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Utreya

Saturday, September 27, 2008

Himmel Park

Noon to 4:00 PM

Bring your Families EVERYONE IS WELCOMED!

Fellowship, Picnic Pot Luck (No Grilling),
Witness Talk, Music and More.

NOTE: If you are coming from a VdC weekend team meeting, it is okay to be late. Come join us for lunch!

Outreach Project: We'll be collecting new shoes & socks (and Money) for local school children.

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Servant School

Servant School is required to serve on team or to be a sponsor.

*Please contact:
Michael Eckelbarger
834-2163
For more information
and to get on the list
for the next
Servant School.*



Want to help VDC earn money without spending more than you already are?
Please see how easy it is with the
Fry's Gift Card.

Read all about it on page 2.



Future Utreyas
December 6, 2008
Resurrection Lutheran Church
Includes the 5th annual Silent Auction
Details on page 5

**Southern Arizona Lutheran
Via de Cristo
is going green!**



*Please see
page 3 for
important information.*

From the Editors:
If you have a story you'd like to see in this newsletter please email it to us for review. The next newsletter will be the end of November so the deadline is November 09, 2008.

Thank you, Barry and Jennifer Noyce
Email us @: benjmn_01@msn.com



From Secretariat



Please lift up this
years VdC weekends
in your prayers.

SALVdC #26
November 6-9, 2008

SALVdC #25
October 23-26, 2008



Your 2008

Lay Director

Sue Jensen

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Steve Mac Lellan

SALT

Jim Kress

Pre-VIA de CRISTO

Virginia Reymier

Post-VIA de CRISTO

Laura Eskridge

Communication

Barry and Jennifer Noyce

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.

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

From Secretariat

Attention!! Attention!! Attention!!

**We're goin' green!!!
(And savin' green too!)**

We are pleased to inform you that starting with our first newsletter of 2009, we will no longer send out our Via de Cristo newsletter via snail mail. You will still be able to view and print the full **color** newsletter from our website. We are doing this with the intention of being better stewards of the resources God provides to this ministry.

If you don't have access to a computer or need assistance with a printed copy, please talk to your parish representative and they will be happy to help you obtain one.

Blessings Always,
Your VdC Secretariat

APPLICATION DEADLINES

For 2008

Via de Cristo Weekends

The application deadline for the upcoming men's weekend: **10/11/2008**

The application deadline for the upcoming women's weekend: **10/25/2008**

The deadline for any exceptions for both weekends: **10/11/2008**

The application deadline means that the application must be:

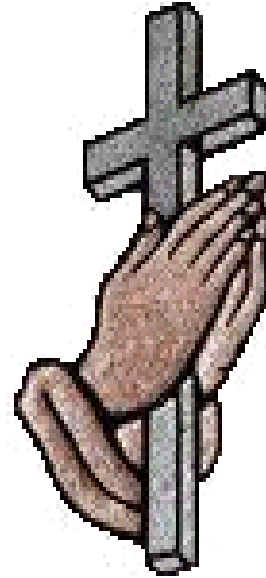
- ◆ Filled out completely
- ◆ Signed by your pastor and
- ◆ Turned into the Pre-Via de Cristo Representative, Virginia Reymer.

These deadlines are extremely important to the weekend planning so please get them in early.

Our VDC Community News

SALVdC #25
October 23-26, 2008
Dave Strong, Rector

SALVdC #26
November 6-9, 2008
Laurie Altamirano, Rectora



From the Head Cooks ...

Meals for the upcoming Men's and Women's Weekends

Please prayerfully consider providing a meal for one of the weekends.

If your church and/or your grouping brothers/sisters would like to provide/prepare and cleanup after a meal please contact the Head Cooks, Bob and Rhonda Warner at 883-7138 or warner1of4@aol.com.

Steve MacLellan (Secretariat Palanca) will be contacting churches/Parish Reps for Food Palanca for the weekends, too.

Thank you and God bless,

Rhonda and Bob Warner

Our VDC Community News



ATTENTION CRAFTERS!!!

IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN...

FOR SOUTHERN ARIZONA LUTHERAN VIA DE CRISTO'S 5TH

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!



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 6th



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

Here are some ideas to get you started...

Basket Making
Beading
Candle Making
Card Making
Carving
Christmas Ornaments
Clock Making
Cross Stitch
Crocheting

Drawing
Embroidery
Glass Art
Glass Etching
Glass Painting
Knitting
Macrame
Metal Working
Mosaics

Painting
Photography
Pottery
Quilting
Sculpture
Sewing
Soap Making
Stained Glass
Art

Weaving
Wood Crafts
Wood Burning
Wooden Toys

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...

Parish Representatives

Abounding Grace

Formerly Church of the King and Trinity Lutheran

Virginia Reymer

Tiresh rep: Virginia Reymer

American

Pastor Kim Taylor (acting rep)

Community of Hope

Cindy and Amy Ostrander

Tiresh rep: Cindy and Amy Ostrander

Dove of Peace

Darla Petering & Sandy Ahlers

Tiresh rep:

Faith (Tucson)

Dale & Jane Schlak

Lord of Grace

Richard Krohn

Tiresh rep: Richard Krohn

Mount Zion

Rhonda & Bob Warner

Tiresh rep: Rhonda & Bob Warner

Our Saviour's

Laura Eskridge

Tiresh Rep: Virginia Walter

Resurrection

Michael Eckelbarger

Tiresh rep: Michael Eckel-

Streams in the Desert

Scotty Gulbrandson

Tiresh Rep: Joel Altamirano and Sandy Holm

Tanque Verde

Joanna Jongsma

Apostolic Action



Giving Tree Outreach Program

Helping the Homeless and Disadvantaged

Contact People:

Libby Wright, Director
(520) 320-KIDS (5437)

Kathy Fast, Assistant Director
(520) 320-5437

Mission Statement

The GIVING TREE OUTREACH PROGRAM, 501 (c)(3) non-profit, faith-based organization, has been serving Tucson's homeless and needy since 1988! (The corporate name is The G.T. Outreach Program, Inc.) We provide meals, emergency food boxes, transportation and referrals to community services. In addition, we provide a home for abused, neglected or homeless babies and children. We invite you to join with professionals and volunteers in Tucson to serve the needs of the less fortunate. You can be the difference in someone's life!

The Giving Tree Outreach Program is an all volunteer organization. We operate numerous programs to serve the homeless and underprivileged of Tucson. These programs include family community faith center, 3 transitional housing facilities: Grace Home for mothers and children, Lighthouse for fathers and children, and Promise Home, an inter-generational home.

The Grace Home houses mothers and their children who might otherwise be homeless or in abusive circumstances. It has long been a dilemma for fathers and their children to find housing where they may stay together as a family. The Giving Tree's Lighthouse was opened for just such families. Residents receive much nurturing in addition to life's basics of food, clothing and shelter. These homes often create a first-time positive experience in the lives of these children and their parents.

Project FEED (Feed Everyone Every Day) operates a biweekly feeding program (Thursday and Sunday) for anyone in need. The program provides hot meals, food boxes, and clothing - as well as personal and spiritual guidance, referrals for housing, shelters, crisis centers and individual assistance for job placement. 200 people now attend that event on both Thursday and on Sunday evenings.

Main office number:
(520) 320-5437

Office Fax Number:

Web site:

[http://
TheGivingTreeOutreach.Org](http://TheGivingTreeOutreach.Org)

Address:

4888 E Broadway
Tucson, AZ 85711

This location is handicap accessible.

We have expanded our feeding program to include Fellowship and Food which takes place on Tuesday evenings at The Compassion Hope Center. It is a simple meal of soup and sandwiches, but our "guests" (homeless, needy) are invited to sit around a table family style and be served. Most homeless families never get to experience this.

Gaining Employment and Respect (GEAR) helps the hardest to place find living wage employment to stabilize their lives, living conditions and families. Clients receive continued support after successfully obtaining employment which further secures their success.

The Giving Tree programs also provide tutoring, mentoring, Summer Feeding Program for the kids on reduced fee or free school meals, transportation to/from school or doctor appointments - to name but a few.

We would love to count you among our volunteers! Call or email us today. You have gifts and talents that would mean the world to someone. You can be the difference in someone's life.

A Little Humor

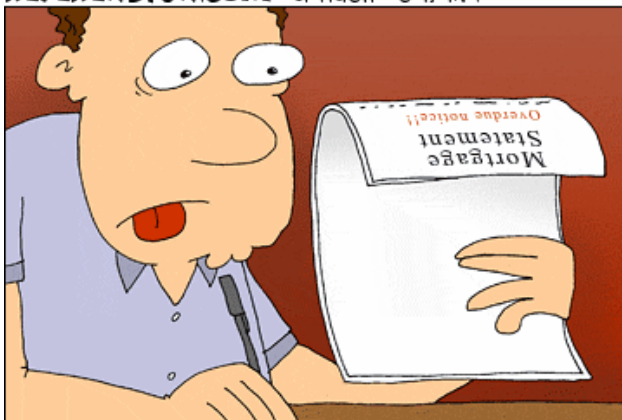
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Thanks to Richard Germain (See Job 1) 12-17-2007

JOB HOPED THAT THIS WASN'T THE BEGINNING OF A BAD DAY

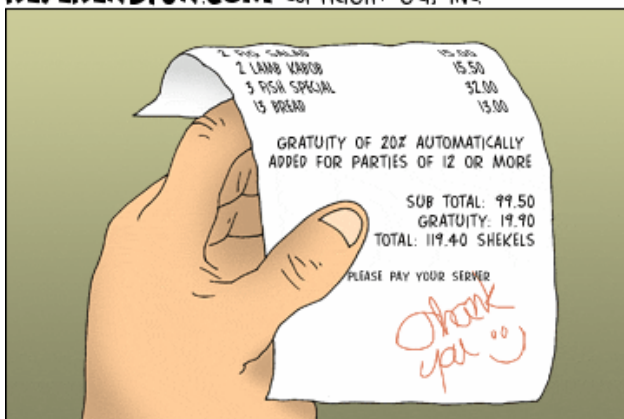
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Thanks to Mikel Rice (See Matthew 6:19-20) 06-27-2008

BUT STORE UP FOR YOURSELVES TREASURES IN HEAVEN, WHERE MOTH AND RUST AND SUB-PRIME MORTGAGE CRISIS DO NOT DESTROY

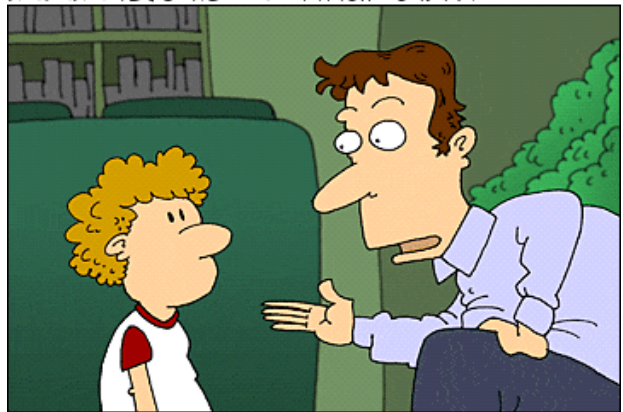
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Thanks to Mikel Rice 07-11-2008

THE DISCIPLES WERE ALWAYS GETTING HIT BY THE MANDATORY TIPPING RULE

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10-19-2007

WHEN I WAS YOUNGER WE COULD SAY "POUND EXCLAMATION AMPERSAND STAR AT SYMBOL" WITHOUT PEOPLE MISINTERPRETING IT TO BE A SWEAR

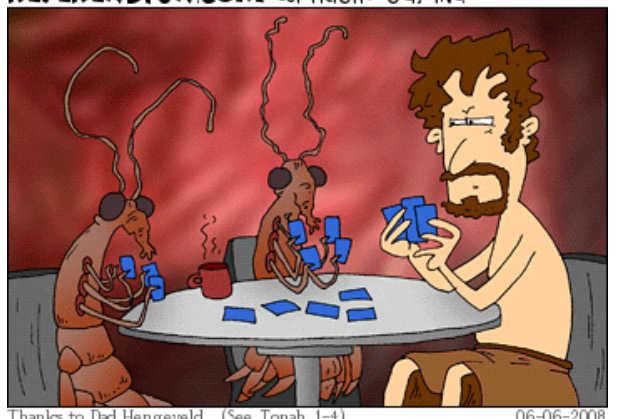
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07-04-2008

I BELIEVE THAT BY UTILIZING ROACH MOTEL TECHNOLOGY WE CAN SUCCESSFULLY ADDRESS OUR ISSUE OF DWINDLING MEMBERSHIP

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Thanks to Dad Hengeveld (See Jonah 1-4)

06-06-2008

JONAH APPRECIATED THE COMPANY, BUT WISHED THOSE KRILL GUYS KNEW HOW TO PLAY SOMETHING BESIDES GO FISH