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Pastor Tom Dunham

Pre-Weekend

Virginia Reymer

3 Day

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Post-Weekend

Laura Eskridge

Communications

Linda Kress

Palanca

Cindy Stein

Ultreya!!

Saturday, March 28th

@ TVLC

The Rector/a for the Co-ed weekend will be announced

5:30pm - Saturday Service @ TVLC

6:00pm - Fellowship @ Linder Hall

6:30pm - Potluck Dinner, bring whatever you want

Service Project - bring food for the food pantry at Abounding Grace

Sponsors - bring your participants from past weekends!!

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SALVdC's First Co-ed Weekend

The next SALVdC weekend, being held October 15-18, 2009, will be co-ed for the first time. Secretariat is very excited and hopeful that this new spin on our 3 day movement will stimulate more involvement and allow a different approach for presenting our Lord's message to all.

Secretariat discussed this weekend for a year. They set up the following ground rules:

- there will be a maximum of 24 participants (hoping for 12 men and 12 women)
- participants will be chosen by application date, with married couples having priority over single persons
- the Essentials of the weekend will remain the same
- there will be one Rector/a
- it is requested that the Rector/a call a Head Cook of the opposite gender
- both men and women will be called to serve as Co-Rectors/as and Co-Cooks
- the same number of team members will be called as for a single gender weekend; team will be equitably divided between men and women, as far as that is possible
- decurias (tables) will be segregated by gender
- it is recommended that the first two lay rollos be given by a man and a woman, so that participants understand right away that both men and women will speak
- participants and the Rollo Team will sleep in the gym, with men and women separated by a barrier
- when differences arise between how men and women are accustomed to doing things on the weekend, we resolve to encompass the best of both practices
- the Secretariat reaffirms its commitment to assisting the Rector/a in making this weekend one of service to God and to the participants

In 2010, we will have 2 single gender weekends again. If the Co-ed weekend is a success, we will have another in 2011. The plan is to rotate Co-ed weekends with single gender weekends every other year.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact Secretariat's Spiritual Director, Pastor Tom Dunham at 795-1932. You are also invited to attend a Secretariat meeting. We meet the second Monday 10 months of the year at 6:30pm at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church youth room. We will meet on April 13th, May 11th, June 8th and August 13th.

Servant School in June!!

A Servant School will be held in June. You must attend Servant School if you want to be a Sponsor or to serve on a VdC team.

For more information or to register, contact Betty Whaples at 721-4299

2009 Ultreya Schedule

June 6th, 6pm @ American

August 1st, 5:30pm @
Community of Hope

October 3rd @ Streams in
the Desert

December 5th @ Resurrection

Address Changes

Phone & Mailing address: contact
Ralph Jensen @ 721-7843

E-mail address change or to
remove yourself from the SALVdC
database: go to

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

If you have trouble making your changes on the website, contact Ralph Jensen (721-7843) or Scott Schaffer (721-1790)

Tirosh Update

As most of you know, the Tirosh Committee postponed Tirosh #15 as it was unable to call a Girls' Lay Director. As the committee wrestled with why this happened, we felt that God was asking us to step back and evaluate what Tirosh was trying to do.

A special meeting was held on January 25th, with the Tirosh and SALVdC communities well represented. After much discussion, all in attendance agreed the Tirosh is not serving the youth of our community very well in its present form. For Tirosh to be relevant, we need to support community youth programs. A recommendation was made to temporarily disband the Tirosh Committee and a task force be formed, made up of concerned members of the Tirosh/SALVdC community, to address this issue.

The recommendation was taken to Secretariat, where it was approved. Secretariat gave the task force six months to come up with a formal plan on how Tirosh can best support the community youth programs. The task force will provide monthly progress reports to Secretariat at its monthly meeting.

If you would like more information about the task force and what it is doing, please contact Beth Premo at 400-1629.

Newsletter News

Due to our desire to be better stewards of our funds and to "go green", effective immediately, we will no longer be sending the newsletter by regular mail. It will only be distributed electronically, via e-mail and on the website (www.soazviadecristo.org). However, there are two exceptions: the November Reunion Ultreya newsletter and the January Annual Meeting notification will be sent by regular mail.

If you know someone who does not have email and/or internet access, please print out a copy for them so they can stay in our loop!!

Would You Like to be our Delegate to the National VdC Meeting?

The National Lutheran Secretariat Meeting is being held this July near Orlando Florida. Here is the link for more information - <http://www.viadecristo.org/annualmeeting/2009/index.htm>.

Secretariat will pay your registration fee, You will be responsible for transportation costs to Orlando. It is run like a 3-Day weekend- relive your weekend experience and share with other Via de Cristo communities. If you are interested contact one of our community members who have attended in the past for some more information- Kees & Joanna Jongsma, Ralph & Sue Jensen, Glenn & Sue Weber, Virginia Reymer, Dorothy McLean, & Pastor Tom Dunham. If you want to be this year's delegate for SALVdC, please contact Barry or Jennifer Noyce, so we can put your request on the agenda for Secretariat before our May meeting. The Noyces' phone # is 780-6846.

FOOD PANTRIES

Food pantries always need food and cash donations. Give to the pantry at your local church, Abounding Grace Lutheran Church, or the Community Food Bank. You can contact CFB at 622-0525 or visit their website: <http://communityfoodbank.org>

E-WASTE RECYCLING

Tanque Verde Lutheran Church is hosting a second electronic waste recycling day. Bring your old computers, printers, monitors and cell phones on May 2nd and 3rd. For further details, contact Sue Jensen at 721-7843.

THE GIVING TREE

The Giving Tree Project FEED provides 200 meals on Thursday and Sunday evenings, as well as distributing clothing, toiletries and providing case management, to Tucson's needy. The meal is served on an empty lot on the north side of 22nd St, between Swan and Columbus, west of the Family Dollar store. Bring your favorite potluck recipe in an aluminum pan. Table setup begins at 4pm and serving starts at 5pm. Come to the back of the lot to sign in at their volunteer table, or just look for someone with a Giving Tree t-shirt or security shirt to see where you can help.

The Giving Tree office is located at 4888 E Broadway, Phone #: 320-KIDS, email: 4kids@dakotacom.net. Contact them for more information.

FUNDRAISERS

GASLIGHT THEATER

Join us on Sunday May 17th at 7pm (doors open at 6:15) for "Harlie's Angels or Clues, But no Cigar".

General admission tickets are \$20 each, or 5 tickets for \$80 (a 20% savings!!).

Free Popcorn!!

Abbreviated menu from Little Anthony's Diner available for ordering food!!

50/50 raffle (50% to raffle winner, 50% to VdC) - \$1 per ticket, \$5 for 6 tickets, \$10 for 13 tickets

Contact your Parish Rep or Betty Whaples (721-4299) to reserve your tickets now! (Tickets must be paid for before receiving them)

Tickets will also be available at the March Ultreya @ TVLC

FRY'S GIFT CARD

5% of everything you purchase with the card is donated to SALVdC.

For more information, contact Virginia Reymer at 331-9313



DONATIONS

SALVdC 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 to Southern Arizona Lutheran Via de Cristo, PO Box 18349, Tucson, AZ 85731-8349.

SECRETARIAT ROLES

Some of you may wonder just what it is the people do who serve on Secretariat. Here is a quick synopsis of two of the positions.

POST WEEKEND

The Post Weekend position is currently held by Laura Eskridge from Our Saviour's Lutheran Church. Per Laura, "This year I scheduled the Ultreyas and made schedule changes when needed. I send reports to the Secretariat and send notices of the Ultreyas to the SALVdC webmaster, who posts them on our website."

TREASURER

The Treasurer position was held by Linda Kress for two years. Per Linda, "The Treasurer for SALVdC accounts for the monies of the Secretariat. I paid the bills for material for the weekend retreats, National Convention delegate free, newsletters, mailings, Arizona Corporation Commission fees, and liability insurance. We are now required to file a tax form electronically as of 2008; so for we have not owed any taxes.

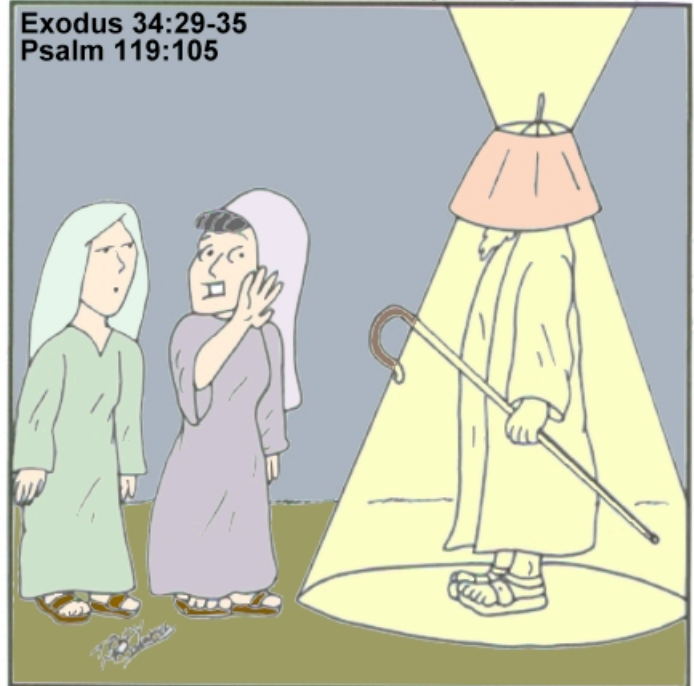
I deposit any fundraising monies and contributions from the community members. We have a free business checking account at Wells Fargo Bank. I keep all the information in a computer program, QuickBooks, for tracking and ease of reporting for our yearly Arizona Corporation Commission report, the Audit Committee, and the community at large.

The Treasurer is a very interesting position as it makes me more aware of all aspects of the Secretariat and SALVdC weekends."

A LITTLE HUMOR

Bulletoon

by Trudy O. McConnell



"We finally found a useful way to handle Moses' 'shining face' situation..."

The Back Pew - Jeff Larson



SERMON SURVIVAL TIP: If during the sermon, you drift off to a peaceful slumber.. and your wife gently nudges you, pretend you were praying, and just quietly say.. "AMEN".