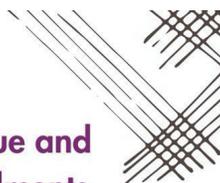




VILLAGE VOICES



Join us for special services as we continue and conclude our focus on The Ten Commandments



Midweek III-Wednesday, March 6 @ 7:30 pm
The Fourth Commandment: "Putting Parents in Their Place"

Midweek IV-Wednesday, March 13 @ 7:30 pm
The Fifth Commandment: "Murder, God Wrote"

Midweek V-Wednesday, March 20 @ 7:30 pm
with special music by the Chapel School choirs
The Sixth Commandment: "Celebrating Faithful Love"

Palm Sunday

Saturday, March 23 @ 5:30 pm
Sunday March 24 @ 9 and 10:45 am
The Seventh Commandment: "Bronxville Vice"

Maundy Thursday

Thursday, March 28 @ 7:30 pm
The Eighth Commandment: "To Tell the Truth"

Good Friday

Friday, March 29 @ 12 noon and 7:30 pm
*The Ninth and Tenth Commandments:
"Overcoming the Desire to Acquire"*



We will celebrate Jesus' perfect life of living in love on our behalf and His glorious resurrection on:

Easter Vigil

Holy Saturday
March 30 @ 5:30 pm

Easter Sunday

March 31 @ 9 am and 10:45 am

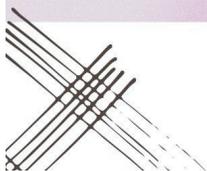
WORSHIP SCHEDULE

- The Saturday 5:30 p.m. service resumes on 3/2 . (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
There is no prayer service in March. 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.

Our next topic will be the parables of Jesus. With guidance from the book "Jesus Through Middle Eastern Eyes" we will explore the background and application of these familiar yet enigmatic stories.

SATURDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

The Saturday service will resume on 3/2 at 5:30 p.m. and continue through the end of June. Join us. Especially good for young families with sports activities on Sunday morning or anyone who finds another service time helpful for their schedule. It is also a simple yet beautiful service of Holy Communion.

THE TUESDAY NIGHT PRAYER SERVICE

There is no prayer service in March, as the last Tuesday of the month falls during Holy Week. 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

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.



Saturday,
March 16
9:30AM-3:10PM

HOSTED AT
SUNY Maritime College
6 Pennyfield Avenue, The Bronx, NY 10465

Over 30 workshops to refresh and energize you in your ministry.



Need a ride? NEW THIS YEAR

Chartered coach bus seats are available from Long Island and the Capital District for only \$15. Available upon registration.

\$35 per person / \$40 after March 3rd
Lunch shall be provided.

Register Online at ad-lcms.org



Lutheran Social Service (LSS) Safe Haven Kids



Our Ministry to the LSS Safe Haven kids got a boost from our Alpha Ministry on Saturday, 2/10, underwritten in part by our good friends at Thrivent. At the request of LSS for craft supplies to implement an Easter project, the Alpha reunion crew stepped up and gathered donations of various supplies: poster boards, crayons, and coloring pencils, beads, and \$225 of Dunkin' Donut gift cards. LSS thanks VLC-TCS, the Alpha reunion crew, and Thrivent for putting together these grants and donations to help tell the good news of the Easter season. This is another example of how VLC-TCS ministries reinforce each other and promote a Christian life of service.

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 3/20**

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.

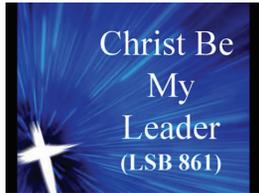


St. Monica's Circle (SMC) is a collection of volunteers who work together to provide a caring meal (for three days) to new parents after birth or adoption of a child. All St. Monica's Circle volunteers will get the announcement and specifications (special requests, family size, allergies, etc..) to see 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



In the first week of March it is our custom to celebrate Lutheran Schools Week. We also have a custom of including hymns with Irish melodies on the Sunday nearest St. Patrick’s Day. One beautiful hymn that fits both of these occasions is **Christ Be My Leader** (LSB 861), written by Anglican bishop Timothy Dudley-Smith and sung to the Irish folk tune “Slane”. (a wonderfully singable melody connected to more than one text).

Though I had not previously taken time to consider what makes this hymn so appealing, I found a wealth of ideas in an article by David W. Music in the *Hymnology Archive* (online). The text is strong because it incorporates a number of pleasing poetic and literary devices as well as subtle references to several Biblical themes. This compositional craft is woven with words that are simple to understand yet reflecting a deep spiritual foundation.

One of my first discoveries was that the three verses of the hymn are built around Jesus’ assurance to His disciples, “I am the **way** and the **truth** and the **life**” (John 14:6). Each verse starts out with a prayer for Christ to fill a special role in our lives, one that is an everyday application of the more abstract images quoted in John 14: 1. I pray that Christ would be my Leader because He knows the way I should be going and will keep me safe on the journey. 2. I pray that Christ would be my Teacher because lots of false or misleading information will come at me, no matter my age, and I want to place my trust in the truth of the Word made flesh. 3. I pray to keep in mind that Christ is my Savior because Jesus is the antidote to sin and death, more powerful than any other force and the one true guarantee of life.

Another reassuring theme in the hymn is inspired by John 8:12, where Jesus declares to the people “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.” Dudley-Smith repeats these images of light and dark, using alliteration (“darkness is daylight”) and contrast (“by night as by day”), as well as making room for expression of the doubts that we all experience while confidently affirming who is the ultimate victor. Take some time to read through the hymn and see if it stimulates a vision of growing and enduring faith.

Nor darkness nor doubting nor sin and its stain can touch my salvation: with Jesus I reign.

VLC MUSIC MINISTRY



Music highlights include:

- **On Sunday 3/3** we welcome in The Chapel School Select Choir as we celebrate Lutheran Schools Week.
- For **First Communion Sunday 3/17**, we plan to add the Village Bells and Youth Choir to our worship at 10:45.
- Cherub Choir will sing for **Palm Sunday 3/24** and Holy Week will culminate in the grand festival of Easter with multiple choirs and instruments.

We appreciate all of our choir members and musicians!

Deborah Reiss: Chancel Choir, FaithWalk, Village Bells

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 3/7, 3/14 and 3/21 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 3/30 Easter Egg Hunt Setup - Meet on Greet Porch at 9:45 a.m. (to help hide eggs!)
Easter Egg Hunt at 11:00 a.m. ; Pick-up at 11:20 AM

If you have any questions, please email Erika Schultz at tyandbash@aol.com.

LIFERS Grades 7–8

Confirmation classes for 7th and 8th grade families continue on Sunday mornings and select Thursday nights. Confirmation is a two-year program that equips our youth to understand and live out their Christian faith. If you would like to register your child for the program, please go to <https://www.vlc-ny.org/confirmation-form> or call the church office for more information. All Village Lutheran members, Chapel School students and community youth are welcome. New 8th graders are also welcome (we will catch you up!). 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

This year we will dive deeper into WHY we do what we do. Are our actions PURPOSEFUL MOVEMENT? VLC Bible verse is Isaiah 40:31 ***“they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint.”*** Isaiah describes each movement with conviction and unwavering faith. How can we purposefully move with intention, passion and keep Jesus at the center? Let’s discuss!



Calling all 9-12 graders! Please join us **after the 9 a.m. service on Sundays 3/3, 3/10, 3/17 and 3/24 in Room 209.** (Classroom above the church)

Crusaders Youth Retreat at Koinonia coming in April! More details coming soon.

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).

1st COMMUNION INSTRUCTION

This class is open to youth in the 5th grade and above who have not had their 1st Holy Communion. Classes meet Wednesdays during Lent from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. **Class dates for 2024 are Wednesdays 2/28, 3/6 and 3/13.** There will also be Early First Communion Lock-in on Friday 3/1 from 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. 1st Holy Communion will be at a special Service on St. Patrick’s Day (Sunday, March 17, 2024 at 10:45 a.m.). The 1st Communion Registration is online at www.VLC-NY.ORG under the Forms tab. If you have any questions, please feel free to call 914-337-0207 x1003.



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 3/21 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

“I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.” John 15:5

Sunday March 3 – Lutheran Schools Sunday

Congratulations to 2024 Chapel School Award Honoree, Dr. Elizabeth Geiling!

Betty, as most people know her, has been a loving and dedicated member of Village Lutheran Church and The Chapel School for decades. She was a TCS teacher, has been involved with Cherub Choir, Sunday School, Youth Groups, counseling groups while a professor at Concordia, and most recently as a partner through Lutheran Counseling Center. She has been a sounding board when managing increasing mental health issues during and emerging from the COVID-19 pandemic and continues to work with TCS students and families as an on-site counselor through Lutheran Counseling Center. Betty will be receiving her award at the 9 a.m. Service on Lutheran Schools Sunday (March 3).



3/4 – Connected in Unity;

3/7 – Connected in Life & Student-Led TECH Expo;

3/5 – Connected in Joy;

3/8 – Connected in HOPE!

3/6 – Connected in Celebration;

Gathering of Friends Le Jardin des Reves Gala ... March 15, 2024 ... Lake Isle Country Club in Eastchester!

Tickets are on sale for our GOF2024 at: <https://www.gathering-of-friends.org/>

We are so appreciative of **GALA Co-Chairs, Maura Condolff and Kate Marino** and their team of volunteers! Planning and preparation is also underway for the **GALA’s Kid’s Event** on **Saturday, March 9**. Thanks to **Danielle DiCuio** and **Chrissy Colagrande** for running that fun event for the children!

2024 TCS Golf Outing - GOLFERS and SPONSORS NEEDED!

We're Back at SIWANoy! ... JOIN US on Monday, June 3 for our 2024 TCS Golf Outing at Siwanoy Country Club in Bronxville. This is a great day of golf and a wonderful opportunity to raise money for scholarships for students at The Chapel School. Golfers and Sponsors Needed! Online registration is LIVE! [Online Registration 2024 TCS Golf Outing](#)

REGISTRATION for TCS’s 2024 SUMMER PROGRAM is LIVE! In-Person Open Houses are scheduled for Saturday, March 9 (11 AM -2 PM) and Sunday, April 21 (12:30 – 3:00 PM)

TCS Offering Recipients MARCH – Lutheran Schools Association.



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.

We are squarely in the middle of the penitential season of Lent. Your favorite music sources are filled with wonderful devotional aids for your Lenten fast and penitence. Much of the content is traditional in nature but some is very fresh and in a modern style. My favorite is a relatively new title from the praise and worship label, Integrity Music, Paul Zach and his album, “Lent Hymns.” Paul sounds like modern Noel Paul Stookey or Bob Dylan with a collection of new and reinterpreted classics. Joined by iAmSon, Jessica Fox and Sarah Grooves, the sound is acoustic yet crisp and the lyrics come straight from the pages of a Lenten Prayerbook and are a poetic retelling of scripture.

Highlights include the Ash Wednesday themes, “From the Dust”, to the Holy Thursday inspired “Keep Watch” and even the aptly titled and lightly orchestrated haunting, Holy Saturday piece, ‘He’s Gone.’

You should scan this review and listen to Lent Hymns on your favorite streaming service. The link is from Spotify, but it is available everywhere you listen to your favorite music.



To hear on Spotify go to:
<https://open.spotify.com/album/5rHjAYDqshuhlBn0D2rtS1?si=IaaJhIOtSA2iWVDEVDV-Yg>

FELLOWSHIP NEWS



Join us for our Senior Lunch Bunch Luncheon



Music by Local Artist Jeannie Claire

Tuesday March 12, 2024

Arrive at 11:30 AM Lunch at Noon

RSVP by March 10th 914-337-0207x1003 KRAPILLO@VLC-NY.ORG



"Gathering of Friends" is Village Lutheran Church and The Chapel School's annual fundraising gala. This year's event will be held on Friday 3/15 at Lake Isle Country Club in Eastchester, NY.



We are pleased to announce our Community Champion is Concordia Conservatory and her Executive Director Kathleen Suss. Please join us for this wonderful evening. Should you have any questions at all, please feel free to contact Kim Zwisdak at the

Development Office by phone: 914.337.0207 (ext.1040) or by email: KZwisdak@TheChapelSchool.org

Purchase Tickets, Sponsorships or Congratulatory Journal Ads at: https://www.gathering-of-friends.com



The Gathering of Friends "Kids Edition"

Saturday, March 9th 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Prizes

Family Fun



Treats

Games

GET YOUR EARLY BIRD TICKETS \$20/Family gets you 20 Tickets + 5 BONUS TICKETS

*Tickets purchased at the door will not include the "5 Bonus Tickets"

The Chapel School Gym 172 White Plains Road, Bronxville, NY 10708 www.Gathering-Of-Friends.com



HAPPY WORK ANNIVERSARY

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

Irene Englisch, Substitute Teacher Aide, 7 year

Rachel Palumbo Lopez, Teacher Aide, 1yr

THANK YOU! Theonie "TH" Arndt is retiring after almost a quarter of a century total service to our Business Office. Her commitment to the ministry of the church and school and her attention to detail have been an asset to our overall ministry, especially in challenging times. In addition to our ministry, she has been a blessing to the Atlantic District Lutheran Church — Missouri Synod and Lutheran Social Services -New York. Join us in thanking TH for her years of service and wishing her well as she retires and begins an exciting new phase of her life.

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MEMORIAL/HONORED VOICES

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

Gifts were received from:

Kathy Coffey
In Memory of Helen Messner's
24th Anniversary of Her Passing

Cynthia Tether
In Thankfulness for the Ministry of VLC

Margit Barsdorf
In Thankfulness for the Ministry of VLC

Theresa Eaton
In Memory of William Phipps

Theresa Eaton
In Loving Memory of Her Beloved
Husband, John Waters Eaton

John DePalo
In Memory of His Beloved Uncle,
John Waters Eaton

Anita Kebschull & Her Family
In Thankfulness for the Ministry of VLC

Lindsay Rogers
In Memory of Helen M. Britz

Marion Scaramuzzino
In Memory of Astrid & Willi Rosendahl

Kathy Coffey
In Memory of Helen M. Britz

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In Memory of Helen M. Britz

Sharon Sjonvall
In Memory of Ragnar (Ron) Sjonvall

The Messner Family
In Memory of Helen M. Britz

Carol & Kenneth Kwiat
In Memory of Helen M. Britz