



VILLAGE VOICES



Holy Week

at Village Lutheran Church

Palm Sunday Weekend –

Saturday, April 1 at 5:30 PM

Sunday, April 2 at 9:00 & 10:45 a.m.

Palm Processional (Matthew 21:1-11)

Maundy Thursday 7:30 p.m. – April 6

"The Last Supper: A Place of Forgiveness" (Luke 22:7-23)

Good Friday Tenebrae 12:00 & 7:30 p.m. – April 7

"Golgotha: A Place of Simple Love" (Luke 23:44-49)

Holy Saturday 5:30 p.m. – April 8

"The Tomb: A Place of Life" (Luke 23:50-56)

Easter Sunday 9:00 & 10:45 a.m. – April 9

"The Empty Tomb: A Place of Remembering" (Luke 24:1-11)

HE IS
risen
INDEED

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

- Saturday Worship at 5:30 p.m.
- Sunday 9 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.
- For those who can't join us in-person, live stream worship at VLC-NY.org or on Facebook or YouTube.
- The Tuesday Evening Prayer Conference will be held on Tuesday 4/25 at 6:00 p.m.

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BIBLE STUDY/PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays 10:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Romans 4 reflects on the power of faith in Abraham. Romans 5 looks back even farther to how sin entered the world through Adam and the law came through Moses, leading to the gift of grace that has come through Jesus. This is part of the "big picture" of salvation in Paul's epistle. Let's discuss!

THE TUESDAY NIGHT PRAYER SERVICE

Join us for evening prayer by phone on the last Tuesday of the month. You can follow the printed liturgy, available online or at church, or just listen in. Simply dial in. April's service will be Tuesday 4/25 at 6:00 p.m.



The call-in number is (1)

732-434-3982. If you have a specific prayer request, please contact Kim Rapillo in the church office at 914-337-0207 x1003 or

KRapillo@VLC-NY.org.

GODCONNECTS
A COURSE IN CHRISTIANITY



Would you like to:
Explore the basics of the Christian faith + Learn more about the faith values of the Chapel School + Prepare for adult baptism or confirmation + Join the Church + Talk and learn about your faith in a caring environment.
Join Pastor Hartwell for GodConnects.

VIA ZOOM
7:00 PM-8:30 PM (EST)
Monday, 4/24, 5/1, 5/8
Meeting ID: 878 4865 7950
Passcode: 311432



**The Merlin and Lois Rehm
Pastoral Residency 2023**

The Merlin and Lois Rehm Pastoral Residency brings a variety of interesting and engaging speakers to our campus to focus on pastoral issues in a modern context. The residency is named in memory of the Rehms, long-time community champions in our Concordia, Village Lutheran Church and The Chapel School communities.

Wednesday, May 17th

7:00-8:30 PM

"Black Lutheran History in America."

Admission: Free

Dr. Galchutt is Professor of History at Concordia University Irvine in Southern California. She is relatively new to California after spending twenty years teaching at Concordia College, New York. Originally from Minnesota, she received her B.A. from Concordia College, St. Paul and her M.A. and Ph.D. from Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Dr. Galchutt is the author of The Career of Andrew Schulze, 1924-1968: Lutherans and Race in the Civil Rights Era, published through Mercer University Press.



Dr. Kathryn Galchutt
2023 Rehm Pastoral
Residency Speaker

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**Lutheran Women's
Missionary League (LWML)**
**VLC/TCS Women's
Communion
Brunch**

**Saturday, April 22
9:30 AM -11:30 AM**

Communion Service
Breakfast
Devotion
Service Project
Lutheran Women's Missionary League News

Please RSVP to the church office
by Wednesday, April 19
at 914-337-0207 x1003 or
KRapillo@VLC-NY.org

Soup Kitchen Partnership

VLC and TCS are providing the ENTIRE meal for the Mount Vernon Soup Kitchen on the third Wednesday of each month.
Our next date is 4/19

We need volunteers to prepare enough food to feed 80 people.



Please pick up small aluminum trays ahead of time at the Reception Desk. Bring the cooked food trays between 12:00pm - 1:00pm, on the third Wednesday for collection, in the VLC parking lot. These will then be delivered to the soup kitchen.

A menu will be developed each month which will include the meat (or casserole), vegetable, and dessert. No salad requested.



Sign up today at:
<https://tinyurl.com/MealCooking>

For more information, contact Katie at ETAKWHIT@aol.com



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"**CATCH A LIFT**" is an initiative at VLC/TCS that offers free rides to church worship through The Bronxville Taxi Company (1 Depot Plaza, Bronxville, NY 10708; 914-337-8311). Participants can simply stop by the Taxi Company at the

Bronxville Train Station or call and arrange a lift to church. Tell the dispatcher or taxi driver that this is a Village Lutheran Church "Catch a Lift" ride and there is no cost. The cost of "Catch a Lift" is covered by the grant directed by a generous church family.

PRAYER SHAWLS



VLC has been gifted dozens of beautiful prayer shawls. The shawls are ready for distribution with our prayers and a personal note from Pastor Hartwell. If you have a family member or loved one that you would like to receive a prayer shawl, email the church office with their name, address, and prayer request. We

will prepare a prayer shawl gift bag that you can pick up and take or we can even mail it to them if they live far away. It's a great way to "know, live and share the love of Christ." Email the church office at KRapillo@VLC-NY.ORG or call 914-337- 0207 x1003.

DAYCARE DURING WORSHIP SERVICE

We are now providing childcare for 0-3-year-olds (under-Sunday-School-age children) during the 9 a.m. service. Kate Marino will coordinate the schedule. If you are willing to help, please contact the church office at 914-337-0207 x1003 or KRapillo@VLC-NY.org. We need 1-2 volunteers to be in the care room (across from library on ground floor) from 8:45-10:15 a.m. on days Sunday School is in session.



Blessing Basket Food for ECAP



We continue to collect non-perishable food. As costs go up, it is even harder for families to keep food on the table. If you can pick up a few items to donate, please drop them off in the Friendship Room or at the Reception Desk.

NON-PERISHABLE
ITEMS ONLY

Basket under Piano in
Friendship Room
172 White Plains Road
Bronxville, NY 10708

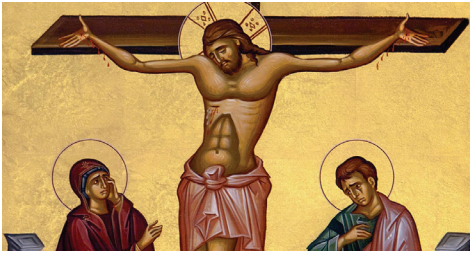


Thank you to the following VLC/TCS team member who is celebrating a work anniversary this month. We are blessed by her dedication and support and honor the work that she does and the gifts that she brings to our church and school.

Evelyn Cea, Receptionist - 2 years

FOCUS ON WORSHIP

Numbered Among the Saints By Deborah Reiss



It was now about the sixth hour, and darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour, for the sun stopped shining. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Jesus called out with a loud voice, "Father, into your hands I commit my spirit." When he had said this, he breathed his last. (Luke 23:44-46)

"The ninth hour" refers to the ancient Jewish way of reckoning time and is equivalent to our modern 3:00 p.m. It is a detail in the crucifixion story that is familiar but that we can easily overlook. In fact, I originally thought to myself "There is nothing significant about the number 9 in the Bible."

Christians do often keep the tradition of holding Good Friday services between 12:00 and 3:00 (the sixth to the ninth hour), to specially mark those hours that Jesus hung on the cross. However, there is an even deeper significance from a Jewish perspective. God commanded Moses that two lambs were to be sacrificed on the altar every day, one in the morning and one in the evening. This burnt offering was a sign that the tabernacle/temple was a place consecrated to the glory of God where He would meet with His people. According to scholars, the time for the "evening sacrifice" in the temple was the ninth hour of the day. This was a collective sacrifice on behalf of the people, and every Jew knew that the ninth hour was the appointed time.

It was the ninth hour when Jesus cried out ***"My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?"*** It was the ninth hour when the curtain of the temple was torn from the top. It was the ninth hour when Jesus "gave up his spirit." The Lamb of God had now been sacrificed and declared, ***"It is finished."*** No more sacrifices needed to be made. Jesus had been forsaken so that we would not be. The barrier between God and His people, symbolized by the curtain around the Holy of Holies, had been broken. The living God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, would come to dwell within us so that we might be consecrated to His glory.

So any given day, when the clock strikes 3:00, we have an opportunity to remember what wondrous love came out of the darkness and turned it into a new day. The Book of Common Prayer offers a beautiful way to focus our eyes on Jesus:

***Blessed Savior, at this hour You hung upon the cross, stretching out Your loving arms.
Grant that all the peoples of the earth may look to You and be saved;
for Your tender mercies' sake. Amen.***



Special Holy Week Music

Palm Sunday – Cherub, Youth, High School, Chancel Choirs

Maundy Thursday – Chancel Choir (*Ave Verum Corpus*)

Good Friday – Youth/H.S. Choir at noon, Chancel Choir at 7:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday – Youth, High School, Chancel Choir (Hallelujah Chorus) at 9:00 a.m., Handbells at 10:45 a.m.

Calling all youth musicians! If you are interested in playing your instrument or making a special musical offering for Youth Sunday 5/7, please contact Mr. Heath or Ms. Reiss. We can help you prepare and provide accompaniments.

Deborah Reiss (Chancel Choir, Village Bells, FaithWalk) – Dreiss@VLC-NY.org

George Heath (Youth Choir, High School Choir) – Gheath@VLC-NY.org



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MARATHON

Runners Wanted for TEAM CHAPEL:

The TCS New York City Marathon will take place in-person on 11/5/2023. We are especially excited to announce that TEAM CHAPEL has 5 Guaranteed Entries! If you or someone you know is up for the challenge and want to join Team Chapel, please email Pastorh@VLC-NY.org or Kzwise@thechapelschool.org with your name, address, and phone number.

All Team Chapel runners must commit to and guarantee a \$3,000 per runner personal fundraising goal to be completed or exceeded on or before 11/1/2023. Be willing and able to run 26.2 miles, and be available on Sunday 11/5.



VLC YOUTH

VOYAGERS Grades 3–6

Voyagers is open to any student in grades 3–6, and friends are always welcome. We meet three times per month. **We will meet on Thursdays 4/13, 4/20, and 4/27 from 6:00–7:00 p.m.** At the end of the Thursday meetings, Youth going to choir will be dropped off there and everyone else will be escorted to the school doors and dismissed to their cars.

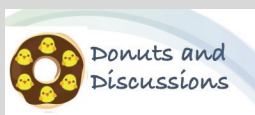
Saturday 4/8, we will meet on the Great Porch at **9:45 a.m.** to help hide eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt. If you have any questions, please email Erika Schultz at tyandbash@aol.com.

LIFERS Grades 7–8

Confirmation classes are held Thursday evenings at 6 p.m. and taught by Katie Vogt. If you have any questions please contact Katie at KVogt@TheChapelSchool.org.

CRUSADERS Grades 9–12

Our theme this year is **Saved to Serve**. We will focus on how we can serve others and ourselves through the gifts that God has given us.



Calling all 9–12 graders! Please join us after the 9 a.m. service for **Donuts and Discussions**. **We will meet on 4/2, 4/23, and 4/30 around 10:30 a.m. in Room 209.** If you have

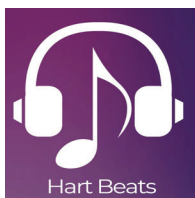
any questions please call or email Amy Heath 914-439-3839 or amyheath1023@gmail.com.

SUNDAY SCHOOL is offered during the 9 a.m. service until **10:15 a.m.** If you have any questions please contact Sarah Gleason at chrisnysarah@netscape.net.



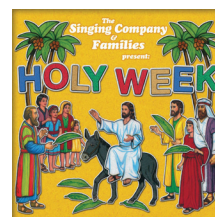
Congratulations to 1st Holy Communion Students who received Holy Communion after a time of study at special services on Sunday 3/26 at 10:45 am.

Congratulations and God Bless **Stella Di Matteo, Jack Henry, Kennedy Hutton, Cooper Kasses, Gabriela Passi, Kayla Runge, Veronika Szabo, Thomas Tavarez, Stella Totolis, and AJ Volcovi.**



A generous portion of my devotional time with the Lord is aided by Christian Music. Each month I will share a favorite and I encourage you to take a listen on Apple Music, Spotify, YouTube or similar music service.

Pastor Robert Hartwell



The Singing Company & Families
2011
The Singing Company

Chicago based and affiliated with the Salvation Army Church, the Singing Company pleases with catchy tunes and strong Biblical lyrics. As we enter Holy Week and Easter, this month's album encourages kids and adults to take out the earphones and let the communal music play. Guaranteed to get you in the spirit of the holy season and focus on Christ, your Savior. Although not a new album, "Holy Week" is a classic and my Hart Beat for Easter 2023.

THE CHAPEL SCHOOL NEWS

By Principal Michael Schultz

2023 Lutheran Schools Week FUN plus Student-Led TECH EXPO – Let Your Light Shine!



TCS Drama Department Presents The SpongeBob Musical on May 11-13, 2023!

2023 TCS Golf Outing - Golfers and Sponsors needed!

We're Back at Siwanoy! Join us on Monday, 6/5 for our 2023 TCS Golf Outing at Siwanoy Country Club in Bronxville. This is a great day of golf and a wonderful opportunity to raise scholarship money for students at The Chapel School. Golfers and sponsors are needed! Online registration is live! <https://vlny.ejoinme.org/MyEvents/GolfOuting2023/Registration/tabid/1340472/Default.aspx>

Registration for TCS's 2023 Summer Program is live! In-Person Open House is scheduled for 4/23 (12:30 – 3:00 p.m.) <https://campscui.active.com/orgs/TheChapelSchool?orglink=camps-registration>

TCS OFFERING RECIPIENTS

APRIL — Iona University

MAY/JUNE — SL2 Humane Society of Westchester

Atlantic District Festival of Workshops

On Saturday 3/11, VLC and TCS hosted Bishop Dien Ashley Taylor and the congregations, schools and ministries of the Atlantic District (Diocese) of the Lutheran Church for the Festival of Workshops. Almost 250 were in attendance for workshops, keynote address, displays and fellowship time. Congratulations to all who attended and helped host. It was wonderful to welcome the District back to Bronxville.



FELLOWSHIP NEWS



Easter Fellowship

Sunday April 9, 2023

Help us share the joy of Easter during coffee hour by donating at least one item for the Easter Fellowship.

Volunteers are also needed to host Coffee Hour after Easter. Sign up on the bulletin board in the MPR or speak to Coffee Hour Coordinator Warren Wong.

**VLC Senior
LUNCH BUNCH**

The next Lunch Bunch Luncheon will be held at VLC on **Tuesday 4/11 at 11:30 a.m.** Please join us for another delicious luncheon and an early spring

festive time.

All reservations must be made by calling the VLC office at 914-337-0207 x1003 so that we can order enough food for everyone. If we don't get your reservation on time, it results in less food available for all participants. Thank you.

Lunch Bunch End of Season Spring Luncheon



Siwanoy Country Club Terrace

351 Pondfield Rd.
Bronxville, NY 10708

**TUESDAY
JUNE 6
12 NOON**

Plated luncheon and cocktail. \$40

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CHURCH OFFICE BY
SUNDAY, JUNE 4TH.
914-337-0207 (1003)

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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

MEMORIAL/HONORED VOICES

Gifts were received from:

Carol, George & Marcey Pietarinen
In Memory of Robert J. Burriesci

Nikki Krakow
In Memory of Rev. Dr. Donald Miesner

Ralph & Dorothy Schultz
In Memory of Elizabeth P. Bradley

William Phipps
In Honor of
Concordia Theological Seminary of
Fort Wayne

Michael & Lynn Jakob
In Honor of Village Lutheran Church
& the Festival of Workshops

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**BLOOD
DRIVE**

Give the gift of life.



9AM-1:30PM

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Multi-Purpose
Room

Schedule an Appointment:
<https://tinyurl.com/blooddrivemay20>
kzwisdak@thechapelschool.org or 914-337-0207 x 1040

SATURDAY, MAY 20

Join us to give back to the community in a truly life changing way since each donation collected can save up to three lives. Kim Zwisdak is leading the blood drive and is available to answer any questions.

(914) 337-0207 x 1040

kzwisdak@thechapelschool.org

Scan to book
appointment



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