



SALVdC News

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Our Next Ultreya

Saturday, June 2, 2007

Lord of Grace Lutheran Church
7250 N. Cortaro Rd.

- 1:00pm Leadership training (See the article to the right)
- 5:30pm Fellowship
- 6:00pm Open Pot Luck
- 7:00pm Witness talks and Grouping
- 7:45pm Worship Service

Theme: Shoe Box Project

Please see the note inside for details.

Mark your calendars for Future Ultreya Dates:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
August 4, 2007	Our Saviour's Lutheran Church
October 6, 2007	Tanque Verde Lutheran Church
December 1, 2007	Resurrection Lutheran Church *3rd 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

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Leadership Training

Leadership Training will be led by Michael Eckelbarger from 1-5 PM. Please send an email via the VDC website at the bottom of the page or call Michael @ 520-834-2163 to register.

Leadership Training is required for anyone who wishes to be considered to serve on team for a men's or women's weekend or on a Tirosh weekend.

Leadership Training is also required for anyone who wishes to sponsor someone to go through a weekend.



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 August's newsletter is July 18th, 2007.

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From Secretariat



Shoe Box Project

Please bring non-perishable items (example: Hard candy, beef jerky, toothpaste, individual wipes, gum, twizzlers, decks of cards, crossword puzzle, etc.) At Lord of Grace, there is a member, Michael List, stationed in Afghanistan. At Lord of Grace, they are sending items to Michael and others at his command. I know that they will greatly appreciate whatever we send them.

Your 2007 Secretariat

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DON'T FORGET!!!

Our December Ultreya and 4th Annual Silent Auction is fast approaching!

If you have hand crafted items you would like to donate, it might be time to start thinking about making them. We will also accept new, unused items as well.

This is an auction not a rummage sale. Contact information will be announced soon. In the mean time, if you have any questions, contact a member of your VdC Secretariat.

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

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



Our VDC Community News



**Friday June 1, 2007
7:00 PM**

**Free Performance
Donations Encouraged**

Tanque Verde Lutheran Church

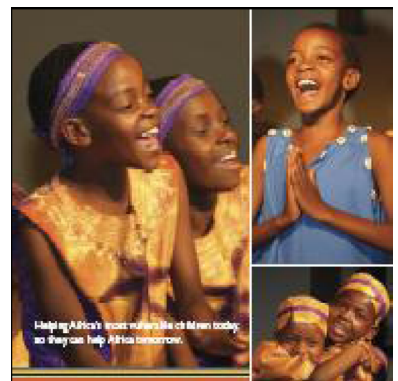
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Parish Representatives

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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)

Where Have All The Pilgrims Gone?

Many of us have served on a weekend and seen pilgrims who are excited about what they just experienced . . . but we never see them again. They don't come to Ultreyas and they don't get involved in grouping. What went wrong? Why didn't that enthusiasm from the weekend carry over to their 4th Day?

One reason is we don't always follow through when the weekend is over. Everyone is tired and we assume pilgrims will jump into their 4th Day on their own. Some do, but others don't know where to begin.

We, as Cursillistas, need to remember that Via de Cristo is not about putting on weekends, but about living out our faith and love for God using the tools we were given on the weekend. If we don't "walk our talk", the weekend loses its power and becomes a faded memory or just another retreat.

So whose job is it to get the pilgrims moving if they don't do so themselves? I say it's all Cursillistas. We know who attended a weekend from our church. If we have a relationship with a pilgrim, we can help keep the weekend fresh in his or her mind and keep him or her excited about participating in the 4th Day. Unfortunately, if it's everyone's job, it often winds up being no one's job. Human nature kicks in and we assume someone else will step up. Is there anyone who is specifically given this responsibility?

Yes, the sponsors are. Among the sponsor responsibilities is to help the pilgrim find a group. The following information is taken from the Sponsor Guidelines letter, "Guidelines ask that sponsors be actively grouping and have attended Leadership school. This is to help you encourage your participant with grouping after his/her weekend. You may invite them into your group, help them find a group that fits their schedule, or help them get a new group started. Via de Cristo is not about the weekend, it is about living your life in the fourth day." Getting them started in a group may necessitate you leaving your current group to get them going, or starting a second group with them. This can be hard to do, especially if your group has been together for some time. However, we need to "walk our talk" and this may be a sacrifice we need to make.

Grouping takes care of the small group aspect of our 4th Day. But part of the 3 Day method is a Group Reunion of the small groups, or the Ultreya. This is another area of responsibility the sponsors have. The Sponsor Guidelines state the sponsor/s should encourage the pilgrim to attend the Reunion Ultreya. But it shouldn't stop there. Invite them to the next Ultreya, and the next Ultreya, and the next Ultreya. Are you beginning to see a pattern? Some pilgrims may need to be invited. Perhaps they want to see if we are going to "walk our talk". Wouldn't it be a shame if we lost a pilgrim for lack of an invitation?

The sponsors have a sobering responsibility for their pilgrims before, during and after the weekend. That's why I believe we all have to be available to help them out. Yes, it's an awful lot of work, but the results are really worth the effort.

Make a friend, Be a friend, Bring a friend to Grouping and Ultreyas.

Our VdC Community News



HELP! National VdC Coordinator Update

Last summer, our community took the next step toward establishing the position of a National Via de Cristo Coordinator. The minutes from the August Conexiones reflect the discussion and unanimous approval to continue the process. So what do we do next?

- First, there must be a national fundraising campaign to establish an endowment fund to pay for the position.
- Second, we need to find individuals who have some previous experience in non-profit capital campaigns or fund drives, and/or have the ability and talents to help us make this happen. The Board was empowered to seek, find and provide training for a group of individuals who would work on this fundraising campaign.
- Third, we have a source for the training that will be needed by this leadership group. Please don't let not having previous experience or training deter you from stepping forward.
- Fourth, we must establish an Ad-Hoc Committee of people willing to be trained in fundraising.

Nationwide over 84,000 people have participated in a Via de Cristo weekend. So far, two [eo]le have expressed an interest in being part of the Ad-Hoc Committee; we need 8 to 10 additional people to join them. Without your willingness to volunteer, this project will not be able to move forward; without raising the money, we will not be able to develop the coordinator position. Via de Cristo needs YOU to be a part of the Ad-Hoc Committee. Contact the nation president (information below) with your enthusiastic YES! Christ is counting on you!

National Via de Cristo President: Larry Witham
5211 Rounding Run Road
Charlotte, NC 28277-7651
704-541-7252
lwitham@carolina.rr.com

National 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.

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

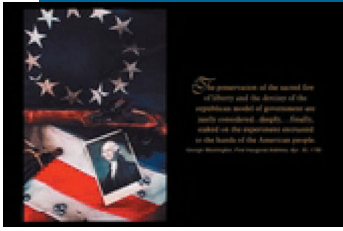
All well and good but where do we get our money from?

Virginia Reymer

has volunteered to be our NLS delegate to the National Convention in Indianapolis on July 26-29. We appreciate her willingness to serve.

Thank you Virginia!

Apostolic Action



Want to “Be In Touch?”

The TVLC (Tanque Verde Lutheran Church) “Be In Touch” writers have written to a variety of 65 military personnel for over 5 years and continue to reach out by sending monthly letters of care, support, and prayer. We currently write to 21 active military personnel stationed stateside and across the world. Men, women, children, young, or not so young, we welcome all writers to join our team. (Guys, you can make a big difference, too, as the young men we write to would probably love to hear about sports and other “guy” stuff in their letters!) Each author usually contributes about 5 letters or cards a month for our mailing, but we welcome those who just want to write once or twice. These writings can be handwritten or typed on a computer, whichever fits your needs.

Is writing just not your thing?

How about remembering to hold our soldiers and their families up in your prayers? Please pick up a yellow “Be In Touch” prayer list from one of the information tables at TVLC. Your prayers will be a wonderful, powerful gift. If you are interested in becoming a Be In Touch writer, or if you would like to add the name of a friend or loved one to our mailing list, please call Janet Smith, 749-5917. Families on our current mailing list are also encouraged to call with any changes of rank or address.

Please note that we keep all addresses confidential and are very careful about what we include in our letters.



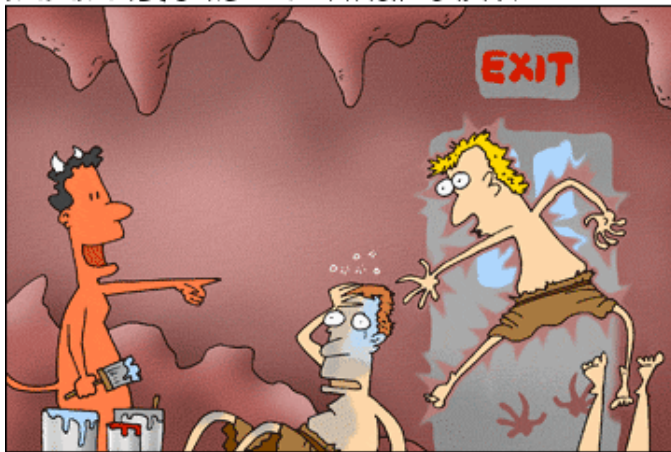
Food Pantry



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 <http://communityfoodbank.org> or 622-0525

A Little Humor

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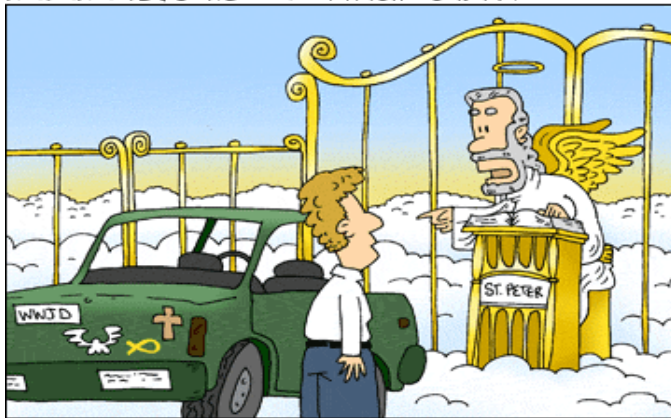
APRIL FOOLS DAY IN HELL

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Thanks to Bob Schrag (See Matthew 10:29-31) 03-30-2007

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Thanks to Peter Mason 04-23-2007

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Thanks to Josiah Gilman 05-02-2007

LEPERS ... I HEAL LEPERS

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Thanks to Mikel Rice (See Numbers 22:22-34) 03-23-2007

OK, MR. BALAAM, HERE'S YOUR 100 BAGS OF PREMIUM, HAND-CUT, ORGANICALLY-GROWN, PERSIAN SWEET STRAW

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