



Village Voices



JUNE

THE YEAR OF OUR LORD 2005

Straight from the Hart

By Rev. Dr. Robert Hartwell

Billy Graham is coming to the metro area and I am so excited to attend his crusade. I know Rev. Graham has been to the metro area in the past on several occasions. I often hear area Christians talk about how moving this experience was in their faith life. I am leading a group to the crusade on two nights. I am doing so for the following reasons.

First, Billy Graham is a part of *Americana*. He struggles with Parkinson's disease in his advancing years and although we do not know what the future holds for any of us, we recognize that this crusade may be the last time he comes to New York. It would be a shame to miss this opportunity to see and hear a real legend.

Second, Billy Graham is one of America's finest Gospel preachers and we need to hear this message of salvation. Even those of us who have been Christians for many years find that our faith can grow tired. Yet to hear from the lips of an anointed preacher the message of sin and salvation and to do so with a crowd of thousands and with today's best known and most talented Christian singers is an awesome moment.

Third, Billy Graham has committed his life to reaching the lost and helping Christians to recommit to their faith. We too are a Gospel church, yet often we struggle to be "Gospel-centered." Pastor Taylor organized an Evangelism Action Group this year to help us be better trained and to better reach out to the unsaved. Despite our best intentions this group has struggled to get a quorum. We will not give up however. We have been given so much. We need to do more and do a better job at sharing our faith. Perhaps seeing Billy Graham in action and understanding the reality of those around us who do not know Christ will "jump start" this initiative.

Finally, Billy Graham's crusade will be a fun event. We are blessed at this church and school with so many fun people. I have no doubt that as we ride down to Queens together in a luxury bus and as we sit under the sky watching and hearing this Gospel event we will have a good time. Please consider being a part of one of our bus trips to the Billy Graham's crusade. Here is the information:

The VLC and Chapel School will be heading down as a group to Flushing Meadows in Queens for the Billy Graham Crusade.

Saturday, June 25 is Teen Night at 6 p.m. (leaving at 4 PM) featuring "Get Real: A Concert of Hope" with special guests Tree 63, Nicole C. Mullen and Jars of Clay. Teens (12-18) and adults are welcome.

Sunday, June 26th is for all ages at 3:30 p.m. (Leaving at 1:30 p.m.) with special guests: Marcos Witt, The Gaither Vocal Band, Mercy Me and Michael W. Smith.

Although there are a limited number of seats, you should bring a folding chair or blanket for seating. Please sign up on the tear-off sheet in church or by calling the church office at 914-337-0207 if you plan on going. There is no cost for the crusade. Cost for the bus transportation is \$15 per person and bus space is limited (first reserved, first served). Please sign up today!

A thought about the Billy Graham Crusade that is straight from the Hart.

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- *Focus on Worship*
- *Rose Sunday*
- *Step by Step*
- *Chapel School Golf Outing*
- *VLC and Chapel School Picnic*

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VLC Bible Study / Prayer Opportunities



Daytime Bible Study

Join VLC Adjunct Pastor Allen Kebschull for an informative look at the lessons for the upcoming Sunday. The study meets on Wednesdays at 10:45 a.m. in the Friendship Room.



Check out the VLC & Chapel School Piano Bookshop

located in the Friendship Room. The bookshop features an honor-system book & resource shop. Each month at least 5 new resources will be featured that Pastor Hartwell or someone from the staff recommends. Simply drop a check made out to the VLC in the payment box. You may also use a credit card form.

YOUNG LUTHERANS SING is a “choir camp” for young people in grades 4-8 and will be held this year at Concordia-Bronxville (with some classes taking place at the Village Lutheran Church) during the week of July 5-10, 2005. Students will learn choral music, handbell skills, sight singing and other musical activities and will sing for the Association of Lutheran Church Musicians conference in New York City. Tuition for the week is \$550, including room and board. Local students who do not wish to stay on campus may enroll for a reduced fee of \$400 if mailed by May 15, 2005, or \$450 if mailed after May 15. Final payments are due by June 15. The non-residential tuition fee does include lunch and dinner on campus. Applications are available at the VLC tract rack or may be obtained on-line at ALCM.org.

We're Right “in Step!”



Well, the first in-gathering offering has been collected (\$44,595.00!), the bright silk hangings have been stored for another Celebration Sunday later in the year, and our capital stewardship campaign is now a reality. So, is that it? Has our “Step by Step” campaign gotten old already?

Not by a long shot! Energy, activity and prayer will keep our church and school moving forward with this vital campaign and the ‘touching of lives in Jesus’ name’ that it represents. A few items now in progress:

Entire classes of Chapel School parents are being invited to receptions to hear the full story of the building, the campaign, and their important place in it!

Proposals for major grants to selected corporate foundations with which certain VLC and CS families have strong connections are being prepared; these same families are ‘stepping forward’ to help get these proposals to the right people and be considered in the most positive light!

A beautiful catalog of naming opportunities has been prepared for those who would like see a classroom, floor or other area of our campus named in honor of loved ones. May we send *you* one?

For all, please keep our church and school and *Step by Step: A Journey to Greater Service* in your prayers. Use the Building Fund envelopes in your offering packets for your *Step by Step* donations, or mark your checks with the campaign name or “Building Fund.” Together, we’re gonna keep moving forward, touching lives, retiring this obligation, rejoicing in our work together! *To God be the Glory!*

FOCUS ON WORSHIP

A Time to Celebrate

As you may remember from the book of Ecclesiastes (not to mention a popular song of days past), there is a time for everything—and June is a time of celebration and recognition. It is a month when we can look back at the accomplishments of the academic year, look forward to times of rest and relaxation and enjoy the beauty of God's creation. Our worship life will reflect all these themes—from Baccalaureate Sunday on June 5 to Rose Sunday on June 12 to Sunday School Recognition on June 19 and the start of the summer schedule on June 19. Your church family is here to celebrate with you.

JUNE 5 – Baccalaureate Sunday

- Recognition of all graduates with gifts
- Procession of Chapel School 8th Grade at 10:45am
- Pro Deo et Schola Award
- Coffee Hour and Voter's Meeting at 12:00pm

Robert Hess Memorial Order of St. Philip Award

JUNE 12 – Rose Sunday

- Celebration of creation and community
- Live roses for all worshipers
- Festival worship with Youth, Chancel, Handbell and Brass Choirs

Church Picnic at 12:00 noon

JUNE 19 – Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

- Sunday School Recognitions and Awards at 9:00am

- Special Father's Day gifts

Final weekend of regular schedule

JUNE 26 – Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

- Sunday services at 8:30 and 10:30am (no Saturday service)

- Summer Worship Series: "Stories You Need to Hear"

BACCALAUREATE SUNDAY

On **Sunday, June 5**, we will celebrate the accomplishments of all of this year's graduates. The Chapel School 8th Graders are invited to robe and process at the 10:45 a.m. service, and all graduates will receive a small gift from the church. We would also like to acknowledge the names and schools of the 2005 graduates from any high school, college or graduate school. Please fill out the Baccalaureate information on the tear-off form in the church bulletin and put it in the offering plate, or contact the Church Office at 914-337-0207, x 1003.

WORSHIP

AT THE SPRAIN BROOK MANOR NURSING HOME

Join us for Sprain Brook Manor Nursing Home Service at Sprain Brook Manor in Scarsdale at 2 p.m. on the 2nd Monday of June (13th) and July (11th).

Congratulations to The Reverend Dr. Clifford H. Peterson, pastor of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Mt. Vernon, and Professor of Biology at Concordia College, for receiving at Concordia's May 14th Commencement, the *Servant of Christ* award, the college's most cherished honor. Dr. Peterson, a longtime VLC member and former adjunct pastor, has dedicated forty-seven years to the College as Professor, Dean of Students, Dean of the Faculty and Director of the Pre-Seminary Nurture program. *Well done, thou good and faithful servant!*

MUSIC MINISTRY AT VLC – BURST INTO SONGS OF JOY



“How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, ‘Your God reigns!’...Burst into songs of joy together.” (Isaiah 52)

YOUTH CHOIR – Rehearsals:Thursdays, June 2 and 9 in the Multi-Purpose Room 7-8 p.m. Sundays, June 5 and 12, 8:30 a.m. warm-up and 9:00 a.m. service. Thursday, June 16, Youth Choir Party. More info to come.

CHANCEL CHOIR will sing on June 5 and 12 at 9:00 a.m. and will rehearse on Thursdays, June 2 and 9.

FAITHWALK is changing rehearsal night to Mondays in June and will meet on June 7 and 14 at 7:30pm. We will lead worship on June 19.

JOINT CHOIR PARTY: Plans are underway for a joint choir potluck supper in mid-June. All participants in the music program are invited to bring their families and a dish to pass as we say good-bye to Debbie and Kevin Cook. Please watch for more details in the News & Notes section of the Sunday bulletin.

Chapel School

Congratulations to our graduating class of 2005. We send our best wishes to the following students as they move on to high school next year: Samuel Beaujean, Njeri Berkley, Julianne Cahalin, Justin Coleman, Rebecca Gray, Sean Halpin, Ashlee Harwood, Rebecca Kollmann, Christopher Kutner, Steven Nardelli, Elizabeth Perez, Robert Presta, Kevaun Scott, Juliana Zuccarelli.

There are several important dates during the month of June for The Chapel School. Please join us on the following dates:

June 5th – Baccalaureate Service at 10:45 service at VLC.

June 11th – Grade 8 Graduation Service at 10:30am at VLC.

June 21st – Fifth Annual Chapel School Golf Outing at Leewood Golf Club.

The 2005 Chapel School Golf Outing will be held on Tuesday, June 21st at Leewood Golf Club in Eastchester. Join us for 18 holes of golf plus cart, brunch, unlimited beverages, raffle, longest drive – men & women, closest to the pin – men & women, RSI Sports Memorabilia silent auction and dinner and awards presentation. Register in the school office. If you do not play golf, join us for dinner. WPLJ’s Todd Pettengill and ABC’s Bill Evans will be your hosts for the evening. Non-Golf Dinner Guests are \$85.00. We are also looking for sponsorships. Perhaps you, your family or your place of business would like to sponsor a hole for \$300.00. Sponsorships range from the hole sponsorship of \$300.00 to a major underwriting of \$5,000.00, with a number of other options in between. Contact Jim Dhyne or Kevin Cook if you are interested.

There are still openings in our Summer Program. There are 8 one week sessions available throughout the summer. Programs are offered for children ages 3-10. Sign your child(ren) up in the school office.

Many thanks to our school Service Learning Committee, Lieb’s Nursery and all of the church and school volunteers who participated in our Clean-Up Day and Planting Day. Our property looks much better!

Congratulations to Mr. George Heath and our Chapel School Select Choir. They performed the National Anthem at Shea Stadium on Wednesday, May 18th prior to the New York Mets vs. Cincinnati Reds Baseball Game. They did a terrific job!!!!

Congratulations to Mrs. Molly Nagel, director of The Chapel School’s preschool division for three and four year old children. Molly received the Preschool Educator of the Year award from the tri-state Lutheran Schools Association at the group’s annual meeting on Wednesday, May 18 in Queens. There are 188 schools associated with the national Lutheran Church in the New Jersey, New York and Connecticut metropolitan area, and nominations for this and its other annual awards are received from principals, ministers, faculty and parents. At that same annual dinner meeting Mrs. Mindy Warnken received recognition for 20 years of service in Lutheran schools and Mrs. Mimi Blanco received recognition for 25 years of service. Mr. James Dhyne, principal of The Chapel School, was delighted to announce Mrs. Nagel’s award to his faculty: “Molly’s deep love for the children and her demand for the highest professional standards have earned her this honor; we are so very proud of Molly and her fine work for The Chapel School.”



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Village Youth

Voyagers ~ Grades 3-6
Lifers ~ Grades 7-8
Crusaders ~ Grades 9-12

JOURNEY of FAITH



June
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This year the Youth Groups remain unchanged.

The Voyagers Youth Group consists of 3 - 6 grade and is run primarily by Erika.

The Confirmation II (7th Grade) and Confirmation III (8th Grade) constitute the Lifers Youth Group. Michael Schultz and Pastor Hartwell will be the primary leaders for this group.

Finally, the Crusader Youth Group is 9 - 12 grade, and will be lead by Erika and Michael.

VOYAGERS: GRADES 3 – 6

Meetings: Voyagers will meet Thursday nights from 6:00-7:00 p.m. We will usually meet in the Multi-Purpose Room. In June we will meet on the 2nd, 9th and 23rd. Please call Erika with any questions.

ICE CREAM MEETING -June 23, 6 - 7 p.m. This meeting we invite all current 2nd graders to attend!! Please wear clothes that can get wet!!

LIFERS: GRADES 7 – 8

Meetings: In June the Lifers are invited to attend the pizza and game night meeting with the crusaders on June 5th.

WELCOME NIGHT ~ Sunday, June 5th. 5:30 - 7:00 PM, VLC. Current 6th graders please join us for the fun and meet current Lifers!

CRUSADERS: GRADES 9 – 12

Meetings: In June we will meet on the 5th (with Lifers) for Pizza and Game night 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

All YOUTH: GRADES 3 - 12

CHURCH/SCHOOL PICNIC -Sunday, June 12, 12:00 p.m. Please join us with your families for fun and fellowship. The Youth groups will also be in charge of running a few games for the younger children. If you are able to help out with this, please let Erika know ASAP. Thanks!!

BILLY GRAHAM CRUSADE - The VLC and Chapel School will be heading down as a group to flushing meadows in Queens for the Billy Graham Crusade.

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You should bring a folding chair or blanket for seating. Please sign up by either e-mailing Erika or the tear-off in the Church Bulletin on Sundays. There is no cost for the crusade. Cost for the bus transportation is \$15 per person. Seating is first come, first served. Please sign up today!

PLEASE REMEMBER
YOUR FRIENDS ARE ALWAYS
WELCOME!!

Parish Health News

Yoga classes are on Monday at 7 p.m. in the Multi-purpose room. Drop in. Cost is \$10. Call Faith Forliano at 725-8035 for more information.

The Village Lutheran Church is a proud member of the Lutheran Counseling Center (LCC) Membership Assistance Program (MAP). Through this partnership, VLC members and friends can access professional counseling at the rate of only \$25 per session (for up to 4 sessions). LCC also takes major health insurances and uses a sliding scale. Call Pastor Hartwell to arrange for the MAP sessions. Isn't your mental health and happiness worth the time? LCC provides individual, couple, and family counseling, professional, yet Christian. Call (914) 337-0207 (ext. 1022) for details.

The "Village" Seniors

The next VLC Seniors Luncheon will be held on Tuesday, June 14 at Siwanoy Country Club at 11:30 a.m. Cost is \$30 per person for this beautiful catered lunch with cocktails at our beautiful Bronxville Club. Please make your reservations by filling out the tear-off in the bulletin or by calling Charlotte Vogt (914-793-1264).

CONGRATULATIONS CONFIRMANDS!



On Sunday, fifteen Confirmands received the Rite of Confirmation. Please pray for and celebrating the faith of: Chris Dapp, Tom Donatone, Emma Florek, Emilie George, Paige GrandPre, Stephanie Introcaso, Lauren Kavanagh, Rebecca Kollmann, Jessica Murrer, John Paribello, Michael Petrillo, Jason Riedl, Justin Riedl, Alexander Simonides, and Courtney Waldman!

MEDIA STARS TO SHINE AT CHAPEL SCHOOL GOLF OUTING

Barring professional last-minute conflicts, NBC's Today Show stars Matt Lauer and Al Roker have committed to attending the fifth annual Chapel School Golf Outing on Tuesday, June 21! The two network stars 'signed on' when asked by Howie Strawbridge, director of lighting for the morning TV show and husband of The Chapel School's secretary. And they're not the only ones: MSNBC's Natalie Morales and "Weekend Today" co-host Lester Holt have also expressed an interest in coming for the day and the gala cocktail hour/dinner held late that day at Eastchester's beautiful Leewood Golf Club. The full day of golf, brunch and the end-of-the-day festivities, is \$300 per golfer; sponsorship opportunities are still available for your business or family to publicly support our terrific Christian education program.



Hosting the dinner will be Todd Pettengill, co-host of WPLJ's morning radio's "The Big Show" and WABC-Channel 7's weatherman Bill Evans. These two funny men will MC our dinner (short on speeches, we promise!) and the auction to follow! The cocktail hour and dinner is open to all - \$85.00 per ticket (which is our cost) - and a terrific summer evening of fun is guaranteed! Our annual outing, "Fore the Kids," seeks to raise funds for additional technology in all Chapel School classrooms and programs! Call Jim Dhyne, Michael Schultz or Kevin Cook at 337-0207 for a registration form and further information.

ROSE SUNDAY

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming



That beloved old Advent hymn has been sung at the VLC during June for countless decades. Yes, that's right, in June – six months after (or before) the season of Advent. Back in the 1950s the sainted Pastor Halter and equally sainted minister of music Doris Voester established a custom called Rose Sunday, or Christmas in June, that continued well into the 1970s.

Christmas hymns were sung, evergreen trees adorned the sanctuary, and the celebration of Christ's birth was repeated without the commercial trappings that too often blind us in December. Parishioners brought home-grown roses to share--a remembrance of the coming of the Messiah prophesied in Isaiah 35:1: *"the desert shall rejoice and blossom as the rose."*

Our church will re-establish this lovely custom of Rose Sunday with less of a Christmas emphasis and more as a celebration of God's creative goodness. On the weekend of June 11-12, our worship services will feature readings and songs to honor God the Creator; our sermon will focus on the beauty of His world, and all worshippers will receive a beautiful live rose, a symbol that we are each a "rose of God's garden." Please plan now to worship here that weekend and celebrate an old VLC tradition, re-formed for our forward-moving ministry of today.

If you are interested in helping to underwrite the cost of the roses for this very special worship weekend, please call Kevin Cook at 337-0207, ext. 1039. Roses left after all worshippers have received them will be shared with neighbors and members of the community groups that use our facilities during the week. We can share God's goodness in many ways: our open doors, our loving hearts, our Gospel words, and with our lovely roses.

Fellowship Opportunities:

ANNUAL CHURCH AND CHAPEL SCHOOL PICNIC - JUNE 12th! This year, kick off your summer with an old-fashioned family picnic with fellow church members and chapel school families. Join us for this annual fun-filled afternoon including grilling, games, snow cones, music, an inflatable "bouncy" house and most of all meeting new church and school families. All you need to bring is your favorite picnic side dish, salad or dessert to share and drinks for your family. We provide everything else, including hot dogs and hamburgers with all of your favorite toppings! We can use you to help make this wonderful event happen! Could you help set up after the 9:00 a.m. service on June 12th? Are you a "Master of the Grill?" Mark your calendar for Sunday, June 12 at noon, here at VLC, rain or shine!"

Kevin Cook, our Director of Development for the last two years has accepted a call to serve as Director of Institutional Advancement for the Baltimore Lutheran High School Association. Kevin will be actively working at the VLC through June 30. **On Sunday June 5,** Kevin and Deborah will receive the "Pro Deo Et Schola" award. The Coffee Hour after the 10:45 am service (and before the Voters' Assembly which meets at 12 Noon) will be in their honor.

Also during the week of June 12, the choirs will host a potluck, that is open to the congregation, to say good-bye to Deborah and Kevin. Please be watching the bulletin for details. May God bless Kevin and Deborah as they continue to serve Christ and His Holy Church.

Join us

For the

**June Voter's meeting
on Sunday, June 5 at 12 noon.**

All Voters are welcome.
All VLC members age 18 and older
are eligible to be voters.



Memorial/Honored Voices

Gracious gifts were received from

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