), including historical background and discussion points.

◆ Topical Bible classes and discussion groups are held during the year. Check the News and Notes in the bulletin and Village Voices for details.

Contact: Kim Rapillo, Church Secretary 914-337-0207 (1003) or [Kgrap@VLC-NY.ORG](mailto:Kgrap@VLC-NY.ORG)

### **BOOKSHOP**

The “Piano Bookshop” is an honor bookstore featuring the best in Christian books, CD’s, DVD’s and art. Located in the Friendship Room and open before and after services and any time the reception desk is staffed.

### **THE CHAPEL SCHOOL**

The Chapel School provides an excellent Christian Day School educational program for children in Preschool (age 3) through Grade 8. The school features a challenging curriculum, average class size of 15, broad scope of extra-curricular and athletic activities, Spanish program for Preschool (age 4) through Grade 8, wonderfully diverse student body, caring teachers, loving environment and an excellent fine arts program. The Chapel School is accredited by The Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools and National Lutheran Schools Accreditation. An extended CARE program is also provided for children needing supervision beyond regular school hours.

Contact: James Dhyne, Principal 914-337-3202 (1002) or [JDhyne@TheChapelSchool.org](mailto:JDhyne@TheChapelSchool.org)

Michael Schultz, Asst. Principal 914-337-3202 (1127) or [MSchultz@TheChapelSchool.org](mailto:MSchultz@TheChapelSchool.org)

Molly Nagel, Preschool Director 914-337-3202 (1008) or [MNagel@TheChapelSchool.org](mailto:MNagel@TheChapelSchool.org)

Maura Condolff, Secretary 914-337-3202 (1005) or [MCondolff@TheChapelSchool.org](mailto:MCondolff@TheChapelSchool.org)

### **COFFEE HOUR**

We enjoy a coffee hour every Sunday immediately following the 9:00 AM worship service, September - June, in the MPR. This is a great opportunity to meet new people, make friends and get involved. Families, small groups, or individuals may team up as hosts to provide light refreshments (e.g. fruit, cookies, bagels, baked goods, cheese) plus juice and milk. The Church supplies the coffee; the hosts make it. We'll set you up with an experienced partner if it's your first time, or if you desire a co-host. Sign up to help host Coffee Hour on the Fellowship bulletin board in the MultiPurpose Room.

Contact: Morris Mayer, Fellowship Chair 914-906-3323 or [Morris.Mayer@yahoo.com](mailto:Morris.Mayer@yahoo.com)

### **COFFEE HOUSE**

The Good News Christian Coffee House is held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month and features the best in live Christian music, Green Mountain Coffee and pastries. The Coffee House opens at 7 p.m. with refreshments and the concert begins at 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$10 general admission (\$5 for Seniors/Students, \$3 for Children ages 5-12).

### **CHILDREN IN WORSHIP**

The Friendship Room (the parlor across from the sanctuary) is the VLC "Cry Room" and is equipped with speakers so that a parent/guardian can bring a child who is fussy out of services and yet still hear the service. **Child care** is available for young children during the 9:00 a.m. service in the Care Room (lower level) staffed by volunteers. **Baby Changing Stations** are available in the Chapel School restrooms (1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> floors) as well as the Ladies Room opposite the MultiPurpose Room on the lower level.

### **COLUMBARIUM**

*A sepulchral vault or any other structure with recesses in the walls to receive the ashes of the dead - American College Dictionary*

The Johnson Columbarium is located on the lawn along the north wall of the sanctuary. The five low walls in a garden-like setting are designed to receive a thousand urns of ashes. The beautiful setting allows ease of access for mourners to pay their respects to their loved ones. Interment is limited to VLC parishioners and members of their families. Make pre-arrangements any time.

Contact: Pastor Robert Hartwell 914-337-0207 (1022) or [PastorH@VLC-NY.ORG](mailto:PastorH@VLC-NY.ORG)

### **COMMUNION ASSISTANTS**

Members of the congregation assist our clergy in the distribution of Holy Communion. No experience is necessary and free training sessions are held periodically.

Contact: Pastor Robert Hartwell 914-337-0207 (1022) or [PastorH@VLC-NY.ORG](mailto:PastorH@VLC-NY.ORG)

### **CONFIRMATION CLASSES**

Classes are for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders on Thursday evenings from 6-7 PM. Confirmation Instruction furthers students in Christian education and prepares them for participation in the adult life of the church. The Rite of Confirmation is held on or around Pentecost Sunday each year.

Contact: Kate Porter 914-337-0207 (1039) or [KPorter@VLC-NY.ORG](mailto:KPorter@VLC-NY.ORG)

### **COUNSELING**

The VLC is a proud member of the Lutheran Counseling Center's (LCC) Membership Assistance Program (MAP). VLC members and friends can access professional counseling 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.

Contact: Pastor Robert Hartwell 914-337-0207 (1022) or [PastorH@VLC-NY.ORG](mailto:PastorH@VLC-NY.ORG)

### **DEVELOPMENT EVENTS**

The Development Office helps to coordinate yearly fundraisers such as Harvest Home, the Auction and the Golf Outing using committees and many dedicated volunteers. These development events empower ministry by enabling programs and outreaches that we might not normally be able to provide.

Contact: Jeanette Van Duyne, Development Support 914-337-0207 (1040) or [JVanDuyne@VLC-NY.ORG](mailto:JVanDuyne@VLC-NY.ORG)

### **DIACONATE**

The Atlantic District offers training to become Deacons in the Lutheran Church. Deacons are specially trained lay men and women who share Christ in a variety of ways. Training is held during the school year at Village Lutheran Church on Tuesday evenings. Two years of coursework and an internship are required to become an Atlantic District Deacon.

Contact: Pastor Robert Hartwell 914-337-0207 (1022) or [PastorH@VLC-NY.ORG](mailto:PastorH@VLC-NY.ORG)

### **EARLY FIRST COMMUNION**

Parents/guardians of youth in the 5th-8th grade wishing their children to receive Holy Communion BEFORE the rite of Confirmation should plan to attend First Communion Classes with their children. Pastor Hartwell will lead the classes on five Wednesday evenings during the Lenten season. Those completing the classes will celebrate their First Communion as a special part of the 10:45 AM service the week before Palm Sunday. At least one (1) parent/guardian must attend the sessions with the First Communicants.

Contact: Pastor Robert Hartwell 914-337-0207 (1022) or [PastorH@VLC-NY.ORG](mailto:PastorH@VLC-NY.ORG)

### **FELLOWSHIP ACTION GROUP**

VLC members, their families, and the community have many opportunities for interaction through a variety of entertaining activities and shared meals sponsored by this dynamic church Action Group. Some of our fellowship activities have included: Summer Picnic, Family Outdoor Movie Night, Christmas Dinner, Super Bowl Party, and Easter Breakfast. Please attend upcoming events and be a part of the Action Group that makes the fellowship happen.

Contact: Morris Mayer, Fellowship Chair 914-906-3323 or [Morris.Mayer@yahoo.com](mailto:Morris.Mayer@yahoo.com)

### **FLOWERS - ALTAR & CHANCEL WALLS**

Members and guests at VLC are invited to place flowers on the altar for Sunday worship services in honor or memory of a loved one, or to the Glory of God. In the event that more than one person selects the same Sunday, flowers can also be placed on the chancel walls on either side of the pulpit and lectern. To request flowers, please sign the chart located in the narthex (next to the front door of the Church) or call the Church Office. The cost is \$35 per week.

Contact: Kim Rapillo, Church Secretary 914-337-0207 (1003) or [Kgrap@VLC-NY.ORG](mailto:Kgrap@VLC-NY.ORG)

### **FOOD PANTRY**

The VLC maintains a "Blessing Basket" in the Friendship Room to collect non-perishable food items for charity. Items that are needed at ECAP: Oatmeal, pasta, dry milk, bags of dry beans, canned soups, canned meats, canned vegetables and canned fruit in light syrup. And for the children after school: boxes of fruit juice, individual applesauce, fruits and crackers. Please leave your donations directly in the basket located under the piano.

### **HALTER LEGACY CIRCLE**

Considering the VLC or The Chapel School in estate planning is the entrance point for this dedicated fellowship of men and women who wish to continue their support of this ministry as an enduring legacy.

Contact: Jeanette Van Duyn, Development Support 914-337-0207 (1040) or [JVanDuyne@VLC-NY.ORG](mailto:JVanDuyne@VLC-NY.ORG)

### **HARVESTERS FELLOWSHIP**

A VLC-sponsored fellowship and education group for pre-seminary and professional church work students at Concordia College.

Contact: Pastor Roy Minnix 914-337-0207 (1021) or [RMinnix@VLC-NY.ORG](mailto:RMinnix@VLC-NY.ORG)

**LARGE PRINT EDITIONS** of the *Lutheran Service Book* hymnal as well as enlarged copies of the bulletin are available for each worship service. Please ask an usher for assistance.

### **LECTORS**

Lectors assist our clergy and congregation by reading the Old Testament and Epistle lessons for the day. You only need the ability to read clearly and the desire to assist in celebrating our worship service. Attending periodic training sessions as scheduled is encouraged.

Contact: Church Secretary Kim Rapillo 914-337-0207 (1003) or [Kgrap@VLC-NY.ORG](mailto:Kgrap@VLC-NY.ORG)

### **LUGO (Lutheran United for Growth and Outreach)**

Sponsored by VLC in partnership with the Atlantic District, LUGO equips the pastors and leadership of mid- to large-sized congregations to effectively share their faith and grow.

Contact: Pastor Robert Hartwell 914-337-0207 (1022) or [PastorH@VLC-NY.ORG](mailto:PastorH@VLC-NY.ORG).

### **THE LUTHERAN HOUR**

A radio program of Lutheran teaching, preaching and music may currently be heard on Sunday mornings at 8:30 a.m., station AM 970 (WNYM "The Apple"). You can also access a streaming broadcast online or download a podcast by going to [www.LHM.org](http://www.LHM.org).

### **MATCHING FUNDS**

Many community-oriented companies such as Verizon, Deutsche Bank and IBM, will match some or all of your charitable donations to the VLC and Chapel School. Ask your employer, or contact the church or school office to discover how to double or triple your gift.

### **MUSIC MINISTRY**

Our all-volunteer music ensembles serve in worship from September through June and provide opportunities for every age to praise God through music. For children, we offer Cherub Choir (Preschool-Grade 2) and Youth Choir (Grade 3-8). For teens to adults, we offer a High School Choir (Grade 9-12), Chancel Choir (SATB), FaithWalk (Contemporary Music), Village Bells and Village Brass. We also welcome solo vocalists and instrumentalists of all ages.

Contact: Deborah Reiss, Minister of Music 914-337-0207 (1018) or [DReiss@VLC-NY.ORG](mailto:DReiss@VLC-NY.ORG)

### **NEW MEMBER EXPERIENCE**

Held three times each year, this friendly and informative new-member class covers the basics of the Christian faith and helps prospective members or seekers to get to know members, prospects, pastors and the deacons of the church.

Contact: Pastor Hartwell 914-337-0207 (1022) or [PastorH@VLC-NY.ORG](mailto:PastorH@VLC-NY.ORG)

### **NURSING HOME WORSHIP SERVICE**

Join us for Sprain Brook Manor Nursing Home Worship Service at Sprain Brook Manor in Scarsdale at 2 p.m. on the 2nd Tuesday of the month.

### **PASTORAL VISITS TO THE SICK**

If you or a family member is hospitalized, please call the church office to arrange a pastoral visit. HIPAA legislation prohibits hospitals from disclosing names of those receiving care.

Contact: Church Secretary Kim Rapillo 914-337-0207 (1003) or [Kgrap@VLC-NY.ORG](mailto:Kgrap@VLC-NY.ORG)

### **PORTALS OF PRAYER**

These quarterly devotional booklets offer a short daily scripture passage with commentary and a prayer. Regular and large-print copies are available on the tract rack located in the church entrance.

### **PRAYER SERVICES**

Prayer services are held on the last Saturday of the month at 6:30 p.m. (following the regular Saturday 5:30 worship service). These quiet times of prayer and meditation feature individual prayers at the altar and anointing with oil.

### **PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY**

Do you like to crochet or knit? You can create a comforting prayer shawl to be given to persons who are ill, have suffered a loss, or are in the midst of a crisis. Find specific instructions on the pamphlet in the tract rack located in the church entrance.

Contact: Erika Doherty 914-337-1080

### **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT SCHOOL**

The Chapel School and Concordia College work together in a partnership that enhances the academic excellence of both institutions.

Contact: James Dhyne, Principal 914-337-3202 (1002) or [JDhyne@TheChapelSchool.org](mailto:JDhyne@TheChapelSchool.org)

### **PROPERTIES ACTION GROUP**

If you are handy with building and grounds projects, this is the place for you. This group helps to oversee specific repair and maintenance needs as well as volunteer projects throughout the facility.

Contact: Michael Schultz, Facilities Manager 914-337-3202 (1127) or [MSchultz@TheChapelSchool.org](mailto:MSchultz@TheChapelSchool.org)

### **REBATE PROGRAM**

VLC and Chapel School Rebate Program - DeCicco Market Place, 505 New Rochelle Rd., Bronxville. When you check out at the register simply say, "Please put my total towards the Village Lutheran Church Rebate Program." Each month DeCicco's will write a check to the VLC. It doesn't cost us or the shopper anything.

### **RECYCLING PRACTICE**

Recycling bins are available throughout the facility for collection of paper and co-mingled plastics, glass and metals. Please be sure to throw recyclable materials in these containers rather than in the regular garbage, following these guidelines: (1) Paper must be clean. Please do not throw food items or sticky items in the recycling bin. Do include old bulletins, unwanted mail, scrap paper, magazines, newspaper and the like. (2) Plastics must be food grade No. 1 or 2 (look for the number in a triangle). Grade 3 and higher may be thrown in the regular garbage. (3) Containers must be emptied & rinsed. Clean glass, plastic & metal may be placed in co-mingle recycling containers. Thank you for helping us to be good stewards of God's earth!

In addition, inkjet cartridges are recycled for the sake of the environment. VLC receives a cash donation for each cartridge received. A collection box is at the School Entrance and in the Friendship Room.

### **RESTROOMS**

Available on each floor in the education building. Additionally, a unisex bathroom is adjacent to the reception desk in the reception area. A men's room is available at the back of the church half-way down the south stairwell and a women's bathroom is located down the stairs from the back of church opposite the Multi-Purpose Room. Baby-changing stations are included in the women's bathrooms.

### **SENIORS**

This group offers monthly fellowship opportunities for men and women of retirement age. The seniors meet on the second Tuesday of each month (except July and August) to socialize, enjoy a catered lunch and hear a guest speaker. Some months also feature an off-campus activity such as shopping in the Poconos. VLC members are welcome to bring non-member friends. Residents of Lohman Village (Wartburg, Mt. Vernon's Retirement Community) also regularly participate in these activities.  
Contact: Charlotte Vogt 914-793-1264

### **SOCIAL MINISTRY**

The Social Ministry Action Group provides caring support to members of the congregation and acts as an outreach arm to charitable and service organizations in the local and global communities. Ongoing projects include non-perishable food collection benefiting ECAP (Eastchester Community Action Program) and food pantries in Mt. Vernon and Yonkers; eyeglass collection for The Gift of Sight, and coat drives, as well as seasonal projects such as Easter Baskets for underprivileged children. Special projects extend to supporting congregational members as missionaries.  
Contact: Trustee Kathy Gerber 914-713-4883 or Deacon Carol Pfizenmaier 914-772-5971

### **SOUP KITCHEN**

Continue with the spirit of giving by feeding God's hungry children at a New Rochelle soup kitchen. Volunteer "Angel Cooks" needed to provide a portion of a meal once a month. Easy entrees (selected by the soup kitchen), or frozen veggies or salad & salad dressing - once a month. For your convenience, items can be dropped off at the VLC.  
Contact: Marion Scaramuzzino at 914-961-9462

### **ST. MONICA'S CIRCLE** (Meal service for new births/adoptions)

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 when your child is expected to come home, so that we may coordinate volunteers. If you would be willing to serve as a volunteer, please also contact the church office.  
Contact: Kim Rapillo, Church Secretary 914-337-0207 (1003) or [Kgrap@VLC-NY.ORG](mailto:Kgrap@VLC-NY.ORG)

### **STEWARDSHIP**

What are those offering envelopes for?? Sunday worship, Wednesday Bible studies, the Chapel School, fellowship opportunities, mission projects, Sunday School, glorious music and more are the blessings we receive with our membership at VLC. These blessings are supported by your generous and voluntary offerings, given with grateful hearts and the knowledge that everything we have is a gift from our loving Father. We invite you to prayerfully consider what part of your financial resources may be given to the Lord's work and ask that you establish that offering as a regular part of your household bookkeeping.

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

The mission of the VLC Sunday School is "to nurture the faith development of our children as they learn about God and His grace and love for them". We are "to make disciples of all nations, teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you" (Matt. 28:19-20). Our program on Sunday mornings is for children from age 3 through Grade 6. Classes run from September, the first Sunday after Labor Day, through June. Teens and adults who enjoy working with children are encouraged to serve as a team teacher or assistant.

#### Preschool (age 3) - Grade 2

Class is from 9:00 AM - 10:15 AM. During this time there is an opening worship, lesson and activities, and singing with the Cherub Choir (who sing about 5 times each year in Church).

#### Grades 3-6

Children participate in the 9:00 AM worship service and are dismissed after the Children's Message (at about 9:20 AM) for Sunday school. Their Sunday school classes meet until 10:15 AM.

All children are encouraged to participate in our Memory Work Program, which is to be done at home with parents. Selections include Bible verses, hymn verses, prayers and parts of Luther's Small Catechism. During the year, children also participate in a special Christmas service and other activities such as mission projects, making cards for shut-ins and celebrating baptismal birthdays.

There is also a Cradle Roll program for children, newborn to age 3. Birthday cards and devotional materials are mailed to the children and their parents. This program is for children baptized at the VLC and newborn to age 3 children joining our church after baptism.

Contact: Superintendent Lilann Skeckowski 914-779-2360

### **TRACT RACK**

Located in the church entrance, between the wooden doors and the stairway, this is the place to find general church information, copies of both in-house and external publications, brochures and pamphlets on specific topics such as baptism, addiction, bereavement and the like, plus devotional materials. Please help yourself to these resources or take them to those who may be in need.

### **TRANSPORTATION MINISTRY**

Volunteers are needed to transport homebound VLC members, or other members who for various reasons are unable to attend church services. This ministry can be of great value to our elderly homebound members who desire to attend service and re-connect with fellow VLC members.

Contact: Deacon Victor Terenzio 914-667-4035 or [VTerenzio@me.com](mailto:VTerenzio@me.com)

### **USHERS**

Ushers assist in our worship services by greeting the congregation, distributing the weekly bulletin, collecting the offering and assisting during the celebration of Holy Communion. Ushers participate in one worship service once per month. We are always looking for new participants!

Contact: Head Ushers Mickie Hover (914) 592-4595 and William Vogt 914-793-1264

### **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

Vacation Bible School is offered each summer at VLC to children entering grades K-6. Classes feature games, arts and crafts, snacks, music, group Bible study, fellowship and lots of laughter. Volunteers of all ages, from teens (entering 7th grade) through seniors, are needed to lead and assist with small groups and special activities.

Contact: Deacon Ann Terenzio 914-337-0207 (1112) or [ATerenzio@TheChapelSchool.org](mailto:ATerenzio@TheChapelSchool.org)

### **VETERANS**

Village Lutheran Church is proud to honor our members who have served or are currently serving our country through the military. So that we might have accurate records, please provide years and type of service. May God bless our men and women in military service.

Contact: Kim Rapillo, Church Secretary 914-337-0207 (1003) or [Kgrap@VLC-NY.ORG](mailto:Kgrap@VLC-NY.ORG)

### **VILLAGE VOICES**

Village Voices is a monthly newsletter of events and happenings. Copies are mailed to each member family and also sent home with each Chapel School student. Additional copies of the current issue are available on the tract rack located in the church entrance. If you want to be added to the mailing list, please contact the church office. News and articles are normally due around the middle of the month prior to publication and should be submitted via e-mail to the editor.

Contact: Kim Rapillo, Church Secretary 914-337-0207 (1003) or [Kgrap@VLC-NY.ORG](mailto:Kgrap@VLC-NY.ORG)

Tricia McGinnis, Editor 914-779-3799 or [Tkmcg02@verizon.net](mailto:Tkmcg02@verizon.net)

### **VOTERS' ASSEMBLY**

All communicant members of the congregation who are 18 years and older are eligible to be voting members regarding matters affecting church policy. In order to vote you must attend two meetings of the Voters' Assembly. You may vote upon attendance at your second meeting. Voters' meetings are held quarterly and on an as-needed basis. Every member's voice is important. Meetings are announced in the Sunday bulletin. Please join us!

Contact: President, Board of Trustees, George Pietarinen 914-793-2359

### **WATER FOUNTAINS**

Water fountains are available on the first and second floors of the education facility across from the restrooms. On the ground level, there is a water cooler in the kitchen and water fountains next to the lunch room.

### **WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY/LWML**

The Women's Bible Study meets on the third Saturday of the month from 8:30am-10:30am, September to May. It is a time to nourish the body, soul and spirit, as we share breakfast items, fellowship and study God's Word. During this time we also conduct LWML (Lutheran Women's Missionary League) business. The LWML is a national organization whose mission is assisting each woman of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod in affirming her relationship with the Triune God so that she is enabled to use her gifts in ministry to the people of the world. We conduct several mission projects each year, collect mite box money for missions, and participate in local LWML rallies, retreats, and conventions.

Contact: Deacon Wendy Haddad 914-722-6072 or [WAFH3273@aol.com](mailto:WAFH3273@aol.com)

Sharon Peterson 914-668-4913 or [SimpkinP@aol.com](mailto:SimpkinP@aol.com)

### **WORSHIP SERVICES**

Our worship schedule includes three services per weekend throughout the year:

**Saturday 5:30 PM** Evening Anticipatory Mass: A weekly Communion Service with hymns and organ music.

**Sunday 9:00 AM** Family Worship:

A variety of service formats utilizing the liturgies in *Lutheran Service Book* as well as specially designed services and choir participation. Communion is offered on the 2nd and 4th Sundays. Summer informal worship is held on the Great Porch.

**Sunday 10:45 AM** Divine Worship: A traditional Communion service utilizing *Lutheran Service Book*.

We also hold a number of additional seasonal midweek services, including Advent, Lent and Holy Week, Ascension and Thanksgiving. Special holiday service times will be announced in the bulletin and in Village Voices.

## YOGA

Yoga is held on Mondays at 7 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room, September through June. Drop in. Cost \$10 per session.

Contact: Deacon Faith Forliano 914-725-8035.

## YOUTH GROUPS

The Village Lutheran Youth Program is about "Building our Future!" The VLC Youth Group welcomes all Voyager (3rd –6th Grade), Lifer (7th –8th grade) and Crusader (9th -12th grade) Youth and their focus is three-fold: explore faith, serve others, and have fun. Watch the Youth Board for meeting and activity dates and times. Friends are ALWAYS welcome.

Voyager Youth Leader: Erika Schultz

Lifer Youth Leader: Kate Porter

Crusader Youth Leader: Kate Porter

Call the Church Office for more information. 914-337-0207 (1003)

## YOUTH WORSHIP ASSISTANTS (Order of St. Philip)

Youth in Grades 6-12 are trained to assist worship by carrying the cross or the torches and by helping with Communion distribution as a part of the Order of St. Philip.

Contact: Cantor George Heath 914-337-0207 (1012) or [GHeath@VLC-NY.ORG](mailto:GHeath@VLC-NY.ORG)

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## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The Board is elected by the Voting Members of the VLC to attend to the daily business and prepare for the future direction of the Church and Chapel School. Each of the Trustees is responsible for coordinating a specific aspect of Church life.

Contact: President George Pietarinen 914-793-2359

### Executive Committee

George Pietarinen – PRESIDENT

Louis Albano - VICE PRESIDENT

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Eileen Wilkinson – SECRETARY

James Dhyne - PRINCIPAL

Rev. Dr. Robert Hartwell - PASTORAL

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Marion Scaramuzzino

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\*Advisory

# MINISTRY PARTNERS

## **ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS** (Bronxville Women's Group)

Alcoholics Anonymous is a group for women who have had a drinking problem. It is nonprofessional, self-supporting, nondenominational, multiracial, and apolitical. There are no age or education requirements. Membership is open to anyone who wants to do something about her drinking problem. Meets Mondays at 7:30 p.m. at the VLC.

Contact: <http://www.alcoholics-anonymous.org>

## **ATLANTIC DISTRICT OFFICES**

The Village Lutheran Church is part of the Atlantic District of the Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod. The Atlantic District includes 101 congregations and 66 Lutheran schools up and down the Hudson River, including the five boroughs of New York City and Long Island. The District offices are located on the campus of Concordia College. Rev. Dr. David Benke, president of the District, and his staff handle all mission work and the ministries associated with these schools and churches.

Contact: President David Benke 914-337-5700 or <http://www.ad-lcms.org>

## **CONCORDIA COLLEGE**

Since its founding on the Concordia campus, Village Lutheran Church has enjoyed a very special relationship with this excellent Christian liberal arts college located directly across White Plains Road. Concordia graduates practice their craft at Chapel School and in our worship services; our children use the Concordia gym, library and other facilities.

Concordia is a 4-year liberal arts college that offers a number of services and opportunities to our community including concerts, lectures, book reviews, tennis and fitness club memberships and strong cooperation of numerous community organizations.

Contact: Concordia College 914-337-9300 or go to <http://www.concordia-ny.edu>

## **THE TREE HOUSE**

The Tree House is a volunteer-led grief support group sponsored by the Bereavement Center of Westchester that is geared for children coping with the death of a parent, sibling, guardian or other loved one.

Contact: Patricia Donovan-Duff, The Bereavement Center of Westchester (BCW), 914-961-2818.

## **THE WARTBURG, MT. VERNON**

The Wartburg Home of the Evangelical Lutheran Church is an expression of God's love for the elderly and their families. The Wartburg ministers to its residents and the elderly of surrounding communities by providing a full range of high quality services which promote maximum health and well being.

Wartburg programs include: 1) Lohman Village, independent but supported townhome community for active seniors; 2) Meadowview Assisted Living with memory care wing; 3) The Waltemade Health Care Center and Pavilion, which provides skilled nursing care and sub-acute care and rehabilitation after surgery or illness for those who need round-the-clock services; 4) Respite Care, for persons cared for at home whose caregivers need temporary relief; 5) Adult Day Health Care, offering social and medical programs for seniors who live within a 6-mile radius who come to the Wartburg campus for activities and therapies; 6) Long Term Home Health Care, with various kinds of assistance and therapy for medically eligible persons in their own homes and a licensed home care agency to provide help and support with activities of daily living.

The VLC and the Wartburg are a part of the Parish Health Partnership that provides on-going support and education.

Contact: (914) 699-0800 and ask to be connected to the office for the program(s) in which you are interested or visit <http://www.TheWartburg.org>



## Map and Directions

VLC is located at 172 White Plains Road/Route 22 in the Village of Bronxville, Town of Eastchester, Westchester County, north of Mount Vernon and south of Scarsdale and Tuckahoe.

### *From New York City, New Jersey and Upstate New York:*

Take the New York State Thruway (Major Deegan Expressway/Route 87) to the Cross County Parkway.  
Go east to exit 8, Route 22/North Columbus Avenue. The church is located 1.4 miles north.

### *From Long Island*

Take the Hutchinson River Parkway (off the New England Thruway) north to exit 13, Cross County Parkway. Continue on the Cross County Parkway to Exit 8, Route 22/North Columbus Avenue. At the end of the ramp, turn left onto Route 22.  
The church is located 1.4 miles north.

### *From Connecticut*

Take the Merritt Parkway to the Hutchinson River Parkway south to Exit 18 W, Mill Road.  
At the end of the ramp, turn right onto Mill Road and continue 0.7 miles to Route 22/White Plains Road.  
Turn left onto White Plains Road. The church is located one mile south.

# our core values



## *Faith Values*

- *We value the lost coming to faith and the faithful strengthened through the Word and the Sacraments.*
- *We value our Lutheran heritage of grace alone, faith alone and scripture alone.*

## *Life Values*

- *We value high quality worship in diverse forms.*
- *We value high quality Christian education and relevant preaching.*
- *We value faithful stewardship of time, talents and financial resources.*
- *We value lay leadership in ministry, especially the service of women.*
- *We value the care of body, mind and spirit.*
- *We value social justice and helping others.*

## *Community Values*

- *We value our strong commitment to the communities we serve: (the Bronx, Southern Connecticut, Upper Manhattan and lower Westchester County).*
- *We value our partnership with the Atlantic District staff and with the congregations, schools and ministries that the District serves.*
- *We value our partnership with Concordia College as an institution and with the students, faculty and staff.*

**VILLAGE LUTHERAN CHURCH AND THE CHAPEL SCHOOL**  
**172 White Plains Road, Bronxville, NY 10708**

**Church Phone: (914) 337-0207    School Phone: (914) 337-3202**  
**Fax: (914) 771-9711**

**24 Hour Phone Service:** Call (914) 337-0207...then touch: 5 then 1 for driving directions; 5 then 2 for service times; 5 then 3 for holiday service times; 5 then 4 for devotional thought; and 6 for weather closing information.

**[www.VLC-NY.org](http://www.VLC-NY.org)**  
**[www.TheChapelSchool.org](http://www.TheChapelSchool.org)**

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## **Church and School Staff**

**SENIOR PASTOR - Rev. Dr. Robert Hartwell (ext. 1022)**  
**ASSOCIATE PASTOR - Rev. Roy Minnix (ext. 1021)**  
*Rev. Dr. James C. Zwernemann, Pastor Emeritus*

### ***SCHOOL ADMINISTRATION***

**James Dhyne**, Principal (ext. 1002)  
**Michael Schultz**, Asst. Principal/Facilities Mgr.  
(ext. 1127)  
**Molly Nagel**, Preschool Director (ext. 1008)

### ***MUSIC STAFF***

**Deborah Reiss**, Minister of Music, Organist,  
Director (ext. 1018)  
**George Heath**, Cantor, Director (ext. 1012)  
**Elizabeth Geiling**, Cherub Choir Director  
**Marcia Kollmann**, Associate Organist (ext. 1012)  
**Kevin Warnken**, Associate Organist

### ***YOUTH LEADERSHIP***

**Erika Schultz**, Minister to Voyager Youth  
**Kate Porter**, Minister to Lifer & Crusader Youth  
(ext. 1039)

### ***DEACON STAFF***

**Joan Condon**, Deacon Intern  
**Timothy Elwell**, Deacon  
**Faith Forliano**, Deacon  
**Wendy Haddad**, Deacon  
**Morris Mayer**, Deacon Intern  
**Carol Pfizenmaier**, Deacon  
**Betty Roberts**, Deacon  
**Ann Terenzio**, Deacon  
**Victor Terenzio**, Deacon

### ***PARISH HEALTH***

**Dr. Joy Elwell**, Parish Nurse Practitioner

### ***BUSINESS/FINANCIAL PLANNING***

**Th. Arndt**, Bookkeeper (ext. 1004)  
**William O'Doherty**, Planned Giving Officer

### ***ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT STAFF***

**Kim Rapillo**, Church Secretary (ext. 1003)  
**Jeanette Van Duyne**, Development Office  
(ext. 1040)

**Maura Condolff**, School Secretary (ext. 1005)  
**Donna Accatino**, Business Office Asst. (ext. 1004)