



Reunion Ultreya

Saturday, December 5, 2009

**Resurrection Lutheran Church
11575 N First Avenue, Oro Valley, AZ**

5:00pm Saturday Night Service

**6:00pm Fellowship/Potluck Dinner
followed by Silent Auction, witness
talks, music and communion.**

**We will have a Tupperware
Representative at the Ultreya taking
orders. SALVdC will receive a
percentage of the profits of all
Tupperware ordered.**

**Gaslight Theater Tickets Available
"The Son of the Sheik"
April 30, 2010 6:30pm
Adults-\$18
Children (12 and under)-\$15**

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The Pilgrims of VdC #27

Lord of Grace

**Janet Carollo
Joan Finman**

Mt. Zion

**Richard and Sherry Bougie
Mike and Toni Cresswell
Bill and Brandi Moyer
Linda Robinson
Tim Shute and Patsy Denault-Shute
Eric and Delia Stonechek**

Our Saviour's

Jill Michelle Cosart

Streams in the Desert

**Don and Corda Barthlow
Lorrie McGee**

Tanque Verde

**Pam Endrihs
Bob Kridler**

This letter is from the National VdC Secretariat

Via de Cristo and Recent E.L.C.A. Assembly Actions

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America is one of many bodies within the Lutheran Church

Via de Cristo (Way of Christ) is a Lutheran "Fourth Day" movement comparable to Roman Catholic Cursillo® but autonomous from any church body. In regards to recent actions by the E.L.C.A., Via de Cristo maintains that we do not, as a matter of policy, endorse, denounce or pass judgment on actions by any church body. This includes the recent action taken by the E.L.C.A. pertaining to human sexuality/homosexuality. We believe strongly that taking any formal stance would be contrary to our purpose.

Via de Cristo is based on the fundamentals of Christianity, concentrating on the person and teachings of Jesus Christ. The purpose of the movement is to inspire, challenge and equip local church members for Christian action in their homes, churches and communities. The focus is not on Via de Cristo itself but on developing leaders within the church. We emphasize a method of living the faith that people can use in daily life. All participants are encouraged to develop a vital relationship with their own pastor. As a "Fourth Day" movement, we strive to build up the one true church as described in Ephesians 4:1-6 and remain consistent with the historical Lutheran confessions.

Again, we do not take any official stances on the actions of any organized church body – we are not a church, a church within the church, nor a para-church organization. As a simple movement within the church, our priorities remain on teaching the gospel of grace, assisting participants to influence their environments with the gospel, and encouraging a renewed personal relationship with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Our prayers will continue for all persons embroiled in controversy. May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the authentic love of God our Father, and the true fellowship that is provided by the Holy Spirit, embrace us all.

We welcome honest inquiries as to who we are and about the role and function of our movement. Further information is available at our website, www.viadecristo.org.

We pray for God's love and grace to become known to all, in Christ Jesus our Lord!

Annual Silent Auction at Reunion Ultreya

The VdC Secretariat is soliciting submissions for the Silent Auction to be held at the Reunion Ultreya at Resurrection Lutheran Church on December 5, 2009. Get your creative juices flowing and share your God given talents at the largest Ultreya of the year.

Please mark your suggested opening bid price on the item/s you submit. All proceeds go to support the VdC weekends. Contact Betty Whaples at 721-4299 if you have any questions.

Here are some ideas to get you started . . .

- basket making . . beading . . candle making . . card making . .
- glass art . . knitting . . crocheting . . cross stitch . . macrame . .
- quilting . . sewing . . soap making . . weaving . . baked goods

Servant School

To serve on a weekend or to sponsor someone for a weekend, you must complete Servant School.

The next Servant School will be held on Saturday, November 21, 2009 at 2pm at Streams in the Desert Lutheran Church.

RSVP with Betty Whaples at 721-4299.



Newsletter News

Due to our desire to be better stewards of our funds and to “go green”, 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!!

Tirosh Update

Streams in the Desert hosted Desert Fire 2009 on October 24th, from 3 - 10pm. 83 youth and adults attended, and 125 hygiene kits were assembled as a service project for Youth On Their Own, a program that provides help to homeless teens.

Dorothy McLean is seeking to get the Tirosh Committee going again. If you are interested, please contact her at dotcalm44@yahoo.com.

In Memoriam

It is with a mixture of sadness and joy that we announce the passing of two members of our VdC community, Phyllis Nicholson and Gus Gustafson. Sadness, as we will miss having them here with us, but joy knowing that they are now dancing with the angels and our Lord.

Phyllis attended Community of Hope and was the mother of Beth Premo. Gus attended Abounding Grace and served as a cook on VdC #27.

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>



WWW.KIVA.ORG

Kiva is another way for us to live out our 4th day. Here is a little information about Kiva's mission:

"Kiva's mission is to connect people through lending for the sake of alleviating poverty. Kiva is the world's first person-to-person micro-lending website, empowering individuals to lend directly to unique entrepreneurs around the globe."

For more info, paste the link above into your web browser.

FUNDRAISERS



FRY'S GIFT CARD

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

For more information, contact Virginia Reymier 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.

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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

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

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