

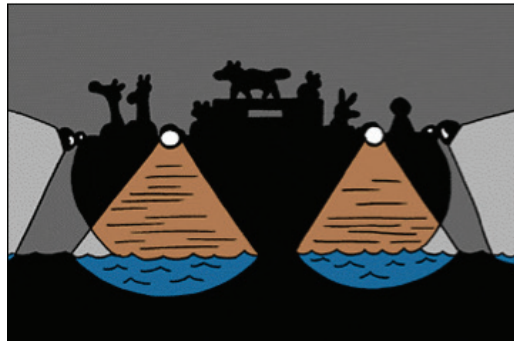


VILLAGE VOICES

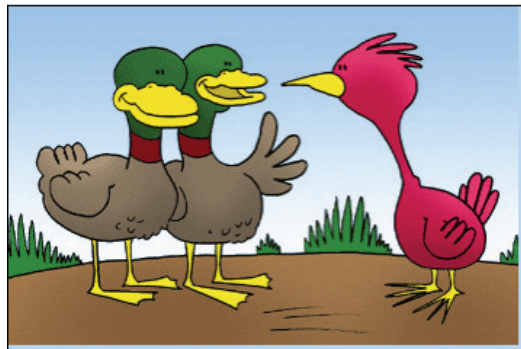


Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

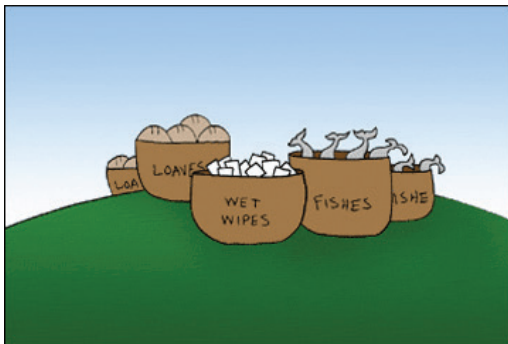
Jesus' Resurrection does fill our hearts with joy and puts a smile on our lips. In celebration of Easter Joy, here are several of my favorite Biblical Comics. A joyful message that is Straight from the Hart.



Thanks to Turkey Toes (See Genesis 6-8) 05-01-2003
THE ORIGINAL FLOOD LIGHTS



(See Genesis 2:18-25) 05-27-2003
SO ADAM NAMES ME "DUCK", NAMES MY BUDDY HERE "DUCK", THEN NAMES THIS OTHER DUDE "GOOSE" AND RUNS AWAY



(See Matthew 14:14-21) 06-17-2003



STAFF MEETING

07-15-2003

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

- Saturday 5:30 p.m. (March - June)
- 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.
- Tuesday Evening Prayer Conference
Join us on 4/30 for the next prayer conference call.

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WORSHIP/ BIBLE STUDY/PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays 10:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

We started our parable study with familiar stories of "The Good Samaritan" and "The Prodigal Son." Paying close attention to the context in which Jesus decided to teach this way, we have also been considering the cultural expectations of the day. Then we broaden the picture to ask what the parable tells us about God and about ourselves. Join us for further exploration!

THE TUESDAY NIGHT PRAYER SERVICE

Join us on 4/30 for the next prayer conference call.



THE MERLIN AND LOIS REHM PASTORAL RESIDENCY 2024

BUILDING TRUST IN CHRISTIAN-MUSLIM RELATIONS

Wednesday, April 24, 2024 7:30-9:00 PM

Join us in person or online at VLC-NY.ORG or our Facebook Page or YouTube Channel.

In response to the lack of trust between Christians and Muslims past and present, this lecture elucidates building trust in Christian-Muslim relations. With connections to Concordia College-New York and the Bronxville community, the Al Amana Centre, or House of Trust in Muscat, Oman, offers lessons in fostering trust and dialogue for Christians and Muslims today.



Presented by: Rev. Dr. Joshua Hollmann

Associate Professor of Systematic Theology, Concordia University, St. Paul
Senior Pastor, True Light Lutheran Church, Manhattan
Education Executive, Atlantic District, LCMS

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.



Join us on Sunday, April 21 at 12 noon for our Spring Voters Meeting.

Thank you to the following VLC/TCS team members who are celebrating an anniversary of their total work history in April. 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.

Evelyn Cea, Receptionist, 3 years

Gabriella Silva, Care Aide, 1year

We will be discussing Budget for 2024-2025 Year and the Capital Campaign Preplanning Process that is being conducted.

Pizza lunch will be provided.



OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

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 4/17**

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

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**

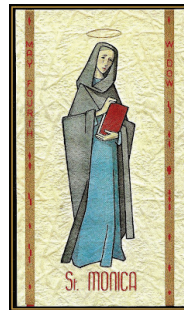
**Basket under Piano in
Friendship Room**
172 White Plains Road
Bronxville, NY 10708

PRAYER SHAWLS



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.

ST. MONICA'S CIRCLE: St. Monica was born in the 4th century and she is recognized as the patron saint of mothers. Her faith and dedication to motherhood played a pivotal role in the spiritual formation of one of the most brilliant philosophers and well-known saints of all time - Saint Augustine, her son. VLC has a long running ministry to new parents in her name. Carolyn Fiuza is our coordinator.

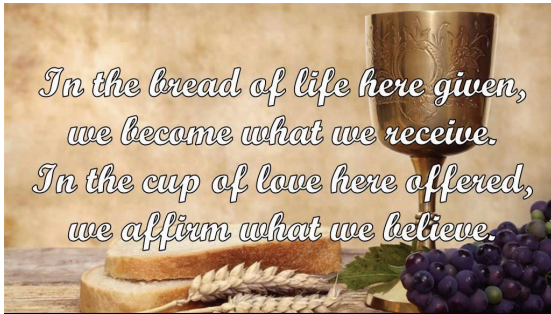


St. Monica's Circle (SMC) is a collection of volunteers who work together to provide a caring meal (for three days) to new parents after birth or adoption of a child. All St. Monica's Circle volunteers will get the announcement and specifications (special requests, family size, allergies, etc..) to see if their schedule allows. Volunteers either take a certain date or pass for the next time.

Not on the volunteer list? Send us your name, email and phone number and we will add you to the Volunteer list. VLCMAIL@VLC-NY.ORG.

FOCUS ON WORSHIP

Hymn Stories By Deborah Reiss



The Fourth Sunday of Easter (April 21 this year) is “Good Shepherd Sunday.” There are familiar hymns that we sing every year, paraphrasing Psalm 23 or including other shepherd imagery. One more recent Communion hymn that I have really come to appreciate is ***You Satisfy the Hungry Heart*** (LSB 641). It was composed in 1976 for the Archdiocese of Philadelphia with an original text by a church musician, Omer Westendorf, drawn from several passages of Scripture. Another church musician, Robert Kreutz, set the text to a subtly moving melody that was named “Bicentennial” in homage to our national celebration.

As with a number of late 20th century hymns, it is built on a verse-refrain model. The first part of the refrain is ***You satisfy the hungry heart with gift of finest wheat***. This symbol of God’s care comes from Psalm 81:16, “You would be fed with the finest of wheat; with honey from the rock I would satisfy you.” The second part of the refrain is a prayer of response to Jesus, who revealed Himself to be the bread of eternal life: ***Come give to us, O saving Lord, the bread of life to eat***.

Each of the verses then calls us to recognize the gift being offered in Communion and the ways we are spiritually fed:

- Verse 1 begins with the shepherd who calls his sheep, whose gentle voice we hear in the invitation to communion and then “follow and rejoice.”
- Verse 2 marvels that we, like the faith-filled centurion whose servant was suffering (Matthew 10:5-13), would be looked on as worthy of healing and fellowship with our Lord.
- Verse 3 celebrates our unity in Christ by sharing in the “cup of blessing” and “one loaf” described by Paul in 1 Corinthians 10:16-17.
- Verse 4 speaks of the mystery of the real presence and the fulfillment of Jesus’ promise that “If anyone loves me...we will come to them and make our home with them” (John 14:23).
- Verse 5 concludes with a prayer that we would serve each other in love, as we have been loved (1 John 4:7-21).

As we sing the hymn, I like to feel the movement of people physically coming forward to meet with God through the Communion celebration and offering a prayer to our loving Good Shepherd, who has called and filled us.

VLC MUSIC MINISTRY



Special thanks to all the members of our music ministry for enlivening our Holy Week and Easter worship! Chancel Choir and Village Bells will be off the first week of April and resume rehearsing on 4/10 (bells) and 4/11 (choir). Our musical highlight for the month will be Good Shepherd Sunday 4/21.

Deborah Reiss: Chancel Choir, FaithWalk, Village Bells
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George Heath: Youth Choir, HS Choir, Village Brass
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VLC YOUTH

VOYAGERS Grades 3-6

Voyagers is open to all incoming students in Grades 3-6 and friends are always welcome. **We will meet on Thursdays 4/11, 4/18, and 4/25 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

We will have a Day of Prayer and Play for our confirmation class on 4/21. We will worship together at the 10:45 service and then spend the day together. If you have any questions please contact our Director of Youth and Family Ministries Pastor Mark Budenholzer (MBudenholzer@VLC-NY.ORG).

CRUSADERS Grades 9-12



Calling all 9-12 graders! Please join us **after the 9 a.m. service on Sundays 4/14, 4/21, and 4/28 in Room 209.** (Classroom above the church)

There is so much happening over the next year with Crusader Youth and we want you and your high schooler to be a part of it all!

We are preparing for another awesome National Youth Gathering in Summer 2025 to New Orleans, LA. **In preparation for this amazing experience we are so excited to invite all High Schoolers to our Pre-Gathering Retreat on April 5-7, 2024. If your children are in 8-12th grade, please join us!** If you have any questions please email Crusader Youth Leader, Amy Heath at amyheath1023@gmail.com

CRUSADER YOUTH PRE-GATHERING RETREAT

KOINONIA RETREAT CENTER, HIGHLAND LAKE, NY.
(<https://www.koinoniany.org>)

FRIDAY APRIL 5-SUNDAY APRIL 7, 2024

- **DEPART FRIDAY 4/5/24 at 5 p.m.**
- **RETURN SUNDAY 4/7/24 at 2 p.m.**

SAVE THE DATES

6/8/24 - VLC Youth Tag Sale
7/13/24 - Youth Car Wash

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Join us every week for Sunday School at our 9a.m. service! For more information, feel free to contact our Director of Youth and Ministries Pastor Mark Budenholzer (MBudenholzer@VLC-NY.ORG) or our Sunday School Superintendent Sarah Gleason (christnysarah@netscape.net).



Parent Community Nights are an opportunity for parents of any age children to come together for Christian community, food, and discussion on topics of faith and family. **Our next one will be on Thursday 4/18 from 6-7p.m.** in the Friendship Room. Bring some food to share or just come along to enjoy food, community, and discussion.

THE CHAPEL SCHOOL NEWS

By Principal Michael Schultz



Thank You Treda Collier Dickenman and Welcome New Chief Diversity Officer Pastor Matthew Gonzalez!

We are so grateful to Mrs. CD, who has led TCS through important DEIB growth since the Fall of 2019; and, we are excited to have Pastor Matthew Gonzalez carry the torch and lead us through continued community growth. Pastor Gonzalez started Lutherans for Racial Justice, and has years of experience in this area, both as a Pastor and as Head of School. God continues to Bless TCS as we strive to better serve our wonderfully diverse community!

Accreditation Validation Team Recommends TCS for Re-Accreditation! We are still awaiting official regional and national approval, but the team recognizes TCS as an exemplary school, citing 3 Powerful Practices and 6 Areas of Strengths!



Lutheran Schools Week 2024 - CONNECTED



2024 TCS Tech Expo – HUGE SUCCESS! Thanks Dr. Martinez and Middle School Students for sharing your exciting projects that integrate our recent technology upgrade, including: JavaScript, Scratch, Microbit, MIT App Inventor, typing.com, business (Google Sites), Children's Books, Sphero, Rocket Languages, 3D Modeling Printing and 3D Pen, Virtual Tours, FlipAnim, Utopias, Soundtrap and Drones! What a fanTECHstic night!



“Le Petit Jardin” Gathering of Friends Kids’ Edition from last Saturday (3/9/24). Thanks to **Maura, Kate, Kim Zwisdak, Chrissy Colagrande, Danielle DiCuio** and all the volunteers/donors for making that such a special event for the children! Gathering of Friends GALA Pics will be shared in May!



TCS Drama Department Presents Disney’s NEWSIES ... April 25-27, 2024!

2024 TCS Golf Outing - GOLFERS and SPONSORS NEEDED! Siwanoy Country Club in Bronxville. Monday, June 3, 2024 ... Online registration is LIVE! [Online Registration 2024 TCS Golf Outing](#)

REGISTRATION for TCS’s 2024 SUMMER PROGRAM is LIVE! [Online Registration 2024 Summer Program](#)

The Chapel School Offering Recipients
APRIL - Lutheran Bible Translators
May/June – SL2 The Water Project

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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:

Kevin & Deborah Cook
In Loving Memory of Helen Britz

Edith Pinka
In Memory of
Astrid & Willie Rosendahl

Charlie Eisenberg & Terry Vidal
In Thankfulness for the
Ministry of VLC

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Theresa Eaton
In Memory of Helen Britz

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In Loving Memory of My Brother
Lewis Palladino (28 years)

