



# VILLAGE VOICES



## STRAIGHT FROM THE HART

By Rev. Dr. Robert Hartwell

***"Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me / All the days of my life; / And I will dwell in the house of the Lord / Forever."*** (Psalm 23:6 New King James Version)



Village Lutheran Church and The Chapel School community has expressed great love and prayers for my brother, Benjamin, who passed away on April 27<sup>th</sup> after a courageous health battle over the last year. Although he received a successful liver transplant in the fall of 2021, he suffered complications that compromised his health and ultimately took his life at just 61. Like most families that go through a stressful and traumatic illness of a loved one, we don't understand why, but we are grateful for the many kindnesses along the way.

Benny is my older brother. I have an older sister, Beverly (the middle child) and I am the "baby" of the family. Benny was the leader (and sometimes tyrant) of our sibling band. When he wasn't tormenting us, we looked to him for guidance and really leaned on his insight and wisdom. He was always deeply philosophical and academic in his thinking, and this love of the pursuit of wisdom turned toward faith in God and the power of prayer as he struggled. Having so much taken from him gave him deeper insight unto the rich tapestry of faith. For instance, he received a prayer shawl from our Prayer Shawl Ministry, and he really was comforted that this soft blue blanket came with our prayers and God's blessing. He often draped it over his shoulders and even in the last days clung to the shawl and the hope and strength it provided. My family and I are so grateful for the love and support showered on us during this difficult time.

Now comes the hardest moments of grief. Football in the fall will remind me of his passion for sports (he was a season ticket holder for the Colts for many years). Only the unrequited love of my Jets will distract me from sorrow when football season begins. The Jets bring their own sorrows. I also know that I will repeatedly feel that pang of loss. Already I have had the fleeting thought to call my brother, only to remember that he has passed. And holidays and birthdays will seem a little empty this year as we keenly feel his absence.

However, amid the grieving, the love of a Christian community will continue, and the Christian Gospel of hope remains. ***"Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me / All the days of my life; / And I will dwell in the house of the Lord / Forever."*** I prayed those comforting verses of Psalm 23 at his bedside and I believe my gentle shepherd is keeping Benny in His grace and care. What a blessing and comfort. A thought about grief and loss that is Straight from the Hart.

## 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.
- Summer Worship Schedule begins on 7/3. See page 7 for details.

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## BIBLE STUDY/PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES

### ADULT BIBLE STUDY

**Wednesdays 10:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

We will be meeting three times this month on Wednesdays 6/1, 6/8 and 6/22 (there is no class on 6/15 since Deb Reiss will be away), then break for the summer. Our plan is to finish up with a video Bible study on parables of Jesus with commentary on history and context from Amy-Jill Levine. In the fall, we will return to study of a full book of the Bible.

### WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY/ LWML

**3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month  
9:00 – 10:30 a.m.**

The Women's Bible Study is on a pause from June through August. Our next bible study will begin on Saturday 9/17. Meetings will be held the third Saturday of every month through May 2023 at 9 a.m. in the Friendship Room and we expect to continue our study of the Gospels. We always welcome suggestions on how to enrich our meetings. If you would like to provide any ideas on how our meetings should be structured, how we address the Biblical topic, new topics or how to encourage more women to participate, please reach out to either Deacon Wendy Krolides at 914-391-9356 or [wafh3273@aol.com](mailto:wafh3273@aol.com), or Terry Vidal at [terry.n.vidal@gmail.com](mailto:terry.n.vidal@gmail.com).



## Be a Part of VBS 2022!

A science lab is full of fascinating things that help explain how things are possible. In Jesus' ministry, He did things that cannot be explained. He turned water into wine, walked on water, and His greatest miracle of all was dying on the cross and rising from the dead for our salvation. Discover that Jesus does the impossible for us at Concordia Publishing House's VBS, God's Wonder Lab!

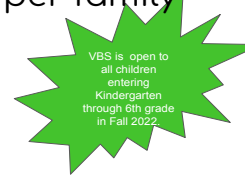
**August 1st-5th**

**6:00-8:00pm**

**\$25 for 1 child/ \$30 per family**



Questions: Contact  
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Kate Marino ([kmario@thechapelschool.org](mailto:kmario@thechapelschool.org))



## VLC FELLOWSHIP



## 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 6/15.** 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.



**RideConnect**, a program of Family Services of Westchester, provides free volunteer transportation and resource and referral advice to older adults throughout Westchester. Please let your older neighbors know this service is available, and consider volunteering yourself. Volunteering is flexible, and a beautiful way to give back to the community. For information on volunteering, or to request a ride or resource information, please call our office, Monday-Friday from 9-5 at 914-242-7433 or visit us at [www.RideConnectWestchester.org](http://www.RideConnectWestchester.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>

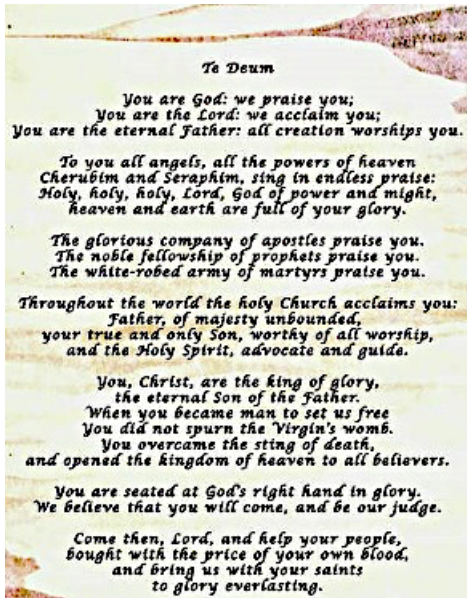
Contact Kim Rapillo in the Church Office for details at 914-337-0207 (1003) or [KRAPILLO@VLC-NY.ORG](mailto:KRAPILLO@VLC-NY.ORG)





## FOCUS ON WORSHIP

By Deborah Reiss



Probably the grandest canticle of the Church is the ***Te Deum***. Dating back to the beginning of the 5<sup>th</sup> century, it is a three-part hymn of praise written originally in Latin and known by the first line of the text: *Te Deum laudamus* (We praise Thee, O God). Musical settings range all the way from chant form to hymnic paraphrase to oratorio.

Liturgically, the *Te Deum* is found in the Service of Morning Prayer (Matins). As with the *Gloria*, there is a Trinitarian thread running through the text. The opening verses are extravagant expressions of praise addressed to God the Father. No doubt inspired by the visions in Revelation, the poetry sings of faithful followers in heaven such as angels, apostles, prophets and martyrs, as well as the Church on earth. In the center of that section is a repeat of the "Holy, Holy, Holy" we find in the Sanctus.

The middle section is addressed to God the Son, possibly inspired by Paul's hymn in chapter 2 of Philippians and including elements of the Creed. In musical settings, the drama is often highlighted by using quiet or even minor-mode passages for the images of Christ coming to earth and suffering death on our behalf. This leads back to ebullient songs of praise as Christ is seen at the right hand of the Father.

The final section is a prayer consisting entirely of familiar lines from the Psalms. Having contemplated the glory and majesty of our God and His plan of salvation, we place ourselves in God's care and affirm our trust: *Save Your people, O Lord, and bless Your inheritance* (Psalm 28:9); *Have mercy on us, O Lord, have mercy on us* (Psalm 123:3); *In Thee, O Lord, have I trusted; let me never be confounded* (Psalm 34:22).

We have two chant settings in the LSB liturgies and two hymn paraphrases. The most familiar is "Holy God, We Praise Thy Name" (LSB 940). A newer setting is "We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God" (LSB 941), based on a noble melodic theme from Gustav Holst's "The Planets." Another familiar musical piece inspired by this text is a symphonic Prelude to the *Te Deum* composed by Marc-Antoine Charpentier (look it up, and I think you'll recognize it from graduations and other ceremonies). What a superb way to sing God's praise!

## VLC MUSIC MINISTRY



Special thanks to our dedicated choir members for bringing live music back to worship and persevering through the challenges of the pandemic. Our choir season will end on Sunday 6/12, with Youth, High School and Chancel Choir music at 9:00 a.m. and handbell music at

10:45 a.m. Chancel Choir will also be singing for Pentecost Sunday 6/5, and The Chapel School Select Choir will sing for the Baccalaureate Service at 10:45 a.m. Soli Deo Gloria!

**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

Deb Reiss: 914-337-0207, x1018 or [DReiss@VLC-NY.org](mailto:DReiss@VLC-NY.org)

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 6/2, 6/9 and 6/30 from 6:00-7:00 p.m. on the playground or MPR. 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 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).

### LIFERS Grades 7-8

God Bless our Confirmation Class of 2022: Layla Livingston, Jillian Rooney, Chloe Runge, Greta Sturek, Sophia Tavaréz, Lucy Vargas

### CRUSADERS Grades 9-12

**Donuts & Discussion** will meet the following Sundays: 6/5 and 6/12.

**The Tag Sale is Saturday 6/11 from 9-3 p.m.** We need your help! Please consider volunteering your time to help make this sale a huge success!! Sign up for times using the link below.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4EAF2BA5FCC43-crusaders>

**Youth Car Wash is 6/25 from 11-2 p.m.** Church Parking Lot. \$10 a car!!

**Envelope Project:** We have raised over \$1,000 from our family and friends! We still have envelopes to fill! Choose one of our remaining envelopes and return it by 6/26. Help us reach our goal of \$5,000!

**Gearing up for the National Youth Gathering!** 5 youth are heading to Houston TX on 7/9:

Moses Wong-Gonzalez, Janelle Sullivan, Audrey Heath, Henry Podoll, Claire Story. We could not have made this happen without you!! Thank you for your continued support! Our theme for the Gathering and our year together has been "In All Things." God is present in our lives; we see Him in all things. *"He is before all things, and in him all things hold together."* Col. 1:17



**VLC Youth TAG SALE**



**SATURDAY, JUNE 11**  
9 A.M. TO 3 P.M.

172 White Plains Road  
Bronxville, NY 10708

Questions -Contact Amy Heath  
[amyheath1023@gmail.com](mailto:amyheath1023@gmail.com)

Drop Off Items  
Thurs. 6/9  
3pm-8pm



All proceeds benefit Crusader youth group (high school) trip to National Lutheran Youth Gathering in Houston, Texas.

## Join Team Chapel 2022 TCS NEW YORK CITY MARATHON



JOIN TEAM CHAPEL TO SECURE YOUR SPOT IN THE 2022 TCS NEW YORK CITY MARATHON!

It will take place in person on November 6, 2022.  
We're especially excited to announce that  
TEAM CHAPEL has 5 Guaranteed Entries!

All Team Chapel runners must: commit to and guarantee a \$3,000 per runner personal fundraising goal to be completed or exceeded on or before 11/1; be willing and able to run 26.2 miles, and be available on Sunday 11/6.

Benefits Include:

- Guaranteed Marathon Spot
- Personal Fundraising Page
- Team Chapel Gear
- Pre-Race & Race Day Support

If you or someone you know is up for this challenge and want to join Team Chapel, please email [PastorH@VLC-NY.org](mailto:PastorH@VLC-NY.org) or [KZwisdak@TheChapelSchool.org](mailto:KZwisdak@TheChapelSchool.org) with your name, address and phone number.

## THE CHAPEL SCHOOL NEWS

By Principal Michael Schultz

### JUNE NEWS @ TCS!



**TCS 2022 Gathering-Of-Friends GALA Knight of Celebration ... Friday, 4/29, ... HUGE SUCCESS!** Thanks to all donors, participants and volunteers! Special thanks to Development Office Project Manager Kim Zwisdak, GOF 2022 Volunteers and our wonderful Co-Chairs, Sir Bill Schwartz and Sir Gary Neville, and congrats to Community Champion Lady Tiffany Tinson. It was so great to host a special in-person gala event again, and we raised over \$60,000 to support our ministry!

**Wonderful TCS Teacher Appreciation Week** complete with a beautiful message of THANKS shared by Mrs. Cox's 1<sup>st</sup> Grade and the end of a tremendous week of treats lovingly provided by our amazing PTO!



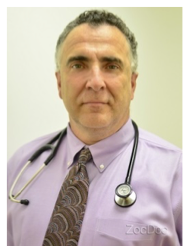
**Spring Musical** – Rogers and Hammerstein's Cinderella Youth Edition! Bravo TCS Drama Department! Great job cast, crew and directors Mrs. Kate Marino (Drama) and Mr. George Heath (Music). Bravo! Bravo! Bravo!



**7<sup>th</sup> Graders Aaron Flores and Zachary Stewart Present their May/June Service Learning Project for the ASPCA!**



**Lots of Buzz Around Kindergarten Spring Program – BuGZ!**



### **Congrats and Thanks to 2022 Pro Deo et Schola Honoree – Dr. Mack Sullivan!**

Dr. Mack Lee Sullivan is an emergency medicine physician in Eastchester, New York and is affiliated with White Plains Hospital. He received his medical degree from Albert Einstein College of Medicine of Yeshiva University and has been in practice for more than 20 years. He and his wife Ashley had their two daughters Kiara and Quinn in TCS Preschool through 2020, during which time he provided medical advice and attention to VLC/TCS faculty and staff. He has continued to be a tremendous asset to VLC and TCS throughout the pandemic. We are pleased to honor Dr. Sullivan with the 2022 Pro Deo et Schola Award at our Baccalaureate Service on Sunday 6/5.

**TCS 2022 Golf Outing at Siwanoy ... Monday 6/6!** We are looking forward to another spectacular day of friend-raising, fund-raising and golf at one of Westchester's most beautiful country clubs. It has been a pleasure working with the staff at Siwanoy, especially GM Kevin McQuirk, Pro Grant Turner and Member Sponsor Greg Richter. Special thanks go out to Kim Zwisdak and Outing Committee Members Athena Kerin, Brendan Schepis, Craig Volcovici, Geoff Sprague, Preston Flammang, Michael Spiciarich, Howie Strawbridge and Jim Condolff. We are poised to raise more needed scholarship money for 2022-2023!

**2022 TCS SUMMER PROGRAM** – Online registration on Active Works is open. Sign up today at <https://campsui.active.com/orgs/TheChapelSchool?orglink=camps-registration>.

### **The Chapel School Offering Recipients**

**June** – ASPCA SL2 Project – Thanks Zachary Stewart and Aaron Flores.





at  
Village Lutheran Church, Bronxville, NY

Worship News: Our summer schedule will begin on Sunday 7/3, and continue through Labor Day weekend (9/4). There will be two services each weekend: Sunday at 9:00 a.m. (on the Great Porch, weather permitting) and 10:45 a.m. (in the air-conditioned sanctuary for in-person or streaming worship).

We also plan to resume our pre-pandemic Communion practice of offering wine and bread. Distribution will be via continuous line, with bread placed in the hand by the Pastor. Wine or grape juice will be available in trays from a Communion Assistant. Communicants will eat and drink, then place the empty cup in an empty tray held by a second Communion Assistant (this is especially good for youth volunteers). To make this happen, we need volunteers to set up/clean up the Communion trays as well as to be Communion Assistants and Lectors. At least two volunteers are needed each service. Please sign up below:



Name \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Please check off the areas in which you wish to volunteer and the dates you are available. A schedule will be emailed out before summer.

**I am willing to serve in the following area(s):**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Prepare trays of Communion for the day (arrive at 8:30 a.m. on Sunday)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Communion Assistant **and** Lector at **9:00 a.m.**
- \_\_\_\_\_ Communion Assistant only at **9:00 a.m.**
- \_\_\_\_\_ Lector only at **9:00 a.m.**
- \_\_\_\_\_ Communion Assistant **and** Lector at **10:45 a.m.**
- \_\_\_\_\_ Communion Assistant only at **10:45 a.m.**
- \_\_\_\_\_ Lector only at **10:45 a.m.**
- \_\_\_\_\_ Clean up trays after **10:45 a.m.** service.

**Dates I am available to serve:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ July 3
- \_\_\_\_\_ July 10
- \_\_\_\_\_ July 17
- \_\_\_\_\_ July 24
- \_\_\_\_\_ July 31
- \_\_\_\_\_ August 7
- \_\_\_\_\_ August 14
- \_\_\_\_\_ August 21
- \_\_\_\_\_ August 28
- \_\_\_\_\_ September 4

Return to church office by 6/12. You may email at [KRapillo@VLC-NY.ORG](mailto:KRapillo@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**

**Gifts Were Given By:**

Chang Li Feng Chao  
In Memory of Mr. Daniel Pao-Hsi Chao

Joyce Holz  
In Honor of Janet George

Marion Scaramuzzino  
In Thankfulness for Online Services  
Provided by VLC

Sharon Sjonvall  
In Memory of Ragnar (Ron) Sjonvall

Kathy Coffey  
In Memory of Daniel Chao

Lilann Skeckowski  
In Memory of Ben Hartwell

Fred & Blanche Swain  
In Memory of Dan Chao

Mrs. Sally Overlander & Family  
In Memory of Daniel Pao-Hsi Chao

Peter Soans  
In Thankfulness for the Ministry of VLC

Kathleen & Don Tasher  
In Memory of Daniel Chao

Marion Scaramuzzino  
In Memory of Ben Hartwell

Women's Bible Study - LWML Society  
In Memory of Pastor Hartwell's family:  
brother, Ben who passed away  
April 2022,  
father, Robert K. who passed in  
February 2021 and  
mother, Lyndal, who passed away in  
April of 2011.

Women's Bible Study - LWML Society  
In Memory of Daniel Chao, beloved  
husband of member Lydia Chao

Women's Bible Study - LWML Society  
In Memory of Betty and Bob Roberts

