



# VILLAGE VOICES



## Lent/Holy Week/Easter Schedule

### Final Midweek Service – Wednesday 4/6 at 7:30 p.m.

A service of Evening Prayer with  
special music by The Chapel School Select Choir,  
featuring a dramatic monologue on the story of Lazarus.



### Palm Sunday Weekend 4/9-10

**Saturday 5:30 p.m./Sunday 9:00 and 10:45 am**

Dramatic reading of the

Passion According to St. Luke

*Palm Processional with Palm Fronds and Crosses*

### Maundy Thursday 4/14 – 7:30 p.m.

Service of Choral Evening Prayer with Holy Communion

*A celebration of Jesus' mandatum (Latin "commandment") to love*

### Good Friday 4 15 – 12:00 noon and 7:30 p.m.

Tenebrae Service



### Easter Sunday Weekend 4/16-17

**Saturday 5:30 p.m./Sunday 9:00 and 10:45 a.m.**

Festival worship with Holy Communion at all services

*Light refreshments Sunday morning between services*

## SPRING WORSHIP SCHEDULE

- Saturdays at 5:30 p.m.
- Sundays at 9 a.m. and 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 channel.
- Our Prayer Conference Call is held on the last Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. The call-in number is (1) 732-434-3982. See Page 2 for more information.

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## BIBLE STUDY/PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

### WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY/ LWML

3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month

9:00 – 10:30 a.m.

Please join us Saturday 4/16 at 9 a.m. in the Friendship Room. We will finish a discussion of three examples of faith when Jesus returns from Samaria to Jerusalem to begin His ministry in Galilee using John 4:43-54, Luke 4:14-30 and 5:1-11. If time allows, we will also start a discussion of the Sermon on the Mount.

Coffee and tea will be available. Please bring your Bible, your prayer requests and a breakfast item to share. We also ask you to bring your donations for the ingathering at the Atlantic District LWML. This ingathering supports the Lutheran Care Center at Concord Village.

If you can't attend in person, please join us via Zoom using the login in information below. Please read John 4:43-54, Luke 4:14-30 and 5:1-11 in preparation for the meeting. There will be an update on the Atlantic District LWML Convention scheduled for 4/30-5/1.

Due to the current circumstances with the COVID-19 variants, all participants that attend in person are asked to wear masks except while eating, even if vaccinated. If you have any questions please contact Deacon Wendy at 914-391-9356 or Terry Vidal at [terry.n.vidal@gmail.com](mailto:terry.n.vidal@gmail.com).

**Login Link:** <https://zoom.us/j/5013757293>

There is no password.

The telephone number is **929-205-6099** - when asked for the Meeting ID Number please use 501 375 7293.

### ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Wednesdays 10:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

We are continuing our "deep dive" into the book of Philippians. Every section of the letter has something meaningful to say, so please join us any week. There will be no class on Wednesday morning 4/27; all participants are invited to join Pastor Victor Belton for a special evening Bible study at 7:30 p.m.

### Health & Safety Precautions:

Following recent updates to CDC and state guidelines, we updated our health protocols for worship:

- Mask wearing is optional for all services while community infection rates are low to moderate.
- Masks are recommended for anyone at increased risk of contracting or spreading COVID-19, including those who are not vaccinated, who are feeling unwell, or who are immunocompromised.
- Mask wearing may also be preferable in settings which are more crowded than we have experienced in the recent past, especially if social distancing is difficult. Please be mindful of those around you.
- Please continue to wash your hands often or use hand sanitizer.
- COVID-19 vaccinations and boosters are strongly recommended for all who can safely receive them.
- If you have been exposed to or tested positive for covid-19, please join us virtually.
- For those who cannot attend in person, all services are streamed for simultaneous viewing and then archived.
- Pre-filled communion kits will continue to be used at all services.
- Fellowship and coffee hour refreshments should be in individual packaging/servings.
- Enhanced cleaning practices are still in effect.



### PRAYER CONFERENCE CALL

Brief prayer service by phone



Just dial  
(1) 732-434-3982

LAST TUESDAY OF THE  
MONTH at 6:00 p.m.

April 26  
May 31

## OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

### Lend A Helping Hand With Love



#### THE MOUNT VERNON SOUP KITCHEN:

We will be providing the entire meal on the **third** Wednesday of each month. Our next date is 4/20. Please sign up on

Signup Genius in advance at

<https://tinyurl.com/Cooking2021>. Choose your volunteer date and food item and then pick up an aluminum tray (from the back of the church or Reception Area), prepare the food at home, and drop off at church between 12:00 and 1:00 p.m. on the assigned day. To volunteer or get more information, please contact Nelly Palumbo at 347-538-2909 or [NPalumbo@TheChapelSchool.org](mailto:NPalumbo@TheChapelSchool.org).

**"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.



## BLOOD DRIVE

Give the gift of life.



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Bronxville, NY  
10708

Multi-Purpose  
Room

Schedule an Appointment:  
[kzwsdak@thechapelschool.org](mailto:kzwsdak@thechapelschool.org) or 914-337-0207 x 1040

**SATURDAY, April 2nd**

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

[kzwsdak@thechapelschool.org](mailto:kzwsdak@thechapelschool.org)

#### PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY: We are in need of



**more prayer shawls!** These hand made gifts bring solace to anyone that has been injured, or is recovering from surgery. If you like to knit or crochet, please join this

ministry by making a prayer shawl. If you know someone who could use the comfort and warmth a prayer shawl provides, please contact Kim Rapillo at 914-337-0207 x1003 or [KRapillo@VLC-NY.org](mailto:KRapillo@VLC-NY.org).



**ECAP:** Collection of non-perishable food items is an ongoing outreach ministry. You can join in the effort by picking up non-perishable items while you do your own shopping (look for sales!) and bringing them to the church. There are Blessing Baskets located in the Friendship Room under the piano, or you may leave food donations with the receptionist during the week. Food insecurity remains a serious issue, and every little bit helps. Thank you!



## CALLING FOR VOLUNTEERS

Volunteers Needed to bring collected food from Blessing Basket in Friendship Room at Village Lutheran Church to ECAP (42 Main Street, Tuckahoe, NY 10707).

Do you want to:

- Ⓞ Help feed the hungry and food insecure?
- Ⓞ Do a good deed?
- Ⓞ Complete service requirements for school or programs?
- Ⓞ Help out Pastor Hartwell?
- Ⓞ Or just like signing up for things?

Sign-up for this once-a-week volunteer service.

MUST HAVE CAR AND BE ABLE TO LIFT GROCERY BAGS AND BE ABLE TO PICK UP FROM CHURCH AND DELIVER BETWEEN 9 AND 4:30 PM ANY WEEKDAY.

Sign up for your week or weeks.

Only one trip to ECAP per week.

Sign up: <https://tinyurl.com/BlessingBasket>

Contact Kim Rapillo in the Church Office for details at 914-337-0207 (1003) or [KRAPILLO@VLC-NY.ORG](mailto:KRAPILLO@VLC-NY.ORG)



## FOCUS ON WORSHIP

By Deborah Reiss



The **Sanctus** has been part of the Christian communion liturgy for centuries. Like many other church canticles, it combines passages from different parts of the Bible. This text embodies the intrinsic connection between the Old and New Testaments, how God's plan of salvation was fulfilled in Jesus (even though His name is never specifically mentioned)

The name "Sanctus" is from the first word of the original Latin text, meaning "Holy." It is a direct quote from Isaiah 6:3, where the prophet had a vision of cherubim worshipping God with these words: *Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of His glory.* The poetic repetition of "holy" three times signifies the divine nature of God and His infinite holiness. It also serves as a subtle reminder of the Holy Trinity. In classical music, this text is frequently set apart with soaring vocal lines or ethereal tones to evoke a heavenly image.

The second half of the canticle, sometimes referred to separately as "Benedictus" (for the Latin "Blessed"), is another quote from the Old Testament – this time from Psalm 118: *"O Lord, save us [Hosanna]...Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord."* This is the song, quoted in the Gospels, that the people sang to Jesus as He rode into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. They sang it because they knew it well, and knew what it meant. Psalm 118 was the last of the great hymns used every year for the three major Jewish festivals, especially Passover. It pointed to the One anointed by God (the Messiah) to save the people. Sadly for them, most did not really understand what the Messiah would do. They expected an earthly leader to restore the glory of the nation rather than establishing God's spiritual kingdom. We, on the other hand, sing of the One who saves us from the power of death, who came to our world in the name of the Lord, who still comes to us with His holy presence to dwell in our hearts, who has prepared an everlasting kingdom for us.

"Hosanna" is one of the few Hebrew words we still keep in our worship life. As we sing it many times this Palm Sunday, we will be blessed by remembering all that Jesus accomplished for us. We will see once again how much suffering the beautiful Son of God had to endure in order to achieve victory. And we will find joy in adding our voices to the songs of saints and angels: Holy, holy, holy...Hosanna!!

## VLC MUSIC MINISTRY



Our choirs are busy preparing music for Holy Week and Easter. New this year, we will offer a Service of Choral Evening Prayer on Maundy Thursday (4/14), featuring a sung liturgy with choral music and leading up to a celebration of the Lord's Supper. Please note that the choirs will be off the week after Easter (4/18-4/24). For further details, please check the weekly bulletin or contact the directors.

**Youth Choir:** Thursdays 7:00–7:30 p.m.

**Chancel Choir:** Thursdays 7:30–8:30 p.m.

**Village Belles:** Wednesdays 6:30–7:30 p.m.

**High School Choir:** Sundays 10:15–10:45 a.m.

For more information, contact

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George Heath: 914-337-0207, x1012 or [GHeath@VLC-NY.org](mailto:GHeath@VLC-NY.org)



## VLC YOUTH

### VOYAGERS Grades 3-6

We will meet on Thursdays 4/7, 4/21 and 4/28 from 6:00-7:00 p.m. At this time, masks must be worn in the building. Voyagers is open to any student in grades 3-6, and friends are always welcome. We meet three times per month. At the end of the meeting, 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](mailto:tyandbash@aol.com).

**Easter Egg Hunt Saturday 4/9 at 11:00 a.m.** Meet on Great Porch at 9:45 a.m. (to help hide eggs!).



**First Communion Instruction** There will be a **lock-in on Friday 4/1**, and a special **First Communion services on Saturday 4/2 at 5:30 p.m. and Sunday 4/3 at 10:45 a.m.** For more information, please contact the church office at 914-337-0207 x1003 or [KRapillo@VLC-NY.org](mailto:KRapillo@VLC-NY.org).

### LIFERS Grades 7-8

Confirmation classes are held Thursday evenings at 6 p.m. and taught by Sarah Nunes ([snunes@vlc-ny.org](mailto:snunes@vlc-ny.org)).

### CRUSADERS Grades 9-12

**Donuts & Discussion** will meet the following Sundays: 4/3, 4/10, 4/24; we are off on Easter Sunday 4/17.



**Tag Sale:** "One person's junk is another person's treasure!" Save your "junk" for the youth-sponsored tag sale this spring. More details to follow! If you have any questions please call or email Amy Heath (914) 439-3839 or [amyheath1023@gmail.com](mailto:amyheath1023@gmail.com).

**Silver Lake Camp and Retreat Center** (a Christian ministry in Sharon, CT) is hiring summer staff. Must be at least 16 years old; other age requirements apply for specific positions. Find out more at [www.SilverLakeCT.org/Employment](http://www.SilverLakeCT.org/Employment). The sleep away summer camp brochure is also available at the Youth Board in the MPR or at [www.SilverLakeCT.org](http://www.SilverLakeCT.org).



Please join us for Sunday School during the 9 a.m. service where children from 3-years-old to 6th grade are invited into small group classes to learn more about Jesus' love for them. We are working with church and community safety guidelines to make sure that we can be together and also keep everyone healthy and safe. For more information, feel free to contact Sunday School Superintendent Sarah Gleason at [ChrisnySarah@Netscape.net](mailto:ChrisnySarah@Netscape.net).

### SAVE THE DATES

Vacation Bible school (VBS)

Monday 7/18 - Friday 7/22

More information coming soon.

open to children  
ages 0 - 2nd grade

# EASTER EGG HUNT

9th  
APRIL

10:45 AM check-in / 11:00 AM hunt  
the village lutheran church & the chapel school  
172 white plains road  
bronxville ny 10708

Hosted by VLC Youth  
Groups

MEET ON GREAT PORCH!

By Principal Michael Schultz

**Lutheran Schools Week 2022 – Reflect, Renew, REJOICE In All Things!**



Tickets for this fun, medieval-themed gala are on sale now at <https://www.gathering-of-friends.org/>

<https://vlcnny.ejoinme.org/MyEvents/GolfOuting2022/Registration/tabid/1271149/Default.aspx>.

May/June – SL2 ASPCA





### The Merlin and Lois Rehm Pastoral Residency 2022

Preaching  
Saturday, April 23 at 5:30 PM  
Sunday, April 24 at 9 and 10:45 AM

Saturday, April 30 at 5:30 PM  
Sunday, May 1 at 9 and 10:45 AM

Sacred Scripture Study  
The God of Love in the Old Testament  
Wednesday, April 27 at 7:30 PM  
In-Person or Live Streamed



Presents  
Rev. Victor Belton

Village Lutheran Church is overjoyed to welcome back "home" Rev. Victor Belton. Pastor Belton is an alumnus of Concordia College -New York and former faculty and staff person as well.

Pastor Belton is the first, in what the church is planning as a series of pastoral residencies, with guest theologians, pastors and educators bringing the community an informative lecture as well as sharing their expertise with a devotional message in worship.

## VLC FELLOWSHIP



**Coffee Hour hosts are needed.** This is only possible with the help of volunteers like you. Please consider hosting this beloved weekly event. For

more information or to sign up contact Nelly Palumbo at [NPalumbo@TheChapelSchool.org](mailto:NPalumbo@TheChapelSchool.org).

SATURDAY, APRIL 2, 2022 @ VLC/TCS  
Gathering of Friends 2022



**Knights  
in  
Training!**

on Saturday 4/2 at 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Enjoy games, music, prizes, crafts, snacks, raffles and more. The event will take place in the back lot and playground of TCS, or in the Gym if it rains.

Get in early on the Gathering of Friends fun! All are welcome. It will be a great time for kids of all ages.

Celebrate with your friends at Village Lutheran Church & The Chapel School's Gathering of Friends Kids Edition - "Knights in Training"



**Friday 4/29**

Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church  
Reception Hall  
New Rochelle

"Gathering of Friends" is Village Lutheran Church and The Chapel School's largest fundraiser of the year. This year's event will be held on Friday 4/29 at the Reception Hall of Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Church in New Rochelle, NY.

This year we will be celebrating with a medieval theme, "Gala Knight of Celebration." We encourage you to join us dressed in period costume or in festive cocktail attire. An enjoyable evening of cocktails, dinner and opportunities to win fabulous prizes will once again be offered – along with some new surprises – all while raising much needed funds for our school and church community! One of the greatest aspects of the evening is the camaraderie shared by parents, congregants and faculty.

Benefactor support is absolutely crucial to the success of the Gathering of Friends. Please note that a ticket to the Gathering of Friends is included in your Benefactor Level Gift. Even if you cannot attend the event, your support would be greatly appreciated.

To pledge your Benefactor support, register online at [www.gathering-of-friends.org](http://www.gathering-of-friends.org) or call the Development Office 914-337-0207 x1040.



Pastor Hartwell invites you to a one-night workshop on evangelism.

Our Clarity Plan invites us to learn best practices to share our faith with those we love who may not have a relationship with Christ or have a church home. Or friends, co-workers, peers or neighbors who just want to talk about important faith issues.

Through this free educational opportunity, you will gain confidence and learn strategies to have meaningful spiritual conversations with others. This research-based program from The Lutheran Hour Ministries will be entertaining and encouraging and will raise your comfort level on sharing your faith through spiritual conversations.

All welcome. No cost.

**Video Call**  
Meeting ID: 863 4105 5219  
Passcode: 281465

**Conference Call**  
+1 646 558 8656 US (New York)

PRESENTER



Rev. Dr. Chad Lakies  
Regional Director, North America  
Lutheran Hour Ministries

**VIA ZOOM  
TUESDAY  
MAY 24, 2022  
7:30 – 9 PM**

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[www.VLC-NY.org](http://www.VLC-NY.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**

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As VLC prepares for our ministries, it is important to know what support we can depend on from our congregation members. By knowing what you are willing to commit financially, we are able to better plan for the future. Please consider setting up a recurring giving plan. Automating your financial commitments means your contributions will be received on a steady, uninterrupted basis. To set up a recurring giving schedule, visit us online at [www.VLC-NY.ORG](http://www.VLC-NY.ORG), locate the *Online Giving* link and fill out the form. The first time you give, you will select a password that will enable you to log in at any time and make changes to your giving or view your complete online giving history. Or if it's easier, complete a paper authorization "Simply Giving" form and return it to the Development Office.