



VILLAGE VOICES



STRAIGHT FROM THE HART

By Rev. Dr. Robert Hartwell

The past several years have been challenging. Even with Covid-19 fading, there are plenty of events in our world that are concerning. Along with our private concerns, political drama, war raging in Ukraine, Sudan and many other places around the world and other disasters, natural and man-made, can weigh down our hearts with stress and anxiety. Let's take a moment to breathe and laugh. Thanks to www.ReverendFun.com for the joy.



(See Hebrews 11:1)
FLIES ARE THE SUBSTANCE OF THINGS
HOPPED FOR, THE TASTY EVIDENCE OF
THINGS NOT GREEN



(See Exodus 7:30-34)
MOSES? DO I HAVE YOUR FULL ATTENTION?



Thanks to Ian (See Mark 4:35-41)
JUST GIVE ME FIVE MORE MINUTES

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

- Saturday Worship is suspended for the summer.
- 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 July and August.

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WORSHIP/ BIBLE STUDY/PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

SUMMER WORSHIP

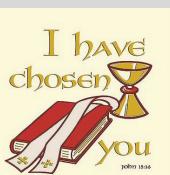
From July 2 through September 3, we will shift to our summer schedule of two services per weekend on Sunday only (the Saturday service will return on Rally Day Weekend). The 9:00 a.m. family service is held outdoors on the Great Porch, weather permitting, and the 10:45 a.m. service remains in the sanctuary. Livestreaming is available for the 10:45 a.m. service.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

will be held 7/17- 7/22 and feature a game theme, *Twists and Turns*, by Lifeway. Save the date and watch for more information on how you can participate as a volunteer or sign up your child for the week.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS: We welcome all interested volunteers to serve as lectors, Communion assistants, and the like. If you missed signing up, send the dates that you are available to the church office at KRapillo@VLC-NY.ORG.



KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS

DEACON BLESSING: Congratulations to our Lay Deacon Interns. Larry Cosentino, Anton DeRosa, and Kristin Pimentel have been officially approved by the Atlantic District to become Lay Deacons in our congregation. They will be blessed at the 10:45 a.m. service on Sunday, July 9, 2023.

Rev. Mark Budenholzer has accepted the call to serve as Associate Pastor/Director of Youth and Family Ministries. Pastor Budenholzer has been serving in a part-time position as Assisting Pastor and will begin this new full-time ministry over the summer. Please keep the Budenholzer family and our youth ministry in your prayers as we prepare for this exciting new phase of ministry.

Deacon Jacob and Dagny Stewart completed their time of worship leadership for the Saturday service at the end of June. Jacob has been accepted into the Master of Divinity program at Yale, as he continues the path towards ordination. They remain members of our congregation and look forward to Deacon Jacob preaching on occasion and seeing them during their journey toward full-time ministry.

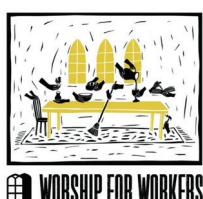
Turkey Trip: 15 VLC members and friends will be traveling to Turkey from July 10-21. The trip will explore St. Paul's mission work in the region and will highlight the cities St. John addressed in the Revelation of Jesus to John (Apocalypse). Keep them in your prayers and be watching for photos of their journey on the VLC Facebook.



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.

I've highlighted this Contemporary Worship Band before. For any that think modern Christian music is uninspiring and for those who deeply love all things contemporary Christian, The Porter's Gate is a happy meeting point. Classy pop and folk songs with lyrics that drip from the pages of scripture and relevant Biblical thought are the hallmark of Porter's Gate. *Worship for*

Workers is a fine new example. This unique and timely album examines labor from a Christian viewpoint. From over-working (*Slow Me Down*) to unfulfilled labor intertwined with a classic prayer (*The Breastplate of Saint Patrick*) to a prayer of blessing for all worker (*Worker Blessing*). True to their past releases, the songs are gritty and real. For instance, consider these true yet bold Christian Lyrics: "When I'm busting my ass but it's never



Worship for Workers
The Porter's Gate
April 21, 2023
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enough, Christ beside me. When I work hard but someone else gets the reward, God's eyes see me." Over the summer perhaps your workload may slow so you can relax. If not, hopefully you can at least listen to music as you work, and The Porter's Gate will bless your ears and your soul.

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 summer dates are 7/19 and 8/16

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.



Thank you to the following VLC/TCS team members who are celebrating a work anniversary in July. 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.

Danielle Restaino, Care Aide, 1 year

Mary Ann Veras, Receptionist, 1 year

Henry Podoll, Youth Sexton, 2 years

Lizania Arizmendi, PS - Gr2 Spanish Teacher, 18 years

Robert Hartwell, Senior Pastor, 25 years

Deborah Reiss, Minister of Music, 27 years

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 Shawl Ministry

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.

SAVE YOUR USED POSTAGE STAMPS!



The Atlantic District LWML is collecting canceled stamps of any kind. They will be used to fund LWML mission projects.



Please cut a 1/8 inch border around the stamp

No torn or damaged stamps

Drop off at the Reception Desk



Collection runs now through the beginning of October.

They will be delivered at the LWML Fall Retreat, October 13-15.

FOCUS ON WORSHIP

Numbered Among the Saints By Deborah Reiss

[The angel] showed me the Holy City, Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God... It had a great, high wall with twelve gates... On the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel... The wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb." (Revelation 21:10-14)



In the Old Testament, the number twelve is associated with the tribes of Israel descended from Jacob's 12 sons. In the New Testament, we are more apt to think of the twelve disciples whom Jesus designated as "apostles" to be sent out with His authority. John's vision in Revelation blends these two images together as he contemplates the community of the faithful in God's heavenly realm.

There are a number parallels between these two groups that show what this "twelve" signifies. The history of the patriarchs starts with Abraham and is passed on through one specific son, first Isaac and then Jacob. Jacob's children, however, are formed collectively into a nation that comes to represent the people of God. The tribes are always numbered as "twelve" but not necessarily under the same identification. For example, in the allotment of land, the Levites did not have their own territory and Joseph's territory was split between his two sons. Even when the kingdom of Israel divided, the tribes were still counted as 10 in the north and 2 in the south. God gave a promise through Ezekiel and other prophets that the two kingdoms would be united back into one nation with one king. This started to be realized in the Roman era, when the Israelites were reunited in the land though not as a sovereign nation.

Jesus fulfilled the promise of a blessed descendant from both Abraham and king David. He was not a father, but chose the twelve apostles after praying to His Father. We do not know their family lines or qualifications. Many were fishermen, but Matthew was a tax collector. Most came from Jesus' home territory in Galilee, but Judas came from the Judean area of Kriot. After Jesus' ascension, Peter was moved to declare that Judas had to be replaced, so they cast lots to see which other disciple God wanted to serve as a twelfth apostle. From there, the new community of the faithful spread out in ever larger circles through the known world, united in heart and mind through the power of the Holy Spirit.

With these two histories in mind, we see that John's vision includes the twelve tribes of Israel, who carried God's Word through time and were always being called back to God. We also see the foundation of the twelve apostles, who learned God's truth in close association with Jesus and carried God's Word to the rest of the world. We are part of the twelve in that we come from a particular place and time, we have been united under one gentle and peaceful King, we are always being called back to God, and we are sent out with the Good News. Next time you get a dozen eggs or donuts, let it remind you that we belong to a beautiful community.

Team Chapel 2023

Team Chapel 2023 is running the TCS New York City Marathon to raise funds for The Chapel School

Scholarship Fund. For many students, the cost of tuition requires that they either receive financial help or enroll in another academic setting which may not provide the academic excellence and emotional support that The Chapel School offers so well. Your support will help provide financial assistance to these students, ensuring their continued academic and emotional growth at The Chapel School. There is no shortage of need in New York but by working together we can make a real difference in the lives of our most deserving students. To learn more about our runners or to donate please visit: www.TeamChapel.com



Kwok Wai Yu



Patrick Wareham



Miles Khaleel



Xavier Martinez



Davey Chandler

VLC YOUTH

VOYAGERS Grades 3–6

Voyagers is open to all incoming students in grades 3–9, and friends are always welcome. **We will meet on Thursdays, 7/6, 7/13, 8/10, 8/17, and 8/24 from 6:00–7:00 p.m. Vacation Bible School will be held 7/17–21.** During the summer outdoor activities, youth may enter through the playground. We will still have Youth even if it is raining, but will be inside. If you have any questions, please email Erika Schultz at tyandbash@aol.com.

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| 7/6 | Water Games , Playground~ Wear swimsuit or clothes that can get wet. In addition, please wear an old shirt that can be stained! |
| 7/13 | Water Challenge , Playground~ Wear swimsuit or clothes that can get wet. |
| 7/17 - 21 | Vacation Bible School Week "Twists & Turns" (Following Jesus changes the game!) Plan to attend or Volunteer! For more information, please contact Danielle DiCui (DDicui@TheChapelSchool.org) or Kate Marino (KMarino@TheChapelShool.org). |
| 8/10 | Water Balloons , Playground~ Wear swimsuit or clothes that can get wet. |
| 8/17 | Water Scavenger Hunt , Playground~ Wear swimsuit or clothes that can get wet. |
| 8/24 | Water Splash-Splash Night , Playground~ Wear swimsuit or clothes that can get wet. |

LIFERS Grades 7–8

Attention all incoming 7th and 8th grade families! Confirmation classes resume in September. Orientation is on Thursday 9/11. Classes continue in person on Thursdays at 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. beginnig 9/21. and will be coordinated by Pastor Mark Budenholzer, Director of Youth and Family Ministries.

The Rite of Confirmation will be held Sunday, May 19, 2024 at 10:45 a.m. Confirmation is a two-year program that equips our youth to understand and live out their Christian faith. One year we cover the Bible, and the next year Christian Doctrine from the Catechism. To register your child for our program, please go to <https://www.vlc-ny.org/confirmation-form> or call the church office for more information. All VLC members, TCS students and community youth are all welcome. New 8th graders are also welcome (we will catch you up!). 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

There will be no Donuts and Discussions over the summer.

SUNDAY SCHOOL will resume in September on Rally Day, September 10, 2023. Many thanks to our Sunday School Coordinator, Sarah Gleason, our Cherub Choir Director, Kate Marino, and all the wonderful teachers and aides who have been part of this vital Christian education program. Children are always welcome in worship, at either our outdoor 9:00 a.m. summer service or indoors at 10:45 a.m. Watch for more information in the bulletin. If you have any questions please contact Sarah Gleason at chrisnysarah@netscape.net.



Outdoor Beautification - Thanks to Marcia Kollmann, Sandra Reyes Guerra and Chris Clausen for their dedicated volunteer efforts in making our Columbarium beautiful and enhancing the Great Lawn flagpole and sign board for spring and summer. Our church front looks fantastic and we are grateful.



Village Lutheran Church and The Chapel School are excited to again partner with the New York Blood Center on Saturday, September 9, 2023 at 172 White Plains Road, Bronxville from 9 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. to host a blood drive. 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. If you have questions, would like to donate blood or volunteer time, please contact **Kim Zwisdak** in the Development Office, 914-337-0207 x1040. or KZwisdak@TheChapelSchool.org More information about booking an appointment will be available over the summer. Be sure to visit www.VLC-NY.org for updates.

THE CHAPEL SCHOOL NEWS

By Principal Michael Schultz



Congratulations to TCS's Class of 2023! We are so proud of all of you and expect to hear all about your future successes when you come back to visit! Well Done: Ethan-Cole Jeremiah Bather (Iona Prep); Lucy Caltabiano (Ursuline); Chloe Campbell (Harvey); Kievana Pozelite Graham (Horace Mann); Gary Neville II (Stepinac); Bridget Regan O'Hara (Dublin School); Giovanni Aldain Powell-Campbell (Monfort Academy); Leonardo Rodriguez (Fordham Prep); Isaac Schwartz (Greenwich Country Day); and Gabriel Evan Sierra (Salesian).

Thanks to 4-Year PTO President, Mrs. Lisa Jones! **TCS Announces 2023-2024 Theme ... "Hope in the Lord"** (Isaiah 40:31) ... AND our Gathering of Friends 2024 Co-Chairs, the dynamic team of Mrs. Kate Marino and Mrs. Maura Condolff! Theme, Date and Location TBD! And TCMS has Awesome Field Day at Iona!



Another glorious day for TCS Golf Outing Monday 6/5, at Siwanoy Country Club!

Thank You Siwanoy Country Club GM **Kevin McGuirk**, Asst. GM **Dillon Hanaburgh**, Director of Golf **Brian Giordano**, Shop Manager **Joann Walker**, Assistant Pro **Nico Langelotti**, **Siwanoy's Caddies** and **Kitchen Staff!** Thank You **Kim Zwisdak!** Thank You **TCS Golf Outing Committee Members**, including: **Brendan Schepis, Mike Spiciarich, Athena Kerin, Jim Condolff, Michael McCall, Geoff Sprague, Preston Flammang and Craig Volcovici!** Thank You **Major Sponsors**, including: **Pepe Auto Group, MediaLogic (David Schultz), Blue Ribbon Foundation, Chargers Athletics, Liberty Mutual, IronShore, CBRE, Fiduciary Trust International, The Condolffs** ... and **many more Tee and Prize Sponsors!** Thank You golfers, volunteers and prize donors! Hope to see you next year!

TCS SPRING CONCERTS & PROGRAMS!





Congrats to 2023-2024 SL2 Project Finalists Dennis Hankewycz (UHU-United to Help Ukraine), Lucy and Sophia Savone (One Acre Fund), and Riley Flammang (Tunnels to Towers Foundation) and to the 2023-2024 SL2 Winners Nile Lee, Shema White and Camryn Crawford (CAMFED), Aven Spiciarich (Food Bank for NYC) and Joseph Miller, Liam Uhrlass and Christopher Taylor (The Water Project)! #TCSLeads #TCSServes



Principals for the Day LelaRose Adams and Ava Erickson Taking CHARGE! Preschool Student Jake Dvostep Throws Out First Pitch and TCS Select Choir Knocks National Anthem OUT of CitiFIELD!



Congrats to Chargers Spring Track standouts Landon Walsh (8th Place – 100M) and Kylie Willis (1st Place – 100M & 200M) on proudly representing TCS at the CYO Spring Track Championships on Sunday 6/4 (left).



TCS Kindergarteners Moving Up Ceremony!



Future Doctors and Attorneys?
Frog Dissection FUN in TCS Science Lab with Ms. Ficuciello, and...

TCS Young Attorneys conducting a mock trial with Coaches Miller and Brown!



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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:

Sharon Sjonvall

In Memory of Ragnar (Ron) Sjonvall's
Birthday on May 31st

The Doherty Family

In Memory of Erika Doherty

Rev. Dr. Robert & Sue Hartwell

In Honor of Rebecca and George Silano's
Wedding Vow Renewal

Rachel Primavera

In Memory of Gloria Mayer

Alex Primavera

In Memory of Gloria Mayer

William Phipps

In Honor of the Gleason Family

William Phipps

In Honor of the Story Family

Gloria Manigault

In Honor of the Confirmation of
her Granddaughter,
Arianna Forte



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!