



Village Voices



MARCH

A PLACE FOR YOU

THE YEAR OF OUR LORD 2006

Straight from the Hart

By Rev. Dr. Robert Hartwell

CATCH-UP SUNDAY ONE-DAY OFFERING EMPHASIS



II Chronicles 16:9 says, *“The eyes of the Lord move to and fro throughout the earth that He may strongly support those whose heart is completely His.”*

Is your heart completely His? It is possible that, even though heating and other fixed costs at the church have gone up, your offerings have remained the same or even dipped. It is also quite possible that amid the winter blues and blahs, your spiritual focus has become clouded. Even for those who have been consistent and faithful, there is a strong desire to ask God, “What would you have me do in the area of spirituality and stewardship?” This all is a call to catch up in our spiritual life and in our stewardship.

The phrase, **Catch-Up**, can be very positive. It means there is something great ahead and I don’t want to miss it! In the context of our church, a Catch-Up Sunday is an opportunity to catch up on our plans for ministry, our vision and our special needs.

If our giving tracks over the next several months as it has up to this point in the budget year, we will find ourselves in a deficit position in regards to offerings budgeted for 2005-2006 by almost \$40,000. Catch-Up Sunday will provide a special opportunity for us as a congregation to catch up in our giving to meet the plans and ministries that are already in place and to “catch up” on our spiritual commitments of regular worship, prayer and Christian education.

Will you PRAY for the Lord’s leadership? Will you pray for His leadership with regard to your individual sacrificial gifts toward the Catch-Up Sunday offering?

SACRIFICE means a decision to forego something, however worthwhile, in order to participate generously in support of these Catch-Up Sunday goals.

Tremendous joy accompanies sacrificial giving and we can be partakers of that joy.

My prayer is that each family will make a genuine sacrifice with the same spirit as the Macedonian Christians – “not equal gifts, but equal sacrifice”.

The result will be a new unity and a fresh dedication of the membership of the Village Lutheran Church toward the Lord’s work. That’s a thought about **catching up** that is straight from the Hart.

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- *Lenten
Worship*
- *Good News
Coffee House*
- *Chapel School
Book Fair*
- *Gathering of
Friends*

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VLC Bible Study / Prayer Opportunities

LWML Bible Study

The next LWML Bible Study will meet on Saturday, March 11 at 8:30 a.m. The topic will be :God's Holy Altar. Please bring something to share (bagels, fruit, muffins, orange juice, etc.) Coffee will be provided.

Daytime Bible Study

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

HARVEST HOME BENEFITS THOSE IMPACTED BY KATRINA

In the fall, our Annual Harvest Home Dinner was canceled and collections were made to assist those impacted by Hurricane Katrina. A member family's cousin (and his family) and a Concordia student (both of whom were directly impacted by the storm) both received assistance. In addition, the balance was sent to LCMS World Relief. Thanks to the following VLC and Chapel School individuals and families who made generous contributions.

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Mrs. Louise Weiglein

If your name was omitted in error, please contact Dina Foster-Osbourne in the Development Office (914) 337-0207 ext. 1040 so that we can correctly credit your gift.

**Voters' Meeting, March 12 at noon in the Multi-Purpose Room.
New Trustees will be elected at this meeting.**



We will be celebrating Lutheran Schools Week from Sunday, March 5 through Friday, March 10. Please join us for Lutheran Schools Sunday on March 5 at one of our worship services at 9:00 or 10:45 am. The Chapel School choir will be singing at both services and The Chapel School Award will be presented.

The Chapel School enrollment continues to grow, especially in Pre-School and the lower grades. There are still limited openings in certain grades for the 2006-2007 school year at The Chapel School. If you know of someone who might be interested in sending their child to The Chapel School next year, please have them call the school office. The earlier the application is received, the better chance a child has of getting in.

Lutheran Schools Association is again sponsoring a Lutheran Day at the Stadiums.

- Yankee Stadium Day Information: NY Yankees vs. Baltimore Orioles, on Saturday, April 22, 2006 at 1:00pm. The cost is \$15.00 per ticket. The deadline to order tickets Thursday, March 23, 2006
- Shea Stadium Day Information: NY Mets vs. San Francisco Giants on Saturday, June 3, 2006 at 1:20 pm. The cost is \$18.00 per ticket (Upper Deck). The deadline to order tickets Monday, May 1, 2006

Send all ticket orders to The Chapel School to the attention of Jim Dhyne. Please make checks payable to the Chapel School and please note the two different deadlines for ordering tickets. All members from the VLC & Chapel School will be seated together. Come to either/or both games and have a great time. Transportation to the game is the responsibility of each person/family. The Lutheran Schools Association directly benefits The Chapel School. This is a great opportunity to have a good time and support Lutheran Quality Education at the same time.

Brochures/Registration Forms are available for Chapel School's Summer Program this coming summer. Our program will be offered to children ages 3 through 10. Mrs. Lynn Lena is our Director of Summer Programs and a number of Chapel School faculty members will be working with her. There will be 8 weeks of flexible scheduling throughout the summer.

Our annual Chapel School Golf Outing is all set for Tuesday, June 20, 2006 at Leewood Golf Club. RSI Sports Memorabilia will again be offering great silent auction items. We are looking for sponsors, raffle prizes and, of course, players. If you are interested in sponsoring, or if you know of someone or some company who might be interested, please contact Jim Dhyne at 337-3202. Anyone who is interested in serving on the Golf Outing Committee is welcome to attend our next meeting. Please contact Jim for details.



CELEBRATE READING SPRING 2006 WITH CAMP READ A BOOK THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY BOOK FAIR OF CHAPEL SCHOOL

Multipurpose Room

April 4, Tuesday 8:30am - 5:00pm
 April 5, Wednesday 8:30am - 5:00pm
 April 6, Thursday 8:30am - 5:00 pm
 April 6, Thursday 6:30 - 8:00pm Family Event Night
 April 7, Friday 8:30am - 12:00 noon

Scholastic Book Fairs will be supplying hundreds of books for all ages.

The Book Fair helps raise funds for the Chapel School Library.

Book Fair Volunteers are needed. Please contact: Sharon Peterson, 337-3202 or 668-4913 or SimpkinP@AOL.COM



TO THANK AND PRAISE THE LORD
Your Place in the VLC Music Ministry

CHANCEL CHOIR will sing at the 8:00 p.m. service on Ash Wednesday and at the 9:00 a.m. service on March 12, 19 and 26. There is no rehearsal on Thursday, March 9. Regular rehearsals will resume on Thursday, March 16, at 8:00 p.m. in the church. Anyone who would like to join the choir for Lent and Easter is most welcome.

YOUTH CHOIR will rehearse on Ash Wednesday, March 1, at 5:00 pm and sing at the 5:30 service. Regular rehearsals will be on Thursdays, March 9, 16 and 23 in the Multi-purpose room from 7-8 p.m. On Sundays March 5, 12, and 26 we will rehearse at 8:15 a.m. and sing at the 9 a.m. service.

VILLAGE BELLES will ring at the 8:00 p.m. service on Ash Wednesday. There is no rehearsal on Wednesday, March 8. For the remainder of Lent rehearsals will be slightly earlier on Wednesdays, from 7:00-7:50 p.m., in preparation for Easter services.

FAITHWALK will lead its final service of the year on May 7, so save the date. Rehearsal dates will be arranged in April.

Gathering of Friends VI

Gal a Benefit Auction & Dinner Dance

Friday, March 10, 2006 ~ 7:00 PM

Gl en I sl and Harbour Cl ub

RSVP reservations and tabl e seating by

Wednesday, March 1, 2006

For information - Devel opment Office

Dina Foster Osbourne

914.337.0207 x 1040

Sil ent Auction Weekend M arch 3, 4, 5,

at the Chapel School

~New This Year~

~ Wine & Cheese Reception! ~

No admission – al l are wel come

Friday, M arch 3, 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Care for chil dren during the reception provided by the Chapel School staff.

Fellowship News

Good News

Gourmet Christian Coffee House

Join us for Warm Fellowship and Fun

ON SATURDAY MARCH 11, 2006

6:00 PM

COFFEE HOUSE DOORS OPEN-

ENJOY FLAVORED GREEN MOUNTAIN COFFEES &
DELICIOUS PASTRIES

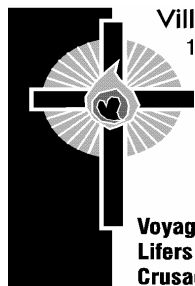
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Concert Begins

The "Village" Seniors



The VLC Seniors next luncheon will be held on Tuesday, March 14, at 11:30 a.m. We will have an Irish theme and be entertained by an Irish vocalist. Reservations are mandatory and should be made by completing the tear-off from the Sunday bulletin or by calling Charlotte Vogt at (914) 422-5646.



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Village Youth

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

2005-2006



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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. Pastor Hartwell, Pastor Taylor and Michael Schultz will be the primary leaders of this group. Finally, the Crusader Youth Group is 9 - 12 grade, and will be led 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. Please enter the building through the main school doors. In March we will meet on the 2nd, 9th and 23rd.

LIFERS: GRADES 7 – 8

Meetings: The Lifers regular meetings for Confirmation I and II classes are on Thursdays from 6 - 7:00 pm. We will usually meet in the Art Room. In March we will meet on the 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th.

March Madness ~ The Annual Youth (grades 7 – 12) vs. Trustees Basketball Game is scheduled for March 12 at 3:00 pm in the VLC & Chapel School Gym. Please arrive at the gym by 2:30 pm.

YOUTH: Grades 5 – 8

Early 1st Communion Class ~ All 5th – 8th graders and your parent(s) or guardian(s) are invited to attend VLC 1st Holy Communion Classes which will meet on Wednesdays during Lent from 7:00 – 8:00 pm. Classes will meet on March 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th and April 5th. The classes will instruct youth on the meaning of the Christian Sacrament and prepares them to receive 1st Holy Communion at a special Maundy Thursday Service on April 13th at 8:00 pm. If you did not receive separate information and would like details of the program call Pastor Hartwell at (914) 337 – 0207, ext. 1022 or PastorH@vlc-ny.org

Early 1st Communion **Pre-Lock-In Fun Night** ~ Friday, March 24th 6 – 10 pm. Meet in the Multi-Purpose Room. Please plan to attend this very important event!!

CRUSADERS: GRADES 9 – 12

Meetings: The Crusaders regular meetings will be held on Sundays. Sometimes after the 9:00 am service and sometimes on Sunday evenings. . In March we will meet on the 26th for a meeting at 10:15 am.

Next Summer our Mission Trip is to New Orleans, July 17 – 21. All youth going to New Orleans, **please make sure you received our fund raising schedule and payment plan letter. If you did not, please contact Erika ASAP.**

Pancake Supper ~ Wednesday, March 1, 2006. This is a big fund raiser for our Youth Mission trip this summer. Please plan to be here from 3:30 – 8:30 pm.

March Madness ~ The Annual Youth (grades 7 – 12) vs. Trustees Basketball Game is scheduled for March 12 at 3:00 pm in the VLC & Chapel School Gym. Please arrive at the gym by 2:30 pm.



**REMEMBER-
YOUR FRIENDS ARE ALWAYS
WELCOME!!**

2006 LENT and EASTER OBSERVANCES

The season of Lent begins with worship on Ash Wednesday, March 1. We invite you to spend a devotional hour each Wednesday evening during this holy season by "Looking at Jesus Through Different Eyes." Our devotions gather momentum with Palm Sunday, April 9, and reach the most joyful celebration of Easter on April 16. Please join us for worship.

Wednesday, March 1

- 5:30 pm – Family Ash Wednesday Service
- 8:00 pm – Ash Wednesday Communion Service
- 5:00-7:30 pm – Pancake Supper

Wednesday, March 8

- 8:00 pm – Midweek Lenten Service ("Judas Iscariot: Not the Messiah, But God's Son?")

Wednesday, March 15

- 8:00 pm – Midweek Lenten Service ("Pilate: God's Son Found Innocent")

Wednesday, March 22

- 8:00 pm – Midweek Lenten Service ("Simon of Cyrene: The Cross, Now Carried")

Wednesday, March 29

- 8:00 pm – Midweek Lenten Service ("The Thief: Rejected, Then Believed")

Wednesday, April 5

- 8:00 pm – Midweek Lenten Service ("The Centurion: Truly, the Son of God")

Sunday, April 9

- Palm Sunday and Reading of the Passion (all services)

Thursday, April 13

- 8:00 pm – Maundy Thursday Service with First Communion

Friday, April 14

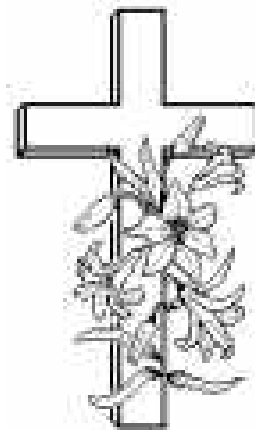
- 12:00 noon and 8:00 pm – Tenebrae Service

Saturday, April 15

- 5:30 pm – Easter Vigil

Sunday, April 16

- 9:00 and 10:45 am – Festival Easter Worship
- 8:00 am to noon – Continental Breakfast



Parish Health News

Health Tip: Are you tired?

Between the job and house and the family, we are often too tired to do anything extra at the end of the day. We all need more energy. A common cause of fatigue is stress. Stress causes tension and tension depletes emotional and physical energy. There are many things that we can do to help raise our energy levels.

Do you think exercise makes you tired? That is not true. Exercise actually releases tension and gives you energy. It stimulates the cells and improves the circulation of blood and oxygen in your body. It also helps the body produce chemicals called endorphins which make you feel energetic and happy. Depression can cause us to feel tired. Exercising doesn't have to be strenuous either. Dancing, raking leaves, and swimming or playing tennis are all great forms of exercise and stress relief. Exercise also promotes sound sleep.

Stress can drain energy, making us feel tired. By decreasing stress, we can increase our energy level. When we are happier, we feel better mentally and physically. Some other ways to decrease stress include:

- ◆ Listening to music has been found to be relaxing.
- ◆ Imaging techniques, which consists of closing your eyes and imagining yourself in a relaxing, pleasant place, such as sitting on the beach, with the waves washing over your feet, or resting in front of a toasty fire place in the mountains.
- ◆ Massage Therapy. Massages alleviate muscle tension and release toxins in the muscles, decreasing the stress hormone cortisol, thereby increasing energy.
- ◆ And, last, but perhaps most important, Prayer. Offering our troubles to God, who heals us daily, is a very effective measure in managing stress.

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:

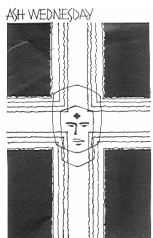
- If you are expecting a child through pregnancy or adoption, please notify the church office at (914) 337-0207 when your child is expected to come home, so that we may coordinate volunteers.
- If you wish to volunteer with St. Monica's Circle, please notify the church office at (914) 337-0207. You will be asked to prepare and deliver one dinner to the happy family on a rotating basis.

Yoga classes are offered on Monday evenings at 7 pm, in room 207, and are on a "drop-in" basis. Classes are \$10 each. If you have questions, please call Faith Forlano at (914) 723-8035 .

*The VLC is a proud member of the **Lutheran Counseling Centers (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). LCC also takes major health care insurance & uses a sliding scale. Call Pastor Hartwell at 337-0207 (1022).*

Can you assist us?

Worship Assistants are needed for the 5:30 p.m. and 10:45 a.m. services. The church office has just sent out a new schedule of worship assistants for February through June, and we are so grateful for each of you who have offered to serve in this capacity. However, there are still openings for the 5:30 p.m. and 10:45 a.m. services on many weeks. Worship assistants can serve as **Lectors** (reading the Old and New Testament lessons), **Communion Assistants** (helping to distribute the wine), **Youth Assistants** (carrying the processional cross and helping with Communion), or **Ushers** (handing out bulletins and circulating the offering plates). This is a wonderful and easy way to add your personal touch to our worship life and share in the ministry which God has given us as his people. Whether you have been a member for years or have just joined the church, there is a place for you. Training and/or orientation will be provided. Please fill out the tear-off in the bulletin or call the church office.



Ash Wednesday
is

Wednesday, March 1, 2006

Join your VLC and Chapel School family
for the beginning of the 40-day season of
Lent with worship and fellowship:

Family Worship with Ashes at 5:30 p.m.

and

**A Service of Holy Communion with Ashes
at 8:00 p.m.**

A Pancake Supper will be served by the Youth Group
between 5:00 and 7:30 p.m. ALL proceeds benefit the
youth servant event to New Orleans

Memorial/Honored Voices

Memorial Gifts were received

In Honor of Samuel Maschke from
Robert Maschke

In Memory of Walter Scholwin from
Bill & Janet Hildreth

In Memory of Vernon Gatz from
Evelyn Gatz

Our thanks to all .

Please join us for worship: Saturdays at 5:30 pm, Sundays at 9 am and 10:45 am
Sunday School is held during the 9 am service

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