



VILLAGE VOICES



STRAIGHT FROM THE HART

By Rev. Dr. Robert Hartwell

This summer on Sunday July 23, we will welcome guest preacher Rev. Tim Schulte to our Sunday 9 and 10:45 am services. I invited Pastor Tim to write an introduction to his ministry. Join us at church on that Sunday to meet him and his wife Erin and to learn more about their important work.



"My name is Rev. Timothy Schulte, and my wife Erin and I serve as missionaries with Lutheran Bible Translators. Currently, millions of people worldwide live in communities that do not have access to God's word in a language they can understand. Lutheran Bible Translators believe that this is absolutely unacceptable. They believe that darkness will flourish

wherever God's word is not available. People who cannot read or hear God's word in a language they can understand thirst for the promises of Christ but are not quenched. Even if they have heard the Gospel at some point, they do not have the foundation of Scripture to build their lives and communities of faith.

Recognizing that this is a problem, and proud of our 500-year-old Lutheran heritage of translating Scripture into languages people can read and understand, Lutheran Bible Translators' mission statement can be summed up in this simple statement: To put God's word in their hands.

By partnering with language communities worldwide, Lutheran Bible Translators are working to translate God's word into a language they can understand and treasure. So that God's promises might be for them, as well as for us!

I was born the oldest of four children. My parents served as missionaries in Lome, Togo when I was born. As a result, I spent the better part of fourteen years living in the north of that country, in Dapaong. Later my family moved to the capital city of Cote d'Ivoire, Abidjan. Due to unrest and the outbreak of civil war in Cote d'Ivoire, my family returned to the United States, where I spent my High School and College years in Missouri at Hillsboro and Kirksville, respectively. After graduating from Truman State University with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and a Minor in French, I spent that summer on a mission trip to Capetown. I then joined the Peace Corps the following summer.

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.
- There will be no Tuesday Evening Prayer Conference Call in June, July and August.

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There I served for two years in the community of Galilee in the country of Swaziland. I spent most of my time working with local primary schools, developing libraries and computer labs, and amongst the local community groups working on HIV/AIDS-related projects. Following my end of service, I enrolled and was accepted into the M. Div. program at Concordia Seminary, where I spent 1 ½ years before taking a leave of absence to take a job opportunity in Djibouti, Djibouti. I spent two years working for the United Service Organization as a Duty Manager at their center on the naval base of Camp Lemonnier. At the end of the two years, I returned to the Seminary to complete my studies. During my vicarage year, I served at a Living Savior Lutheran Church in Fairfax Station, VA. I graduated in May last year and was ordained on June 5th at Salem Lutheran Church in Blackjack, Missouri. My wife and I were married on August 27th at Salem and have been loving married life ever since! We currently live in Concordia, MO, where LBT is headquartered, with our dog Fig.

My wife, Erin Dewberry, is the new (and first-ever!) Deaconess Intern at Lutheran Bible Translators. Since our call to LBT, Erin and I have been assigned to work with the Subula language community of Cameroon to help them continue to develop their very first full-Bible translation project! The two of us recently returned from a trip to Cameroon in March to learn more about its culture, see our future home and meet Bible translation partners - especially the Subula translation team and language community members. While there, we were humbled by the energy and passion the Subula have for this project. We visited two villages and were greeted by hundreds of people at each who danced, sang, made speeches, gave us gifts, and asked us to bring back a message to those who are and who wish to partner with them in this grand undertaking. We can't wait to share that experience and their message with you when we finally get the chance to visit your church!"

Finally, here is a link to a podcast episode about our trip to Cameroon.

<https://player.captivate.fm/episode/a9cf2b70-fbba-4849-8b06-711979d63261>

Tim Schulte

Literacy/Scripture Engagement Specialist + Capacity Builder, Lutheran Bible Translators

A little about a new VLC friend, Pastor Tim Schulte, that is Straight from the Hart.

BIBLE STUDY/PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays 10:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.



As we slowly work our way through Romans, we are approaching one of Paul's most beautiful meditations on the power of the Holy Spirit (chapter 8). We will continue meeting through Wednesday **6/21** and then break for the summer.

SAVE THE DATES!



Be watching for details about Vacation Bible School which will be held 7/17- 7/22. VBS will feature a game theme, *Twists and Turns*, by Lifeway.



Baccalaureate Sunday is June 4. Our Chapel School 8th grade graduates will be honored at the 10:45 a.m. service. We will also publish a list of graduates from this year. Congratulations and God Bless all of our graduates as they move on to the next part of their journey.

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 6/21

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.

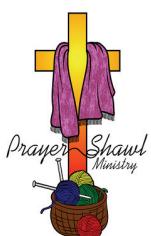


Sign up today at:
<https://tinyurl.com/MealCooking>

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



"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.



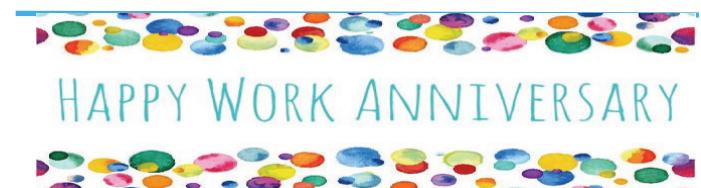
Blessing Basket Food for ECAP



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 members who are celebrating a work anniversary this month. We are blessed by their dedication and support and honor the work that they do and the gifts that they bring to our church and school.

Christine Colagrande, JrK4 / C-Camp Director, 18 years
Anne Hillier, Gr 2 Teacher / Team Lead, 16 years
Alison Schultz, Sub Teacher / TA, 7+ years
Catherine Condolff, PT Receptionist, 6 years
Lyndsie Schultz, Camp Instructor, 6 years
Marcello Osso, Facilities Manager Coordinator, 5 years
Joshua Gleason, Youth Sexton, 4 years
Audrey Heath, Care Aide, 2 years
Zachary Gleason, Youth Sexton, 1 year
Layla Livingston, Youth Sexton, 1 year
William Livingston, Youth Sexton, 1 year
Claire Story, Youth Sexton, 1 year

FOCUS ON WORSHIP
Numbered Among the Saints By Deborah Reiss

The workers who were hired about the eleventh hour came and each received a denarius. So when those came who were hired first, they expected to receive more... "These men who were hired last worked only one hour," they said, "and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day."

(Matthew 20:9-12)



One response to this parable is basically, "Nice work, if you can get it." Someone comes in at the eleventh hour, last minute, after not working all day, and gets the same wages as someone else who had "borne the heat of the day." We get that, for the eleventh-hour worker, this is a great blessing. It demonstrates God's tremendous grace that no one who comes to Him will be turned away, even at the last moment of life. But there is also this nagging feeling that, for the one who had to put in twelve hours of work, it just is not fair. How is that tired worker supposed to feel?

Having now also wrestled with Paul's extensive focus on "works" in Romans, I finally have a new appreciation of what Jesus was trying to say. One key is that this scene is actually set in the "kingdom of heaven." No matter how hard you work, or when you show up, there is no way to earn your way in. Looked at another way, the faithful person who works really hard at living according to God's ways is no more entitled to be in heaven than the one who spent most of life ignoring (or even opposing) God but finally came to faith in the end. God welcomes each one and

gives them eternal life through Jesus. We are equally undeserving and equally blessed by the bountiful goodness of God. That's a win-win!

So that leads to another question: Why bother to work? If you love your work, that is easy to answer. You find it fulfilling or emotionally rewarding. Hopefully, we can all find some way to apply our gifts and talents towards doing something we find meaningful. Yet even in work that seems nothing but drudgery, we offer ourselves to God because He loves us and asks us to love those around us in the same way. God also happens to have great ideas, and will use us to accomplish His wonderful work in this world. Even if it's the eleventh hour.

*Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of Thy love;
Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee.*

VLC MUSIC MINISTRY



Our choir season will wrap up on Sunday **6/11**, when we will hear music from our Youth, High School and Chancel Choirs at 9:00 a.m. and the Village Bells at 10:45 a.m. We will also hear the Chapel School Select Choir at the Baccalaureate Service (10:45 a.m.) on Sunday **6/5**. Many thanks to all of our singers and instrumentalists for helping us to worship the Lord with a joyful spirit.

It is good to praise the Lord and make music to Your name, O Most High. (Psalm 92:1)

Deborah Reiss (Chancel Choir, Village Bells, FaithWalk) - Dreiss@VLC-NY.org
George Heath (Youth Choir, High School Choir) - Gheath@VLC-NY.org

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, 6/1, 6/8, and 6/29** 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. If you have any questions, please email Erika Schultz at tyandbash@aol.com.

LIFERS Grades 7–8

The Rite of Confirmation was celebrated on Sunday 5/21 at 10:45 a.m. Congratulations and God Bless our confirmands:



Kaitlyn Clark

Arianna Forte

If you have any questions about our program please contact the church office at 914-337-0207 x1003 or KGrap@VLC-NY.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 6/4, 6/11, 6/18 and 6/25** around 10:30 a.m. in Room 209. If you have any questions please call or email Amy Heath at 914-439-3839 or amyheath1023@gmail.com.

SUNDAY SCHOOL is offered during the 9 a.m. service until 10:15 a.m. The last day for Sunday School classes is 6/11. If you have any questions please contact Sarah Gleason at chrisnysarah@netscape.net.



This summer, if you can't make it to church due to travel or other commitments, we encourage you to automate your regular donations. Village Lutheran Church relies on the consistent financial support of the congregation and electronic giving offers an easy way to give on a recurring basis. Simply visit VLC-NY.ORG and locate the donation link. Or if you prefer, pick up an authorization form. We thank you for your continued support. ALSO IF YOU PREFER: Donate to VLC & The Chapel School by text! To securely make a gift, text your gift AMOUNT to (914) 368-6636. Make sure to use the dollar sign before the amount.

First-time users will be asked to register with a credit/debit card. Save this number to your smart phone for future giving. Have a wonderful Summer!

THE CHAPEL SCHOOL NEWS

By Principal Michael Schultz

JUNE NEWS @ TCS!



Wonderful TCS Teacher Appreciation Week complete with delicious grab-and-go breakfast treats on Monday, May 8 and a fabulous catered lunch on Friday, May 12!



Spring Musical – Nickelodeon's The SpongeBob Musical! Bravo TCS Drama Department! Great job cast, crew and directors Mrs. Kate Marino (Drama) and Mr. George Heath (Music). Bravo! Bravo! Bravo! Arrrrrrgh! #BestPlayEver



Congrats and Thanks to 2023 Pro Deo et Schola Honoree – Katie Vogt!

In 16+ years at VLC/TCS, Katie has been a Master Teacher who is always willing to step up with a team-first, ministry-first attitude. She has been such a blessing to our community and we are pleased to recognize her for her many years of professional, dedicated service. Katie will be recognized at our Baccalaureate Service on June 4.



TCS Faculty Fun Time Band, Cinco de Mayo Celebration in Preschool, and Madi Viva and Sofia Tudorie kicking off their Student Leaders Service Learning (SL2) Project for the Humane Society of Westchester!

TCS 2022 Golf Outing at Siwanoy ... Monday, June 5, 2023! We are looking forward to another spectacular day of friend-raising, fund-raising and golf at one of Westchester's most beautiful country clubs. It has been a pleasure working with the staff at Siwanoy, Kim Zwijsdak and Outing Committee Members Athena Kerin, Brendan Schepis, Craig Volcovici, Geoff Sprague, Preston Flammang, Michael Spiciarich, Michael McCall, Jewel McKinney and Jim Condolff. We are poised to raise more needed scholarship money for 2023-2024!



Registration for TCS's 2023 Summer Program is live! <https://campscui.active.com/orgs/TheChapelSchool?orglink=camps-registration>

TCS OFFERING RECIPIENTS

JUNE — SL2 Humane Society of Westchester

FELLOWSHIP NEWS

Join us for the
Annual VLC & TCS Picnic
On Sunday, June 4th at noon



Burgers and Hot Dogs will be provided.
Bring a side dish to share.
Volunteers Needed!!



Questions? Contact Katie Bukofzer
etakwhit@aol.com
172 White Plains Road * Bronxville, NY * 10708

*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)**

**ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN US FOR
INTERESTING FELLOWSHIP, BEAUTIFUL
LOCATION AND FINE FOOD.**



SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE

The Search Committee for the Director of Youth and Family Ministry are pleased to announce that Assisting Pastor Mark Budenholzer has been extended a call to serve in this new position. Keep Pastor Mark, Naomi and Jael in your prayers as he considers God's call in relation to this new position.

UPDATE Jacob and Dagny Stewart

Parochial Deacon Jacob and Dagny Stewart have been assisting at the Saturday Service. Jacob's worship leadership and Dagny's voice as cantor have been so helpful in the service. Jacob has been accepted in the Master of Divinity Program and Institute of Sacred Music at Yale Divinity School. Although his studies will keep them from continuing their regular leadership, we hope to see Seminarian Jacob on occasion as guest preacher as he pursues his degree. We are grateful for their service this past year. The Stewarts remain members of the congregation, and you are urged to keep them in your daily prayers as Jacob prepares for ministry.

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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:

Thomas McEnerney
In Memory of Lee E. Schoenlank

Rosemarie & Henry Doerr
In Memory of Lee Schoenlank

Kevin & Deborah Cook
In Memory of Lee Schoenlank

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In Honor of Rev. Dr. Robert Hartwell

Ralph & Dorothy Schultz
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Theresa Eaton
In Memory of My Husband,
John Waters Eaton

John De Palo
In Memory of My Uncle
John Waters Eaton

Maureen Mirsky
In Memory of My Uncle
John Waters Eaton

Louise Almeida
In Memory of My Brother-in-law
John Waters Eaton