



VILLAGE VOICES



STRAIGHT FROM THE HART

By Rev. Dr. Robert Hartwell



Last year, we began the Merlin and Lois Rehm Pastoral Lecture with guest lecturer, The Rev. Dr. Victor Belton. The series honors long-time community members and friends, the Rehms, and also brings to our campus a scholar of note to deliver a lecture that educates and inspires.

Our second annual Rehm Lecture will be on Wednesday 5/17 at 7 p.m. in the evening. The topic for the evening is Black Lutheran History in America.

Sadly, individuals are often uninformed or misinformed on the important work of black and brown persons in our history as a nation and the same can be true of our own Lutheran history. To celebrate black history is a year-round important endeavor. Former Concordia College professor, Dr. Kathryn Galchutt, is spending time researching this important topic. Although now teaching at Concordia University Irvine, California we are happy to bring her back to fill the guest lecturer position. According to Dr. Galchutt "Though American Lutherans are associated with the history of German and Scandinavian immigrants in America, African Americans also have a long and deep history within American Lutheranism. As the scholar Jeff Johnson explained, "Black people have been a part of Lutheranism almost from the day that Lutherans landed on these shores." From colonial times to the present, African-American Lutherans have been a part of the history of slavery, segregation, civil rights in America. Though comparatively small in number, African-American Lutherans have given powerful witness to their faith in a variety of circumstances. There are lessons that we all can learn from Black Lutheran History."

This year's lecture, in addition to honoring the memory of Rev. Dr. Merlin and Lois Rehm, also honors Rev. Dr. Donald Miesner and Rev. Paul Boecler, fellow colleagues of Dr. Rehm in the Religion Department at Concordia College who both recently passed. The trio of truly pastoral theologians was a gift to our community and a rarity in our world.

Join us for the lecture and a light reception following. Thanks to the Cook family for hosting. As we continue to offer these Pastoral Lectures in the years to come, your memorial gifts help us to bring to our campus, quality and engaging speakers. Thank you in advance for your gifts to help underwrite this important program. A thought about an upcoming topic of interest that is Straight from the Hart.

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 5/30 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.

We will continue walking through the first half of Romans. Though sometimes St. Paul's writing can be very dense with ideas, Romans shows us how deeply Scripture reaches the heart and how diligently he endeavored to explain the mystery of God in saving us. We pray that these seeds planted in Bible Study will continue to grow and bloom.

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. Our final service for the spring will be Tuesday **5/30 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.



Join us on Sunday 5/7 at noon as we vote on the 2023-2024 budget and ratify Trustee appointments made to fill vacant positions.

A pizza lunch will be provided.

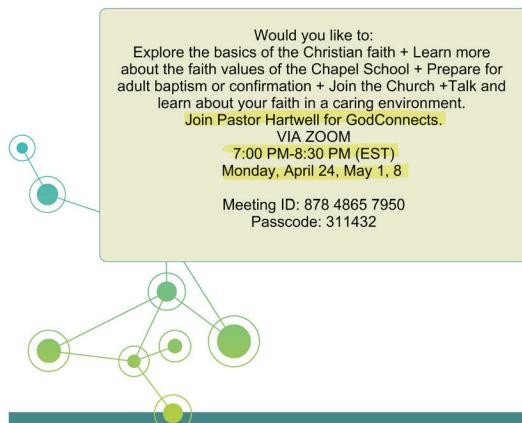
Copies of the '23-'24 budget are available in the tract rack by the church doors.



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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

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 5/17

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



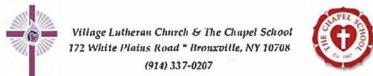
Please pick up small aluminum trays ahead of time at the Reception Desk. Bring the cooked food trays between 12:00pm - 1:00pm, on the third Wednesday for collection, in the VLC parking lot. These will then be delivered to the soup kitchen.

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



HAPPY WORK ANNIVERSARY



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.

Hannah Geiling, Staff Singer - 8 years

FOCUS ON WORSHIP
Numbered Among the Saints By Deborah Reiss

Jesus appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised..." (Acts 1:3-4)



In this beginning of "the rest of the story" from Acts, Jesus leaves His disciples wondering how long they might have to wait and what kind of "gift" would come to them. It turns out that the wait was exactly 10 days – from the 40th day after the Resurrection (now Ascension Day) to the 50th (known then and now as Pentecost) – and that the gift was the outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

The number 10 is symbolic of completeness, and is often used in the Bible as a multiplier. We see this here in Acts, as St. Luke explains that Jesus appeared on earth in His resurrected body for 40 days: $4 \text{ (the number of things earthly)} \times 10 \text{ (completion)} = 40 \text{ (Jesus finished His earthly ministry)}$. Then there was this gap of ten days. Why might that be?

While it is possible that God may have wanted to include one more potent symbol of completeness over 10 days, it is clear that the Day of Pentecost was the determining factor in God's timing. Pentecost was also known in Jewish religious life as the Feast of Weeks, coming 50 days after Passover. It is one of the three great harvest festival days, set by God to be observed after completing seven weeks from the first gathering of grain in spring ($7 \times 7 + 1$). Since 7 represents the

divine things, the festival is a Sabbath of rest to praise God for His bountiful gifts of food and "daily bread." As told in Acts, it was first of all a day when people from all over the Roman empire would be in Jerusalem. That meant that the power of the Holy Spirit to reach people of every language, age and situation was on full display. Furthermore, it celebrated the "fruit" of God's saving work through Jesus and the promise of spiritual fruit that would continue among His people.

Most of our holidays have become attached to a specific date, but we keep Easter, Ascension, and Pentecost as moveable feasts, a counting of days to praise God for completing the promise of giving us new life through His Messiah, for returning Jesus to heavenly glory after completing His work on earth, and for completing the promise to send His Holy Spirit into our hearts to keep us growing in faith and holiness. God is always blessing us, ten times over.

VLC MUSIC MINISTRY



As we celebrate **Youth Sunday 5/7** this month, we give thanks to God for the talents of our young people and the promise they represent.

Cherub Choir will continue the next week with their traditional Mother's Day songs on **Sunday 5/14**.

Choir rehearsals and worship leadership continue through mid-June.

Many thanks to all of our singers and instrumentalists for special music during Holy Week and Easter. Hallelujah!!

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

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



JOIN TEAM CHAPEL TO SECURE YOUR SPOT IN THE 2023
TCS NEW YORK CITY MARATHON!

It will take place in person on November 5, 2023.
We're 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 Kzwisdak@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 November 1, 2023. Be willing and able to run 26.2 miles, and be available on Sunday, November 5.

Benefits Include:

- Guaranteed Marathon Spot
- Personal Fundraising Page
- Team Chapel Gear
- Pre-Race & Race Day Support



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 5/4, 5/18, and 5/25 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

Confirmation classes are held Thursday evenings at 6 p.m. and taught by Katie Vogt. The Rite of Confirmation will be celebrated on Sunday 5/21 at 10:45 a.m. 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 5/7 and 5/21 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.

YOUTH SUNDAY – 5/7: Our Youth will help lead worship including a Youth Message from some of our high school seniors. Thanks to all of our young people and our Youth Leaders.

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.



Lutheran Social Services of New York

Safe Haven for Children Program:

The Safe Haven program provides follow-up case management services to minors who arrive in the country without parents or guardians and who have been released to qualified sponsors in the New York Metropolitan area, pending their immigration court proceedings.

The work of the Lord goes on in ways often unseen. Thanks to the VLC/TCS community, we collected and delivered 6 boxes of books to help build their library.

Thanks also to VLC Crusader Youth and Amy Heath for hosting a crafts, basketball and donuts day on Palm Sunday.



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 a.m.

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 Volcovici**.

THE CHAPEL SCHOOL NEWS

By Principal Michael Schultz

Gathering of Friends Cub Carnival and Roaring 20s

GALA were a huge success! What a great night at the VIP Club in New Rochelle! Once again, special thanks to GOF2023 Chair Athena Kerin! Congrats to Community Champion Jean Hanson! Thanks to Kim Z. GOF2023 volunteers, donors, sponsors and event attendees! It was so much fun and we are pleased to share that preliminary numbers show that we exceeded our goal of raising \$100,000! Much appreciation for Cub Carnival Chairs Diana Erickson and Liz Gollenberg on putting together a great day for the children on Saturday 3/18, that also raised almost \$6,000.



2023 PTO Read-A-Thon ... Thank You Melanie Harris, Victoria Howard and Lisa Jones ... and all the TCS Readers/Participants! Congrats to the top individuals (see below) and classes! TCS logged over 40,000 minutes and raised over \$10,000! #TCSReads #ThanksPTO Congrats Dennis Hankewycz on 1,000 AR Points!



Thanks **Pastor Hartwell** and **TCS Class of 2023** for leading a beautiful **Tenebrae Service** about **The Stations of the Cross!**

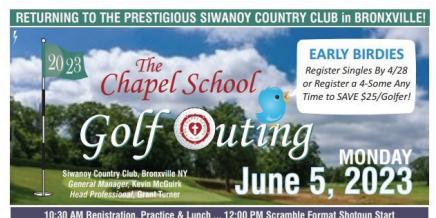


CONGRATS & THANKS to Team Chapel Arts Dmytro Yaskal, Dr. Kaitlyn L. and Nathan Linn (Pictured with Team Captain Pastor Hartwell) for completing the **NYC Half Marathon (3/19)**!

Congrats Sophie Kaloz (Kinghan Giving Hearts) and Dennis Hankewycz (Peterson Literacy) on earning 2023-2024 Blue Ribbon Foundation Scholarships!



TCS Drama Department Presents The SpongeBob Musical on 5/11-5/13.



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://vlcny.ejoinme.org/MyEvents/GolfOuting2023/Registration/tabid/1340472/Default.aspx>

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

TCS OFFERING RECIPIENTS

MAY/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
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Spring Luncheon*



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THE COUNSELING CENTER
Spring Gala
honoring
Mary Marvin
FRIDAY, MAY 5, 2023

The Counseling Center Spring Gala honoring Mayor Mary Marvin will be held at Siwanoy on Friday 5/5. Cocktails and dinner at 6:00 p.m., followed by a live auction. Support the fee-subsidy program for clients who could not otherwise afford the Center's mental health care services. To purchase tickets, go to

counseling.givesmart.com or call 914-793-3388.



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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

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