



VILLAGE VOICES



TALK OF THE VILLAGE

GIVING THANKS FOR THE GOODNESS OF GOD

How can I repay the Lord for all His goodness to me? I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord. I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all His people... I will sacrifice a thank offering to You and call on the name of the Lord. (Psalm 116:12-14, 17)



On October 4, we held a service of Prayer and Thanksgiving to honor the ministry of Pastor Hartwell and his wife, Sue. We give thanks to God that He has led long-serving pastors and committed leaders to this congregation for over 100 years, and that He has sustained our community of faith as a witness to His love. As the body of Christ, we have this special place to gather for worship, to rest in the goodness of the Lord, and to encourage one another in faith.

The psalm asks, "How can I repay the Lord?" We do so in prayer, in commitment to each other, and in willing sacrifice. We live because God has formed us and made us His own; we love because God first loved us; we share because God has given us everything. Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

- Saturday 5:30 p.m. service.
- Sunday 9 a.m. and 10:45 a.m. in the sanctuary.
- For those who can't join us in-person, live stream worship at [VLC-NY.org](https://www.vlc-ny.org), on Facebook, or YouTube.
- Tuesday Evening Prayer Conference Call will be on 11/25.

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WORSHIP/ BIBLE STUDY/PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays 10:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.



We remain in the heart of John's Gospel, as Jesus continues to reveal God's truth while meeting fierce opposition. Once we complete chapter 8, we will

keep going with the healing of the blind man in chapter 9.

There will be no class on Thanksgiving Wednesday 11/26.

Chosen Wine, Desserts & Discussion



WEDNESDAYS
SEPTEMBER 24 - NOVEMBER 12
TIME: 7 - 9 PM

WATCH SEASON ONE OF THE ACCLAIMED SERIES
WITH DISCUSSION AND REFRESHMENTS

HOSTED BY
DEACON JANET GEORGE
DEACON TONY DEROSA

INVITE A FRIEND!

TO RSVP - PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE
914-337-0207 X. 1003

Village Lutheran Church **SERVICE OF EVENING PRAYER**



We will be holding our monthly service of evening prayer by phone, led by Pastoral Assistant Morris Mayer along with Minister of Music Deb Reiss, on the last Tuesday of the month. Join us at 6:00 p.m. on 11/25.

Simply call 1-732-434-3982 and pray with our community. Invite a friend.

NEW MEMBERS
SUNDAY!

We will be recognizing and welcoming new church members during worship on the weekend of November 15-16.

If you are interested in becoming a VLC member but have not yet done so officially, please fill out a membership form at our web site (VLC-NY.org), speak to Pastor Budenholzer, or contact the church office at 914-337-0207, x1003 or Krapillo@VLC-NY.org



Veterans
Helping
Veterans

Are you a veteran or actively serving in the military or reserves? As we approach Veterans Day this November, Deacon Larry Cosentino would like your input on creating new opportunities for ministry among the brave men and women who have served or are serving in our military. If interested, make a note on the pew card or contact Deacon Larry at Larry.Cosentino@gmail.com or (646)369-7408.

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 11/19

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



Seafarers stay at sea for months and are often overworked and lonely. You can share the love of Christ with them by filling a satchel with the items listed below. Port chaplains from Seafarers International will deliver donated satchels to the ships.

Please purchase sweatshirts and T-shirts in the same size (Medium or Large only this year), and make no additions or substitutions:

- One sweatshirt - hooded or unhooded (size M or L)
- Three pairs of warm socks - thermal or white gym
- One casual pullover T-shirt (size M or L)
- One knitted winter cap
- One can of nuts, large chocolate bar or health snack bar
- Holiday or Christmas card from you

Pick up a satchel from church and fill it or simply bring in the items for a satchel. Return filled satchels or contents to VLC by Sunday, November 30.



ST. MONICA'S CIRCLE: St. Monica was born in the 4th century and she is recognized as the patron saint of mothers. VLC has a long running ministry to new parents in her name. Carolyn Fiuza is our coordinator.

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. For more information, call the church office at 914-337-0207 x1003

Crochet Ministry

Crochet Class will be paused November through February.

You can pick up yarn if you wish to continue on your own.

Knitters are also welcome to pick up yarn for prayer shawls or other projects.

Contact Kim Rapiello at 914-337-0207 x 1003 in the church office or Krapillo@vlc-ny.org.

FOCUS ON WORSHIP
Hidden with Christ, by Deborah Reiss

[Christ Jesus] is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation... He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. (Colossians 1:15, 17)



So what does God look like? Cartoons usually show a kindly old man with a white beard. Artists have come up with various ways to show God the Father, and numerous "portraits" of Jesus. The difficulty for us is that none of these are true images, and they offer only a limited view. As much as we tend to rely on visual cues and human representations, God transcends all of it.

Moses wanted some assurances from God in order to continue leading the Israelites (Exodus 33:12-23). God promised that "My Presence will go with you." Then Moses wanted to see God's glory, and God responded that "I will cause all my goodness to pass in front of you...but you cannot see my face, for no one may see me and live." In thinking about this exchange, I realized that what God looks like is not important (even though images are so powerful). What matters is that God's Presence is with us, even now.

God does offer signs of His Presence in many wonderful and reassuring ways. For Moses and the Israelites, there was a cloud and a pillar of fire. For Elijah, there was a fire that consumed his water-logged offering to God in defiance of Jezebel's priests of Baal. The highest and most precious revelation of God's Presence came in the incarnation of Jesus, the Son of God, as a human being. All of God's goodness passed by those who got to see Jesus. Peter, James and John received a glimpse of divine glory on the Mount of Transfiguration, and there were many witnesses to Jesus' miraculous acts of mercy and compassion.

While we were not there to see the human Jesus, we have His promise that "where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them" (Matthew 18:20). When we celebrate Holy Communion, we receive the "real presence" of Jesus' body and blood – in, with and under the bread and wine. We also have Jesus' assurance that "I am with you always, to the very end of the age" (Matthew 28:20).

We cannot see God in a conventional way, but we can see signs of God's Presence in our lives. Jesus gave us a model of what it means to be a full human, made in the image of God, and has sent the Holy Spirit to help us. Best of all, Jesus is with us in all things and holds them all together for us. As we celebrate Christ the King, keep watch for God in our midst and look forward to the time when we will see the full glory.



Sunday 11/2, ALL SAINTS DAY - The Chancel Choir and High School Choir will sing at 9:00 and Village Bells will ring at 10:45.

Sunday 11/23, we will celebrate the end of the church year.

Sunday 11/30, First sunday of Advent

Choirs will be off the week of Thanksgiving (11/24 - 11/30).

Deborah Reiss: Chancel Choir, FaithWalk, Village Bells • 914-337-0207, x1018 • DReiss@VLC-NY.org

George Heath: Youth Choir, HS Choir, Village Brass • 914-337-0207, x1012 • GHeath@VLC-NY.org

VOYAGERS Grades 3–6

Voyagers is open to anyone in grades 3 – 6. Please join us and bring a friend! We usually meet three times per month on Thursdays at 6:00-7:00 p.m. Please enter the Church/School from the school reception doors. At the end of the meeting, Youth will be escorted out to the school doors and dismissed to their cars. Or, if Youth are going to choir, they will be dropped off there.

Our meetings this month will be 11/6, 11/13, and 11/20 in the MPR.

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

LIFERS Grades 7–8

Confirmation is a two year program for kids in 7th and 8th grade. One year we focus on the story of scripture and the other year we focus on the teachings of scripture. It's a good time and a very formative time in which the confirmands grow in their relationship with God and in their understanding of their faith.

You can register your child by filling out the confirmation form on the website (go to VLC-NY.Org and click on Forms) which also has general information about the program.

If you have any questions please contact Director of Youth and Family Ministries, Pastor Mark Budenholzer at MBudenholzer@VLC-NY.ORG.

CRUSADERS Grades 9–12



Calling all 9-12 graders! Donuts and Discussion will meet in the office suite on 11/2, 11/9, 11/16 and 11/23. Donuts will be provided! Hope to see you there! If you have any questions, please email Crusader Youth Leader, Amy Heath at amyheath1023@gmail.com



The Holiday Tag Sale is coming in November! We are looking for new or gently used holiday items.

Example items needed: decorations, ribbons, gift bags, small gift items, candles, picture frames, jewelry. **Please drop off donations to the church on November 21st.**

THE CHAPEL SCHOOL NEWS

By Principal Michael Schultz

Building a Family of Faith @ TCS (November 2025)



World Wildlife Fund Chapel (10/2)!

TCS 8th Grade Leaders Andi Gace, Leo Burton, and Noah Thomas did a great Job leading a school-wide service learning initiative for the World Wildlife Fund! #CaringForGodsCreation #TCSserves #TCSLeads

Our Friends from the Eastchester Fire Department Visited TCS!



CHARGERS FALL SPORTS are UNDER WAY!

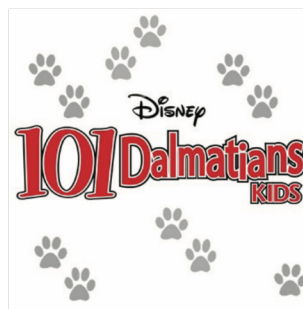
Thanks to Coach M. (Mr. James Mastrangelo), TCS Students have begun Fall Golf at Lake Isle, In-House Volleyball, and K-2 Students have started their after-school Feeder Basketball Clinics! Practices are also underway for the 3rd-8th Graders participating in the 2025-2026 CYO Basketball Season! #GoChargers

Band Lessons and Choir Rehearsals Have Begun!

Thanks to Maestro George Heath, Prep Choir, Select Choir and Band Rehearsals have begun as well!

Disney's 101 Dalmatians KIDS – November 21 Show! Mark Your Calendars!

Thanks to Drama Director, Mrs. Kate Marino, TCS 1st-3rd Graders have started rehearsing for their performance of Disney's 101 Dalmatians KIDS on Friday, November 21, 2025!



The Chapel School Offering Recipients through December 2025

The Chapel School is proud to support **Feeding Westchester** with our **NOVEMBER Offerings**, and **Community Service Associates (CSA) Soup Kitchen** in Mt. Vernon with our **DECEMBER offerings**.

HAPPY WORK ANNIVERSARY!

Thank you to the following VLC/TCS team member who is celebrating a work anniversary this month. We are blessed by their dedication and support, and we honor the contributions made and the gifts brought to our church and school.

NOVEMBER

Michelle Restaino, Care Aide, 4 years

CHURCH DECORATING PARTY



Help us decorate our church and school as we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Savior. **We will have a decorating pizza party on Sunday 11/30 at noon.**

In order to help us plan, please contact the church office to RSVP or make a note on the pew card at worship.

This is a great opportunity for students to fulfill service hours and for everyone to get in the holiday spirit.

Every Drop Counts: Be a Lifesaver Today!

Join us in making a difference in the world. Your act of kindness could be the reason someone gets a second chance at life.

Sign up for our BLOOD DRIVE



tinyurl.com/VLCBloodDrive2025

**Saturday 9:30-1:30
November 8, 2025**

Village Lutheran Church & The Chapel School
172 White Plains Road, Bronxville, NY 10708



More information Lisa Jones at: development@thechapelschool.org or by phone 914-337-3202 x. 1040

TEAM CHAPEL Virtual 26.2 November 14-24



MARATHON EVENT WALK, JOG, RUN

Join TEAM CHAPEL for our first-ever Virtual Marathon to support VLC & TCS!

Get ready to turkey-trot right into Thanksgiving - Sign up Today
Only 50 spots available!

www.tinyurl.com/TeamChapel2025

Support Team Chapel for a 26.2 walk, jog, or run and receive a Team Chapel Medal! You have TEN days to complete the challenge; whether you decide to run 26.2 in one day, or walk 2.6 miles a day - participate at a pace that fits your schedule. Visit our site to learn more!

NOVEMBER 14-24, 2025 RACE AT YOUR OWN PACE

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TheChapelSchool.org

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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

In Loving Memory of Rev. Rudy DeRosa
from Mimi & Mark Blanco

In Loving Memory of John Waters Eaton
from his loving wife, Teresa Eaton

In Loving Memory of Pastor Zwernemann
from Nora Dudchik

In Loving Memory of Dick Forlano
from Kevin & Deborah Cook

In Loving Memory of Barbara Moccia
from Kara Gifford

In Loving Memory of Frank Coffey
from his loving wife, Kathy Coffey,
on the 26th Anniversary of his passing.

In Honor of Pastor Robert Hartwell
from MaryLou Grundman