



Village Voices



OCTOBER

A PLACE FOR YOU

THE YEAR OF OUR LORD 2005

Straight from the Hart

By Rev. Dr. Robert Hartwell

Concordia's Homecoming Weekend has become our VLC homecoming weekend this year. It actually makes sense. So much of our common past and constituency is the same. Having a weekend each year that we invite back long time friends and members makes sense for our church and school too. Look for further expansion of VLC and Chapel School Homecoming Weekend festivities in the years to come.

We are starting off with a bang however, as Pastor "Z" (Pastor James C. Zwernemann who served as VLC Senior Pastor for 29 years and who is our Pastor Emeritus) has agreed to come back and preach at all services on Saturday and Sunday, October 1 and 2.

I am so happy to have Pastor "Z" back at worship and to hear him share God's Word in his unique and engaging style (and I am sure with a reference or two or three to Texas). I know that many parishioners are excited to see Jim and Bonnie and say hello once again to the Zwernemann family which was (and continue to be) so instrumental to our VLC legacy.

Homecoming is always exciting. One part of the homecoming activities that I believe are most important is looking back and seeing how good God has been. I know that in my eight years as a pastor of this church and school so many things have changed. How God has blessed us. Can you even remember the Leonard Mansion, the crowded MPR (which we called the "undercroft" then) or our small kitchen? You might also remember the days gone by when the building was relatively quiet. Our facilities manager and sexton Michael Schultz can tell you how that has changed. There is barely a six hour period each day that the church or school is not bustling with activities, programs, worship or study that impact our community.

Yes, God has been good to us. Can you even begin to imagine what he can do in the next eight years? Former VLC President Tim Elwell loves the Bible passage from Jeremiah (29:11) which says, *"For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. (NRSV)"* I love that passage too. It is also true.

This Homecoming weekend let us celebrate the goodness of God. Let us anticipate his future mercy. May our faith and joy be a Texas-sized faith. That's my prayer that is straight from the Hart!

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- *Focus on Worship*
- *New Members class*
- *Atlantic District Centennial Jubilee*
- *Hurricane Relief*
- *The Good News Coffee House*

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VLC Bible Study / Prayer Opportunities

Jesus Blueprint for Prayer Bible

Study:

Pastor Hartwell will be looking at Jesus' prayer and the way that we can become more fervent pray-ers in our lives. Wednesdays from 7:30-9:00 pm from September 21-October 19. On October 26th, Pastor Gerry Coleman leads a study on the book of Revelation.

The New VLC (Victorious Ladies of the Cross) Bible Study continues on Saturday, October 15 at 8:30 am with the topic "Why are You so Afraid?". Please bring something to share (bagels, fruit, muffins, orange juice, etc.) Coffee is provided. The lesson for the day is "Fruit of the Spirit-Peace."

Daytime Bible Study

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

New Member Class:

Pastor Taylor and Pastor Hartwell will lead. Learn more about the VLC and The Lutheran Faith. Great for prospective members, seekers or school families who wish to become more knowledgeable about the church. Classes meet Sundays from 10:45 a.m. - 12 noon on October 9 - November 6. Day care is provided. If you would like to attend and/or if you have additional questions, please contact Pastor Taylor at (914) 337-0207, ext. 1021.

WORSHIP ASSISTANT OPPORTUNITIES

As St. Paul reminds us in 1 Corinthians 12, each of us has been given gifts and those gifts are to be used together to build up the "body of Christ"--that is, the Church. You may not even realize that your natural abilities are gifts that can be used in worship. Are you friendly and outgoing? Do you know how to give directions? Are you good with your hands? Do you enjoy preparing a table? Are you an articulate speaker? We invite you to consider serving as a worship assistant in any of the following ways:

Altar Attendant (formerly Altar Guild) – prepare wine and bread, maintain altar and paraments

Communion Assistant – help with distribution of Holy Communion

Lector – read the lessons

Usher – hand out bulletins, collect offering, direct movement during distribution. We really need help at the Saturday 5:30pm service, the VLC's fastest growing service. If you can volunteer one or two Saturdays a month, please fill out the tear-off sheet in the bulletin or call Kim Rapillo at (914) 337-0207 (1003).

Orientation and training will be provided. Sign up on the tear-off in the weekly bulletin or contact the church office at 914-337-0207, ext. 1003.

- Save the Date -

Women's Retreat

Saturday, October 15.

Time: 9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Christ Lutheran Church, Woodside, NY is conducting a 1-day retreat called "Healthy Women of God."

Dr. Elaine Eng will be the keynote speaker. Also, experts in mental, physical, family, and spiritual health will be breakout leaders. Cost: \$15. Includes: Coffee, breakfast treats and a healthy lunch.

Check out the VLC & Chapel School Piano Bookshop in the Friendship Room.

On Sale: Selected Sermons of Norman Nagel (Now \$15), Tame Your Fears (Now \$10), When I Lay My Isaac Down (Now \$12), Esther (Now \$12).

New at the bookshop: God's Politics (\$22), Chronicles of Narnia Set (\$33), Captivating (\$20), The PDL: What Am I Here For? (\$16), A Family Guide to Narnia (\$13), Looking for God in Harry Potter (\$14), The Lutheran Handbook (a funny yet informative look at being a Lutheran) (\$13). Also new selections of DVD and CD's. Personal checks as well as Mastercard, Visa and American Express gladly accepted.

FOCUS ON WORSHIP

“From East and West, From North and South”

The text quoted above comes from Psalm 107, which has been chosen as the theme passage to help celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Atlantic District (see page 7 for more details). It also meshes well with our own congregational theme for this year, “A Place for You.” Worshipers come here from all over Westchester County, as well as from New York City and Connecticut. During last year’s flu vaccine shortage, community members were able to come to the VLC for needed flu shots—and they will be able to do so again this year. We have also reached out to the wider community with continuing relief efforts in the wake of Hurricane Katrina.

These are just a few of the ways that God is working through the Village Lutheran Church and our sister congregations in the Atlantic District. We gather in worship to give thanks for the blessings we have already experienced, to seek the Lord’s strength and guidance in our daily lives and to rejoice in the unity we share as people of God.

OCTOBER 1-2 – 20th Sunday after Pentecost

- Concordia Homecoming Weekend
- Pastor *Emeritus* James Zwernemann preaching at all services

OCTOBER 8-9 – 21st Sunday after Pentecost

- Good News Coffee House on Saturday at 7 p.m. with the group “Eyewitness”

OCTOBER 15-16 – 22nd Sunday after Pentecost

- Annual health fair with flu shots and other health services

OCTOBER 22-23 – 23rd Sunday after Pentecost

- Voters’ Meeting at 12:00 noon

OCTOBER 29-30 – Reformation Sunday

- Atlantic District 100th Anniversary observances
- Total Family Worship (no Sunday School)
- Festival Worship

Hurricane Relief:

To make a gift for Hurricane relief you may: Make a check to the VLC and designate it for

- Lutheran World Relief (these gifts may be matched by Thrivent for Thrivent members).
- A Concordia student whose family lived in Mississippi across the bay from Biloxi. The student's family is safe and in temporary shelter but lost everything. Funds would be given to Concordia to support this student and family directly.
- Thomas Fischer, a relative of Jim Fischer (VLC Treasurer and long time member), is a jazz musician who lived in New Orleans. He and his family are homeless as well. Funds would go directly to Thomas for relief and rebuilding needs.

Also, Kappa Delta Sorority is leading the nation in gathering toys, games, books and clothing for children who have been affected by hurricane Katrina. Their lives have been turned upside down. Many are displaced and have no homes or possessions left. Some schools are closed for weeks or months. The campaign **Kids Need to Be Kids** addresses the emotional needs of young victims. While many other organizations like the Red Cross are working to meet the basic needs of hurricane victims, such as drinking water, food and temporary housing. Kappa Delta is providing comfort and support to those children whose lives are in chaos. Kappa Delta is encouraging individuals, businesses and organizations to send new and gently used toys, games, books and clothing to its national headquarters at: 3205 Players Lane, Memphis, TN 38125. Items will be sent to churches and organizations such as the Boys and Girls Clubs, Girl Scouts and evacuee centers in the areas most affected by Katrina.



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

CHANCEL CHOIR will rehearse on Thursdays from 8-9:30 p.m. in the church and will sing at the 9 a.m. service on October 2, 16 and 23. We will sing at both the 9 and 10:45 services on Reformation Sunday, October 30.

YOUTH CHOIR rehearsals will be held in the Multi-purpose room on Thursdays from 7-8 pm on Oct 13, 20 and 27 and Sundays from 8:15-8:50 am on Oct 2, 16, and 30. Please note that we will be singing at the 9:00 and 10:45 am service on October 30 (Reformation Sunday)

VILLAGE BELLES will rehearse on Wednesdays from 7:15-8:30 p.m. in the church and will ring in worship on October 16. The next ringing date will be November 6.

FAITHWALK will rehearse on the first two Mondays in November (7 and 14) and will prepare for a total of three Sundays this year--November 20 and then one in January and one in April. This limited schedule will enable more people to participate and maintain the spirit of the group. Save the dates in November and lift up your voice in praise.

For more information contact Debbie Reiss, Minister of Music, at DREISS@vlc-ny.org or call 914-337-0207, x1018.

**Fall Harvest Festival at Mill Neck Manor
(School for the Deaf) on Saturday, October 8
and Sunday, October 9 from 9 am to 5 pm**

Are you looking for a fun-filled place to bring the family? The annual Fall Harvest Festival, filled with special events and activities, is always the Saturday and Sunday of Columbus Day Weekend. Treat your family to a beautiful Fall day. There will be bratwurst on the grills and roasted corn all day. More information is available in a brochure on the tract rack.

**Jansen Memorial Hospice
Need Volunteers**

Jansen Memorial Hospice provides compassionate and supportive care to terminally ill patients who wish to live their final days in dignity and comfort. Volunteers are a vital part of our team. Training begins on October 11, 2005 from 2:30 - 4:30 p.m. for 7 Tuesdays. Jansen Memorial Hospice, 69 Main Street, Tuckahoe, NY 10707. Contact Didi Marcal, LMSW at 914-961-2818, ext. 355 if interested.

Congratulations

Mr. William Damato has accepted the Director of Development position at the VLC and Chapel School.

William has a distinguished career in school administration (both public and parochial) and development. His educational background is at the masters plus level in both counseling and school administration and supervision. Bill serves as a consultant to several major not-for-profit companies and brings this extensive experience to our needs and opportunities. Bill and his wife, Dr. Ellen Curry Damato, Executive Vice President at the College of New Rochelle, live in Yonkers. Bill begins working at the VLC on Monday, September 26th. Please make him welcome and keep him in your prayers as he begins this exciting and challenging position at our church and school.

Former VLC Pastor, the Rev. Norman Temme recently celebrated his 60th anniversary of ministry

in a special service at Mt. Pisgah Lutheran Church in Hendersonville, NC.

You may send words of congratulations to Pastor and Mrs. Temme at the following address:

Rev. & Mrs. Norman L. Temme,
3723 Luther Court
Burlington, NC 27215.



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Village Youth

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

JOURNEY of FAITH



October
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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. Please enter the building through the main school doors. In October our meetings will be on the 6th, 20th and 27th. Please feel free to call Erika at anytime throughout the year with any questions!!

Lock-In ~ Friday - Saturday, October 7- 8. Come join in the fun and get to know all our new friends!! Drop off 8:00 pm Pick- up 8:00 am. Bring sleeping bag, pj's and a snack to share.

LIFERS: GRADES 7 – 8

Meetings: The Lifers regular meeting night is on Thursday from 6:00 - 7:30 pm. We will usually meet in the Art Room. In October the meetings will be on the 6, 20 and 27.

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 October we will meet on the 9th at 10:15 am and on the 16th for Pizza and Game Night.

Next Summer our Mission Trip will be to Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, July 20 - 26, 2006. If you have not received information on this, and/or have additional questions, please contact Erika ASAP. We have a sign-up deadline with our group on September 28th!! Please sign-up with Erika and give us a non-refundable deposit of \$100.00.

ALL YOUTH: Grades 3 - 12

Youth Coffee Hour ~ Sunday, October 2nd. Please plan to bring a coffee hour item and drop it off in the MPR before the 9:00 am service. We will also need some youth to help serve and cleanup that morning.

Youth Halloween Party ~ Friday, October 28th. Please help work at our annual Halloween Haunted House and Party for our friends of VLC and Chapel School. This event is a lot of fun, but a lot of work too. Please note that while the 3rd graders are invited to attend, we ask that they come and enjoy the fun with their parent(s) or guardians at 7:00 pm. Youth that are willing to help out with the Haunted House and Party should be at VLC by 4:00 pm. Please plan to bring a bag dinner; drinks will be provided.

YOUR FRIENDS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!!

Parish Health News

Health news and info from your Parish Health Practitioner Joy Elwell

Parents: Do your kids smoke? Do you? When a parent smokes, it sends a powerful message to their children that smoking is OK, no matter what the parent, or others say. 90% of all smokers started before they were 18 years old. Send a positive message to your child. Don't smoke, and if you do smoke, quit. If you need help quitting, speak with your health care provider. *Important Facts for Parents Who Don't want Their Kids to Smoke. CA A Cancer Journal for Clinicians. American Cancer Society. March/April 2003.*

The annual St. Luke's Health Fair at VLC will be held Saturday, October 15, from 2:30-6:30 pm. Flu shots, blood pressure screening, and health education will be available.

Yoga classes are on Monday at 7 p.m. in the Multi-purpose room. Drop in. Cost is \$10. Call the church office at 914-337-0207 for more information.



Family-friendly hike in the nearby Hudson Hills on Sunday, October 16th at 12:45 p.m. Meet at church. Rain date - Sunday, October 23rd. Questions, call Dick Forliano at 914-337-0207.

Fall 2005 Depression Screenings Available: LCC will once again participate in a nationwide outreach program organized by the *National Mental Health Association* to identify and treat those persons suffering from depression, anxiety, and posttraumatic stress. Individual screenings and consultations will be available at no cost during the month of October at the VLC by appointment only. Please call Molly Blancke at 516-741-0994 to arrange an appointment or to inquire about other locations. Visit LCC's website at www.lcc132.org 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.

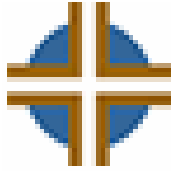
The "Village" Seniors

The next luncheon will be held at the VLC on Oct 11 at 11:30 am in the Multi-purpose room. This month we will be entertained by singer Jeanne Claire. Reservations must be made in advance by either completing the tear off slip in the Sunday Bulletin or by calling the church office at (914) 337-0207. Hope to see you there.

Fellowship Opportunities:

The Good News Gourmet Coffee House will be held on Saturday, October 8th. Coffee House opens at 6 p.m. and EyeWitness (<http://www.eyewitnessmusic.com/>), an 8-piece band, begins their concert at 7 p.m. Green Mountain Coffees will be served along with fresh delicious Bronxville Pastry Shop Pastries. Cost is \$5 per adult, \$2 per child. High school, college students and seniors get in free with a valid ID.

ATLANTIC DISTRICT CENTENNIAL JUBILEE



In our national church body, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, there are regional groupings of churches known as Districts. The District leadership helps congregations work together and looks out for the needs of individual churches such as during times of pastoral vacancies. Our own Atlantic District comprises over 100 congregations covering metropolitan New York and the Hudson River area up through Albany.

To help celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Atlantic District, a series of events has been planned from Fall 2005 through Fall 2006. The VLC will begin its observations on Reformation Weekend, October 29-30, sharing information about the District and showing a special Centennial Jubilee DVD (be sure to watch, as there will be familiar faces on the screen!). In addition, many present and former VLC members are on the anniversary Honorary Committee, including Janet George, Andrea Masley, Lois Meier, Pastor Deric Taylor and Pastor James Zwernemann. Join us as we celebrate the Centennial Jubilee and look forward to many more years of “Engaging the World with the Gospel of Hope!”



The Chapel School has been fortunate to add two highly qualified, experienced teachers to our faculty. Mr. Alfonse Pielusko is teaching physical education to grades K-4. Al taught Phys. Ed. for the NYC Board of Education for over 30 years. He received his BS in Physical Education from Manhattan College, his Master of Education from Western Connecticut State and a 6th Year Diploma in Administration from Southern CT State. Richard Forliano, a Village Lutheran Church member, has joined our staff as a social studies consultant. Dick is a graduate of Muhlenberg College, and holds a Master of Science Degree in Education from Iona College. He taught full time in the Eastchester Public Schools for 35 years and part time for the past two years. He has served as the Eastchester Town Historian since 1988.

Our October chapel offerings are going to Casa de la Misericordia, a hot lunch program for more than 500 children in Guayas, Ecuador. This mission is part of our Hispanic Heritage focus and is a project of the United Nations Women’s Guild this year.

We have also organized a number of opportunities to help victims of Hurricane Katrina. Details of these have been sent to all VLC and Chapel School families. Monetary gifts can be designated for LCMS World Relief and Human Care, to a Concordia student whose family lived in Mississippi across the bay from Biloxi and lost everything, or to Thomas Fischer, a relative of Jim Fischer (VLC Treasurer and long time VLC member). Thomas is a jazz musician who lived in New Orleans. He and his family lost their home. In addition we have large collection boxes around campus marked Kids Need to be Kids. We are collecting BRAND NEW toys, games, books and clothing for children who have been affected by hurricane Katrina.

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



Memorial/Honored Voices

Memorial Gifts were received
in Memory of Robert Krull from
Ms. Ruth Altpfart, Mrs. Elizabeth Duff Oloughlin,
Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Kreielsheimer,
Mr. Joseph Kurzweil, Ms. Frances Kurzweil,
Mrs. Dorothy Novak, Mr. William E. Podszus,
Ms. Annelisa Wallace, Mr. and Mrs. William Podszus,
Nicholas Menrath, Veronica Menrath,
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