

† FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT †

November 29, 2009

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.*
- *Welcome cards are available in the pew rack to assist you in providing information, such as new or updated addresses and phone numbers, prayer requests or other comments or questions, to the pastors or church office. Church offerings and welcome cards 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

Aus meines Herzens Grunde

- J. G. Walther

INVOCATION and CONFESSION

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

C: Amen.

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name.

C: Amen.

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

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 have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

C: Amen.

ADVENT KYRIE

P: The Spirit and the Church cry out:

C: Come, Lord Jesus.

P: All those who await His appearance pray:

C: Come, Lord Jesus.

P: The whole creation pleads:

C: Come, Lord Jesus.

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

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

BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

P: Lord, our God, we praise You for Your Son, Jesus Christ. He is Emmanuel, the hope of all peoples; He is the wisdom that teaches and guides us; He is the Savior of every nation. O God, let Your blessing come upon our community gathered here before You. May the light symbolized by the Advent Wreath illumine our lives as we journey towards Christmas and wait in hope for the coming of the Christ-child. We ask this through Christ, who is the Light of the World.

C: Amen.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come. Protect us by Your strength and save us from the threatening dangers of our sins; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

+LITURGY OF THE WORD+

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Jeremiah 33:14-16

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL

Luke 21:25-36

P: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 21st 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

Arise, O Christian People

LSB Hymn #354

SERMON

“The Bloated Heart”

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: For...

C: **Come, O Lord, and save us.**

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 all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. You comforted Your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom You will also make all things new in the day when He comes to judge the world in righteousness. 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.**

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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

(10:45) Renew Me, O Eternal Light

Love in Christ is Strong and Living

LSB Hymn #703

LSB Hymn #706

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A: God for whom we wait, in this meal You give us a foretaste of that day when the hungry will be fed with good things. Send us forth to make known Your deeds and to proclaim the greatness of Your name; 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

The Advent of Our King

LSB Hymn #331

DISMISSAL

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

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

POSTLUDE

St. Thomas

- Healey Willan

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Open the Eyes of My Heart

- Paul Baloche

Open the eyes of my heart, Lord, open the eyes of my heart; I want to see You.

To see You high and lifted up, shining in the light of Your glory.

Pour out Your pow'r and love as we sing, "Holy, holy, holy."

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INVOCATION and PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*Congregation rising*)

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

C: **Amen.**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You and worthily magnify Your holy name.

C: **Amen.**

ADVENT VERSICLES

P: Blessed is He who comes as king, who comes in the name of the Lord.

C: **Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.**

P: I will hear what the Lord God has to say –

C: **a voice that speaks for peace.**

P: Peace for all people and for His friends

C: **and those who turn to Him in their hearts.**

P: His help is near for those who fear Him,

C: **and His glory will live in our land.**

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BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

P: Lord, our God, we praise You for Your Son, Jesus Christ. He is Emmanuel, the hope of all peoples; He is the wisdom that teaches and guides us; He is the Savior of every nation. O God, let Your blessing come upon our community gathered here before You. May the light symbolized by the Advent Wreath illumine our lives as we journey towards Christmas and wait in hope for the coming of the Christ-child. We ask this through Christ, who is the Light of the World.

C: **Amen.**

OPENING HYMN

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

LSB Hymn #411

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come. Protect us by Your strength and save us from the threatening dangers of our sins; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

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PSALMODY (from Psalm 99)

P: The Lord reigns, let the nations tremble; He sits enthroned between the cherubim, let the earth shake.

C: Great is the Lord in Zion; He is exalted over all the nations.

P: Let them praise Your great and awesome name – He is holy.

C: The King is mighty, He loves justice – You have established equity; in Jacob You have done what is just and right.

P: Exalt the Lord our God and worship at His footstool; He is holy.

C: Exalt the Lord our God and worship at His holy mountain, for the Lord our God is holy.

PSALM SONG

He is Exalted

- Twila Paris

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high: I will praise Him.

He is exalted, forever exalted, and I will praise His name.

Jesus is Lord, forever His truth shall reign;

Heaven and earth rejoice in His holy name.

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high. *(Repeat all)*

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GOSPEL (Congregation rising)

Luke 21:25-36

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 21st chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord.

(The Gospel is read)

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

(Children and teachers in Grades 3-6 go to their Sunday School classes)

SERMON

“The Bloated Heart”

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: For...

C: **Come, O Lord, and save us.**

OFFERING/VOLUNTARY

More Love, More Power

- Jude Del Hierro

More love, more power, more of You in my life.

And I will worship You with all of my heart,

and I will worship You with all of my mind;

and I will worship You with all of my strength, You are my Lord.

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COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS**OFFERTORY** *(Congregation rising)*

Create in Me

(LSB Page 192)

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from Thy presence, and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation, and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.

COLLECT FOR THE CHURCH

P: Almighty God, grant to Your Church Your Holy Spirit and the wisdom which comes down from above, that Your Word may not be bound but have free course and be preached to the joy and edifying of Christ’s holy people, that in steadfast faith we may serve You and in the confession of Your name abide unto the end; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

LORD’S PRAYER

P: Taught by our Lord, and trusting in His promises, we are bold to pray:

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

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

The Advent of Our King

LSB Hymn #331

SILENT MEDITATION (*Congregation seated*)

POSTLUDE

St. Thomas

- Healey Willan

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VLC NEWS AND NOTES

FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Hans Hover on his 74th Birthday from his wife Mickie.

FLOWERS ON THE CHANCEL WALL are given to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Steve Fertile from his good friend Johanna Kmetz.

The church will soon be decorated for the Christmas season. Poinsettias may be purchased and placed on the altar and chancel walls for **December 6, 13 and 20. The cost of the poinsettias are \$22.00.** We would appreciate it if those who sponsor flowers during this time allow the plants to remain in the church throughout the Christmas season. If you're interested in sponsoring poinsettias, please sign up on the flower chart located in the narthex. **The Great Porch is also traditionally adorned with Christmas wreaths.** If you're interested in sponsoring a wreath, please contact Kim Rapillo in the church office, 337-0207, ext. 1003.

Additional volunteers are needed as coffee hour hosts. Please sign up on the calendar schedule hanging on the Fellowship bulletin board in the Multipurpose Room. Pair with another friend/family and help us share time together as a church community.

PRAYER LINE: Please remember those members or friends who are hospitalized or recovering from an illness especially Morgan Bielemeier, Donna Davis, Sheila Giglio, Lyn Hartwell, Scott James, David Just, Irene Krolides, Gene Lunog, Janet Lunog, Ellen Mittler, Mark Pfizenmaier, Carol Pietarinen, Frank Raygada, Jeanne Raygada, Dottie Schriever. 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 John Spring, who passed away on November 1, 2009. The family of Rita Rapillo, mother-in-law of Kim Rapillo, who passed away on November 13, 2009. The family of Ruth Reichelt, who passed away on November 14, 2009. The family of Steve Fertile, friend of Johanna Kmetz, who passed away on November 21, 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, Dan Miller, Maj. Bradley Rakov, LCDR Christopher Rakov, Brent Smith.

CHURCH NEWS

Today a Pastor's Discretionary Fund Offering is received. The Discretionary Fund allows our Pastors to reach out with the love of Christ in the name of our congregation as needs arise. With the present economy, we have seen a rise in people from our community and our own congregation who need a little assistance to make it through these times. If God has blessed you, won't you consider a gift to the Discretionary Fund? Use the "**Love Offering**" envelope. Gifts of any size are appreciated and help us to share the Love of Christ.

VLC MUSIC MINISTRY: Preparations are in full swing for the Advent and Christmas season. We welcome in new or returning members and encourage you to join us for this special time of year. **Chancel Choir** will rehearse on Thursday, Dec. 3, at 8:00pm and sing at the 9:00am service on Dec. 6; **Youth Choir** will rehearse on Thursday, Dec. 3, at 7:00pm and sing at the 9:00am service on Dec. 6; **High School Choir** will rehearse on Sunday, Dec. 6, at 10:15am; **Village Brass** rehearses Tuesdays at 6:15pm and will prepare for the Dec. 20 Round-the-Table Carol Sing; **Village Bells** will rehearse on Wednesday, Dec 2, at 7:15pm and ring in worship on Dec. 6; **FaithWalk** will resume after Christmas; watch for further updates.

Wednesday morning Bible Study will meet on **December 2** at 10:45 a.m. We will be finishing chapters 38 and 39 of Isaiah.

Help the Hungry at Christmas! Want to help at a local soup kitchen or food pantry this holiday season. See the list of agencies on the tract rack by the church entrance.

The women of VLC have started a PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY. 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.

HOLIDAY MUSICAL - We are pleased to inform you that Abby Geiling, Hannah Geiling, Luke Geiling, Claire Horvath, Rose McClelland, Meghan Jahnke, Alyson Schultz, Bradly Taylor and Molly Warnken, members at the Village Lutheran Church, are participating in Concordia Conservatory's 10th Annual Holiday Musical, "Ten Years of Holiday Magic" (find more details in the Community News section).

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, December 26, at 6:30 p.m.**

Join us for monthly worship at Sprain Brook Manor Rehabilitation in Scarsdale. Services are normally held at 2:00 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month. Future services: **December 8, January 12. Volunteers are needed on Tuesday, December 8** to help pass out Christmas Stockings to the residents. We will also be collecting Christmas Stockings filled with candy and items that a senior might enjoy. Donations should be made prior to **Sunday, December 6.**

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: **Don't ever be afraid, because God promises to protect you and love you always.**

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 Village Lutheran Church will host the **Good News Christian Coffee House** on **Saturday, December 12, 2009** with music by Servants of the Shepherd. 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.

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 will soon have 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).

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

On this last Sunday of the fall quarter, Sunday School students study “Esther.” In the actions of Esther, we see the pattern of deliverance that God sketches throughout the story of Israel, a pattern that finds its fulfillment in Jesus, our Savior. *Consider discussing, “How did Esther preserve the Jewish people? Why is the story of Esther important?”*

The Sunday School Christmas Pageant rehearsal will take place on **Saturday, December 12 from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. (note the new time!)**, and the Pageant will be on **Sunday, December 13 at the 9:00 a.m.** service. **The Cherub Choir** will participate in the Pageant and also sing on **Thursday, December 24 at the 5:00 p.m.** service. Please have the children arrive 15 minutes early to rehearse. We will meet in the school reception area. Questions, call Betty Geiling at 914-772-5589.

SENIORS NEWS

Help us celebrate the birth of the Christ Child with a lovely Christmas lunch and special music by The Chapel School children singing Christmas favorites on **Tuesday, December 8**. Wear red and bring a friend for a beautiful holiday tradition. Doors open at 11:30am with lunch at 12noon and the children’s music at 12:45pm.

SOCIAL MINISTRY NEWS

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

OPERATION BARNABAS - Chaplain Alexander Knowles, brother of Voyager Youth Group leader Erika Schultz, was featured in an article about the LCMS Operation Barnabas congregational program to provide support for military and veterans’ families. The article was published in the November 2009 edition of the Lutheran Witness, and copies are available on the tract rack. God bless Chaplain Knowles, his family and all our veterans and active duty military.

FELLOWSHIP NEWS

Church Decorating - The annual decorating party will take place **THIS WEEKEND at 12:00 noon on Sunday** (right after the 10:45 service). A sandwich lunch will be provided, and we ask you to bring along either a soft drink (soda, tea, water) or your favorite Christmas Cookies/Treats to share. Even if you did not sign up in advance, please join us and get in the holiday spirit!

The annual VLC Holiday Feast will be held on **Sunday, December 20**. Due to a scheduling glitch at Siwanoy, we have found a wonderful new host, the **New York Athletic Club, Shore Road, Pelham Manor, NY.** (914) 738-2700. Commencing right after the “Round-the-Table Carol Sing,” there will be appetizers at 12:30 pm with lunch served at 1:15 p.m. The cost is \$40 per person and reservations are required. Make your reservations by filling out the tear-off, or contacting the church office at 914-337-0207, x1003.

STEWARDSHIP NEWS

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.

PARISH HEALTH NEWS

Health tip from your Parish Health Practitioner Joy Elwell - With Advent, Christmas and New Years coming upon us, there will be plenty to eat and drink. Avoid heavier foods and drink; substituting salads for heavy foods and white wine (or club soda!) for egg nog may help keep the holidays healthier.

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. We ask for your help in the following ways:

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

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

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, December 4**, 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!

Christmas Concerts - The students have been busy preparing their programs. Come and hear them share the Christmas story through music:

Monday, Dec. 7 - Kindergarten Program - 7:00pm in the MultiPurpose Room

Tuesday, Dec. 8 - Band and Grade 6-8 Choir Concert - 7:30pm at Concordia Sommer Center

Tuesday, Dec. 15 - Grade 3-5 Concert - 7:30pm at Concordia Sommer Center

Wednesday, Dec. 16 - Select Choir Lessons and Carols - 7:00pm in the church

Tuesday, Dec. 22 - Grad 1-2 Concert - 7:30pm at Concordia Schoenfeld Center

YOUTH NEWS

Voyagers (3rd-6th) - Meetings are held in the Multi-Purpose Room 6 - 7 p.m. on Thursdays. The next meeting is the **Christmas Party on Dec. 10**. Optional gift exchange. Bring a dessert to share. 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, **Dec. 13** in the Lunch room at 10:30 a.m.

Crusader Youth Movie Trip to Disney's 'A Christmas Carol' on Dec. 13, leaving church for Palisades Mall at 12:15 and returning about 6 p.m. Cost: \$10 for movie tickets, more for snacks and shopping. RSVP to Mindy at vlccrw10@optonline.net or 914-263-3673 ASAP so we can be sure we have enough tickets: Drivers Needed!!

Caroling with the Lifer's on **Dec. 17 at 6 p.m.** Details to follow. 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

The New LIFE School of Lutheran Social Services of NY invites you to **SHOP FOR A CAUSE Holiday Fundraiser** on **December 1, 2009** at Jefferson Place Condo's Club Room, 300 Mamaroneck Avenue, White Plains. Entrance on bottom floor level across from CVS. 5 - 9 p.m. Happy Hour & Appetizers at Brazen Fox Bar & Restaurant, 175 Mamaroneck Avenue, White Plains, NY 10601 from 4 - 5 p.m. Each vendor has offered to donate 10% of their profits! RSVP to Laura at lpuerta@lssny.org by 11/25/09 or (718)239-0868.

Concordia Conservatory presents the 10th Annual Holiday Musical "Ten Years of Holiday Magic".

The performances will take place on **Friday, Dec. 4** (4 & 7 p.m.), **Saturday, Dec. 5** (11 a.m. & 2 p.m.) and **Sunday, Dec. 6** (2 p.m.) at the Schoenfeld Campus Center on the campus of Concordia College. To purchase tickets, please call 914-337-9300 x. 2431 or order online at www.concordiaconservatory.org.

LOST AND FOUND in Concert - Friday, December 11 at 7 p.m. Spaghetti Dinner at 5:30 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Flemington, NJ. Tickets: \$7.50 Concert only, \$12 Concert & Dinner

The Westchester Chorale presents: A Celebration of American Song on **Saturday, December 12, 2009 at 4:30 p.m.** It will be held at the Larchmont Avenue Church, 60 Forest Park Avenue, Larchmont, NY. Tickets: \$25 General Admission, \$20 Seniors, \$10 Students. Visit www.westchesterchorale.org or call 914-961-4546.

'Hearts to Home' for the Holidays: The Bronxville High School Youth Council, will be purchasing calling cards for our troops to call home over the holidays. They will continue to collect donations through the end of December. The cost of each card is \$15. Please send checks made out to 'Hearts to Home' to: 100 White Plains Road, Bronxville, NY 10708. Thank you and Happy Holidays!

MEALS ON WHEELS 10708, INC. NEEDS VOLUNTEERS! Can you spare approximately 1 ½ hours one day a week (or at least a month) to assist us in the delivery of the noon-day meal to our clients, located mainly in the Bronxville area? Meals are delivered every day of the week, including weekends and holidays - 365 days per year. Our clients, most of whom are homebound, elderly or disabled, will be most appreciative of your help. To volunteer or obtain more information, call the Meals-On-Wheels Office at 787-3027 or e-mail MOW1973@aol.com.

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.

PARTICIPANTS IN THE SERVICES

Assisting Minister:	5:30 p.m.	Deacon Carol Pfizenmaier
	9:00 a.m.	Deacon Intern Faith Forliano
	10:45 a.m.	Joan Condon
Organist:	5:30 p.m.	Deborah Reiss
	9:00 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.	Deborah Reiss
Lectors:	5:30 p.m.	Morris Mayer
	9:00 a.m.	Kathi Jahnke
	10:45 a.m.	Carolyn Driessnack
Comm. Assts:	5:30 p.m.	Morris Mayer, Kristofer DePalermo
	10:45 a.m.	Carolyn Driessnack
Youth Wor. Assts:	5:30 p.m.	Stefanie Introcaso
	9:00 a.m.	Tyler Schultz
	10:45 a.m.	Diana Mayer
Ushers:	5:30 p.m.	Chuck Horvath
	9:00 a.m.	John Divi, Warren Wong, Richard Graham, Tony DeRosa
	10:45 a.m.	Ralph Schoene, Dick Allen, Carlette Allen, Mickie Hover
Altar Guild:	5:30 p.m.	Deacon Carol Pfizenmaier
	10:45 a.m.	Joan Condon, Joan Deery
Altar Flowers:		Kim Rapillo
Childcare:		Volunteer
Sexton:		Rebecca Kollmann

NEXT WEEK IN WORSHIP - PILGRIMAGE TO BETHLEHEM

SAT., Dec. 5, 2009 5:30 p.m. Spoken Divine Service
SUN., Dec. 6, 2009 9:00 a.m. Worship Service and Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Worship Service with Holy Communion

MESSAGE: "Specific Word, Person, Time and Place"
Rev. Deric Taylor, preaching

LESSONS: Malachi 3:1-4
Philippians 1:3-11
Luke 3:1-6

Stewardship Update

Amount received last week: \$6,850

Amount received to date: \$123,732

Amount needed to date: \$139,335

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

Jeremiah 33:14-16

¹⁴The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

⁹How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? ¹⁰Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith. ¹¹Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. ¹²And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. ¹³And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Luke 21:25-36

²⁵[Jesus said to his disciples] "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. ²⁶People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." ²⁹Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; ³⁰as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. ³¹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³²Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. ³³Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. ³⁴Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, ³⁵like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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