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Our Next Ultreya

Saturday, August 4

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church
1200 N Campbell Ave.

- 5:30pm Fellowship
- 6:00pm Open Pot Luck
- 7:00pm Witness talks and Grouping
- 7:45pm Worship Service

THEME:

KAIROS COOKIES FROM HEAVEN

Please see inside for details.

Mark your calendars for Future Ultreya Dates:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
October 6, 2007	Tanque Verde Lutheran Church
December 1, 2007	Resurrection Lutheran Church 4th Annual Silent Auction

Please lift up this year's VdC weekends in prayer

Men's Weekend # 23

Richard Krohn, Rector
October 18-21, 2007

Women's Weekend # 24

Betty Whaples, Rectora
November 1-4, 2007

From the Editors:

If you have a story you'd like to see in this newsletter please email it to us for review.

The deadline for October's newsletter is September 11, 2007.

Thank you, Barry and Jennifer Noyce

Email us @: benjmn_01@msn.com (There is an underscore in there)

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We're collecting cookies and money for the Kairos Prison Ministry and would like your help. Bring your donations to the August Ultreya, and let's see if we can come up with a weekend worth of cookies!

In order to have an apparently never-ending supply of cookies, 3,000 -5,000 dozen cookies are needed for a Kairos weekend!



From Secretariat



Your 2007 Secretariat

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Wanted:

Kairos Cookies

We may need up to 5,000 dozen cookies for a typical Kairos weekend. Do the math... that's **60,000** cookies!

Homemade cookies are a tangible expression of Christian love and an indication of God's concern for a group of people who seldom encounter either in the course of their daily lives.

Your loving sacrifice will provide "bread" that shines the Light of God's Grace into the darkest corners of a prison unit.

May God bless you for the gift of baking!

Because this is a prison ministry, there are very specific guidelines to be followed when baking

Cookies from Heaven

More info to follow...



Did you know?

Via de Cristo is funded solely by the generosity of its community. If each household in our current community donated \$10 per year, our weekends would be fully funded?

If the Lord is calling you to make a tax deductible gift, you may send it in the envelope provided to:

**Southern Arizona Lutheran
Via de Cristo, P.O. Box
18349, Tucson, Arizona,
85731-8349**

FYI - - Info & Address Changes

You can change your address or delete your name from the mailing list on the VDC web page at:

[http://
www.soazviadecristo.org/
viadecristo/
db_update.html](http://www.soazviadecristo.org/viadecristo/db_update.html)

CONTACT US:

Due to an increased amount of spam, our email addresses have been eliminated from the newsletter and the website. If you'd like to contact us, go to the website and click on the word "email" under the respective member of secretariat that you wish to contact.
~Thank you

What is Kairos?

Kairos is a Christian, lay-led, ecumenical, volunteer international prison ministry, in which men and women volunteers bring Christ's love and forgiveness to incarcerated individuals and to their families. Kairos consists of three programs: the *Men's and Women's Ministry*, begun in 1976, *Kairos Outside*, begun in 1991, and *Kairos Torch*, begun in 1997.

To learn more, go to: www.kairosprisonministry.org

Cookies from Heaven Guidelines

Cookie Preparation

Acceptable recipes are on the pages to follow.

Cookies should be between 2 inches and 2-1/2 inches in diameter and not more than 1/2 inch thick.

The NO-NOs for Kairos Cookie Preparation

- DO NOT use icing, sugar or any other type of coating on the outside of the cookie.
- DO NOT add any kind of fruit or nuts to the cookies.
- DO NOT make sugar cookies (they break too easily)
- DO NOT use pre-made dry, refrigerated, or frozen cookie dough. (NO bought or No-Bake cookies either.) The impact of agape love felt from homemade cookies is overwhelming when the inmates realize the sacrifice of time in mixing and baking cookies from scratch.
- DO NOT use butter or margarine (use shortening instead) The ones made with butter and margarine break easily.

The Key Ingredient: Prayer

Pray individually or as a family over the ingredients before and during mixing.

Pray over the cookies as you drop them onto the cookie sheets and bake them.

Ask God to use your cookies as a source of His love to shine on the prisoners and staff on the Kairos weekend.

Pray that each cookie brings the inmate, officer or warden who eats it closer to God. We want every person to become part of the family of God.

Packing the Cookies

Bag **thoroughly cooled** cookies in a quart sized Zip Lock bag, a dozen cookies to a bag. Label each bag with the cookie type inside. Freeze all cookies if not using within 3 days.

Cookie Recipes

Peanut Butter

3/4 cup Creamy Peanut Butter
 1/2 cup Crisco Shortening
 1-1/4 cup firmly packed brown sugar
 3 tablespoons milk
 1 teaspoon vanilla
 1 egg
 1-3/4 cup all purpose flour
 3/4 teaspoon salt
 3/4 teaspoon baking soda

Combine peanut butter, shortening, sugar, milk and vanilla in a large bowl and mix at medium speed until well blended. Add egg and mix well. In a separate bowl combine flour, salt and baking soda, mix well. Add flour mixture to peanut butter and mix until just blended. Drop by heaping teaspoons onto ungreased cookie sheet and flatten slightly in a crisscross pattern with the tines of a fork. Bake at 375 degrees for 7 to 8 minutes until set. Makes 3 dozen cookies.



Chewy Oatmeal

3/4 cup butter flavor Crisco
 1-1/4 cup firmly packed brown sugar
 1 egg
 1/3 cup milk
 1-1/2 teaspoon vanilla
 3 cups quick cooking oats
 1 cup all purpose flour
 1/2 teaspoon salt
 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon

Combine Crisco, brown sugar, egg, milk and vanilla in a large bowl. Mix at medium speed until well blended. Combine oats, flour, salt, baking soda and cinnamon in a separate bowl, mix well. Add to Crisco/sugar mixture until just blended. Drop rounded tablespoons of dough onto cookie sheet. Bake at 375 degrees for 10 to 12 minutes or until lightly browned. Makes 2-1/2 dozen cookies.



Chocolate Chip

3/4 cup Crisco shortening
 1-1/4 cup firmly packed brown sugar
 2 tablespoons milk
 1 teaspoon vanilla
 1 egg
 1-3/4 cup all purpose flour
 1 teaspoon salt
 3/4 teaspoon baking soda
 1 cup semi-sweet chocolate chips

Combine shortening, sugar, milk and vanilla in a large bowl, mix until well blended. Add egg and mix well. In a separate bowl combine flour, salt and baking soda, mix well. Add to shortening/sugar mixture until well blended. Stir in chocolate chips. Drop by rounded tablespoon onto ungreased cookie sheet. Bake at 375 degrees for 8 to 10 minutes for chewy cookies or 11 to 13 minutes for crisp cookies. Makes 3 dozen cookies.



Molasses Cookies

3/4 cup shortening
 1 cup granulated sugar
 1 egg
 4 tablespoons molasses
 1 teaspoon cinnamon
 1 teaspoon ginger
 2 cups flour
 2 teaspoons baking soda

In a large bowl, cream margarine or shortening with sugar. Add egg and blend. Add molasses and spices; mix well. Add flour and baking soda and blend. Chill dough 30 minutes or overnight (covered tightly). Shape dough into small balls and place 2-inches apart on ungreased cookie sheet. Bake at 325 degrees for 10-12 minutes. Remove from oven and cool on wire racks. Makes 2 1/2 dozen.



Our VDC Community News



ATTENTION CRAFTERS!!!

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN...

FOR SOUTHERN ARIZONA LUTHERAN VIA DE CRISTO'S 4TH ANNUAL SILENT AUCTION AND

REUNION ULTREYA

ALL TALENTED PEOPLE OF VDC ARE NEEDED!!

SEE THE INFO ON THE NEXT PAGE TO SEE HOW YOU CAN HELP WITH OUR LARGEST FUND RAISER OF THE YEAR!

Parish Representatives

American

Pastor Kim Taylor (acting rep)

Church of the King

Virginia Reymer
(Also the Tirosh rep)

Community of Hope

David & Ruth Mathews
(Sydney Corbett is the Tirosh rep)

Dove of Peace

Darla Petering & Sandy Ahlers
(Marci Hill is the Tirosh rep)

Faith (Tucson)

Dale & Jane Schlak

Lord of Grace

Richard Krohn
(Also the Tirosh rep)

Mount Zion

Rhonda & Bob Warner
(Also the Tirosh reps)

Our Saviour's

Laura Eskridge

Resurrection

Michael Eckelbarger
(Also the Tirosh reps)

Streams in the Desert

Scotty Gulbrandson
(Sandy Holm are Tirosh reps)

Tanque Verde

Joanna Jongsma

Trinity Lutheran

Nancy Taylor
(Also the Tirosh rep)



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DECEMBER'S 4TH ANNUAL SILENT AUCTION AND REUNION ULTREYA

The Via de Cristo Secretariat requests your participation in an auction. We are soliciting any and all of you to submit a piece of your art /craft work or services for silent auction at the December 1st Reunion Ultreya to be held at Resurrection Lutheran Church. Get your creative juices flowing and share your God-given talents at the largest Ultreya of the year!

Bidding at the auction will begin with a minimum amount that you will suggest as appropriate for your project, so be sure to mark a 'beginning bid' price on your item to help us with the bidding process.

Thank you all in advance for your help.

If you have any questions, contact:

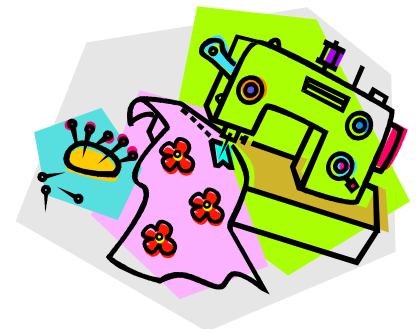
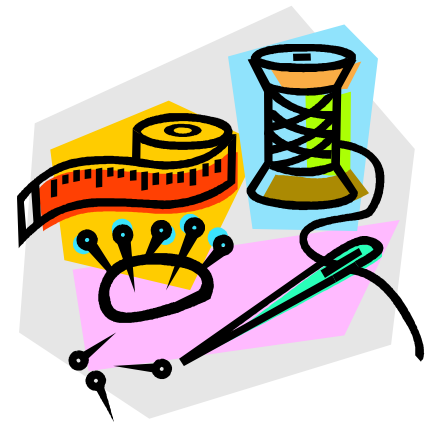
Michael Eckelbarger at 834-2163

Or by emailing the Assistant Lay Director through the VdC website.

Here are some ideas to get you started...

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|---------------------|-------------------|
| Basket Making | Painting |
| Beading | Photography |
| Candle Making | Pottery |
| Card Making | QuiltingSculpture |
| Carving | Sewing |
| Christmas Ornaments | Soap Making |
| Clock Making | Stained Glass Art |
| Cross Stitch | Stamping |
| Crocheting | Weaving |
| Drawing | Wood Crafts |
| Embroidery | Wood Burning |
| Glass Art | Wooden Toys |
| Glass Etching | |
| Glass Painting | |
| Knitting | |
| Macrame | |
| Metal Working | |
| Mosaics | |

You can also donate:
Services (house cleaning, landscaping, handywork, auto repair, etc.) Baked Goods, Time Shares, Tickets for upcoming events, and the list goes on and on...



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Don't Forget!!!

National Lutheran Secretariat Annual Convention

will be held in

Phoenix Arizona

next year on July 24th—27th.



This is the perfect opportunity to experience this wonderful event as a participant and/or a volunteer. Please prayerfully consider this.

Look for more information soon!

Thank You!!!

Virginia Reymer

has volunteered to be our National Lutheran Secretariat delegate to the National Convention this year in Indianapolis on July 26-29.

We appreciate her willingness to serve.
Thank you Virginia!

Please keep her in your prayers!

Fry's Giftcard Fundraiser

- You must get the card from a VdC representative
- Gift Cards have an initial value of \$5.00. You only need one card.
- You can recharge the Gift Card at any time. The card can be recharged at any register in the store or at the Customer Service Center for any denomination between \$5 and \$500. You can use cash or a credit/debit card to recharge the Gift Card.
- When you make a purchase using the Gift Card, the balance remaining on the Gift Card will be printed at the bottom of the register receipt
- If the magnetic strip on the back of the card will not work and the card number cannot be keyed in at the register, contact the Fry's Consumer Services Department (1-800-828-5235) and you will be issued another card for the balance that is on the original card
- Recharges to the card need to be done before the cashier starts to ring up the order, so that your purchases go towards supporting VdC

Gift Cards are like cash; if they are lost or stolen, they will not be replaced

All well and good but where do we get our money from?

5% of everything you spend using that card comes back to Via de Cristo.

Apostolic Action



Men's Center

Homeless men receive emergency services of meals, shelter beds, clothing, showers, and case management every day of the year.



Women's & Children's Center

Homeless women and their children receive emergency services of meals, shelter beds, clothing, showers, personal care items, and case management every day of the year.

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<http://www.grmtucson.com/>

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In addition to meeting the physical needs, the Mission also addresses the spiritual needs of each man, woman and child. A chapel service follows the evening meal. Various churches, individuals, or mission staff members present a Christian message of salvation and hope. Individual spiritual counseling and prayer is available to give a man or woman answers and hope not normally found while living on the streets. An optional morning bible study is also offered.



Join us for the
2nd Annual Recovery Walks! 2007
September 8 ~ 8am-1pm
Reid Park ~ Ramada #10

- Music
- Guest Speakers
- Hot Dogs
- Children Activities
- Fun & Food till Noon



Community Ministries

Community Ministries was developed in 1997 to meet the needs of local residents who are not homeless, but who have limited financial resources to provide for their families.



Longterm Recovery

The Mission offers residential recovery & education programs at both shelters for men and women who are willing to make long-term commitments to change their lives.



Food Pantry



Many of our churches have food pantries that are always in need of non-perishable food. If your church doesn't have one, call around to find one that does or you can contribute to the Community Food Bank Of Tucson. They can be contacted at