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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Let's Have Some Fun
Mark Your Calendar
Gaslight Theatre
Fundraiser

Via de Cristo will be selling tickets for the Gaslight Theatre performance of the Lone Stranger -

Wearing a mask to protect his identity, The Lone Stranger fights to bring justice to the lawless frontier. Astride his white stallion, Thunder, he strikes terror into the hearts of the gunslingers of the Old West. Join him and his friend Tonka, as they come to the aid of those in need as the Gaslight Theatre Gallops into the sunset with The Lone Stranger!

The performance will take place on March 8 at 6:00 p.m. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. Fun is always had by all so please plan to join us. Please contact your parish rep to purchase tickets. They are \$18 for adults and \$15 for children.

Please purchase your tickets early to avoid the rush.

Sandy Holm
"Be still and know I am God." Psalm 46:10

CHANGE OF ANNUAL MEETING DATE

Due to a conflict with the Tirsoh weekend on January 24-26, 2013, The Via de Cristo Annual Meeting be held at 7:00 p.m. on Saturday January 19, 2013 at Dove of Peace Lutheran Church.

Elections will be held for two positions on Secretariat and the announcement will be made for the Rector/Rectora for the 2013 Coed Weekend. Please bring a desert. The meeting is in fellowship hall so please park in the back.

As you may have heard, VdC has an immediate financial need to provide seed money for Tirosh and to pay \$3,267.00 to the Gas Light Theater in mid February. We suggest an offering be taken at the annual meeting on January 19th. Please help with this need.



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2013 ULTREYA

**April 7—Lord of Grace
Lutheran**
**June 9—Resurrection
Lutheran**
**August 4—Streams of the Desert
October 6— Sierra Vista
Evangelical Lutheran**
**December 8—Mt. Zion
Lutheran (Reunion, Silent
Auction)**
January 2014—???

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ELECTIONS

The Southern Arizona VdC Secretariat has two vacant positions to fill. The commitment for these positions is a three-year term. The Secretariat meets on the second Monday of the month for an hour at Our Savior's Lutheran Church on Campbell Avenue.

The purposes of the meetings are to plan the coming VdC Weekend. This is an opportunity to share your time and talent. Please notify your parish rep if you would like to have your name placed for nomination. You have to be present at the annual meeting at 7:00 p.m. on January 19th at Dove of Peace if your name is placed for nomination.



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A LIST TO THINK ABOUT

The most destructive habit.....	worry
The greatest joy.....	Giving
The greatest loss.....	Loss of Self-Respect
The most satisfying work.....	Helping others
The ugliest personality trait.....	Selfishness
The most endangered species.....	Dedicated Leaders
Our greatest natural resource.....	Our Youth
The greatest "shot in the arm".....	Encouragement
The greatest problem to overcome.....	Fear
The most effective sleeping pill.....	Peace of Mind
The most crippling failure disease.....	Excuses
The most powerful force in life.....	Love
The most dangerous parasite.....	A Gossiper
The world's most incredible computer.....	The Brain
The worst thing to be without.....	Hope
The deadliest weapon.....	The Tongue
The two most power filled words.....	"I Can"
The greatest asset.....	Faith
The most worthless emotion.....	Self-Pity
The most beautiful attire.....	A Smile
The most prized possession.....	Integrity
The most powerful channel of communication.....	Prayer
The most contagious spirit.....	Enthusiasm
The most important thing in life.....	God

"Whether or not we learn whatever it is that we need to know, whether these experiences are life-giving or life-diminishing for ourselves and others depends on a life stance that embraces the uncertainty of that way not because we love the uncertainty, but because we know that a God who loves us has placed the possibility of new life in every human experience."

Called to be Friends, Paula Ripple



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SOUTHERN ARIZONA LUTHERAN VIA de CRISTO #31 AND #32 PARTICIPANTS CONGRATULATIONS NEW PILGRIMS!

MEN'S WEEKEND

Michael Armier – Abounding Grace

Jordie Bennett –Mt. Zion

Jon Erwin – TVLC

Kim Kaison – Desert Hope

David Liss – Community of Hope

Thomas Magrum – Mt. Zion

Scott Malcomson – Abounding Grace

James Richart – Resurrection

WOMEN'S WEEKEND

Maybelle Armier - Abounding Grace

Annette Bennett –Mt Zion

Joanie Bonura –Streams in the Desert

Marci Cary – Mt. Zion

Gerri Eberle – Abounding Grace

Anne Gordon – TVLC

June Law – Light the Way

Carol Liss – Community of Hope

Carol Lockwood – Streams in the Desert

Bridget McMurtrey – Mt. Zion

Rose Motzko – Lord of Grace

Rosemarie Richardson – Mt. Zion

Ann Richhart – Resurrection

Georgia Riggs – Streams in the Desert

Rhea Scott – Streams in the Desert

Elizabeth Stember – TVLC

Loida Sstewart – Light the Way

Beth Wallace – Mt. Zion



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VIA DE CRISTO WOMEN'S WEEKEND #32

The Women's weekend that took place November 8-11, 2012 was an incredibly wonderful weekend full of energy, love, laughter and tears. There were 16 participants this year from 8 different churches in Tucson and it was such a joy to serve them. There were definitely some challenges with losing 3 Rollistas the last two weeks prior to the weekend, however, God showed his mighty power and created an truly awesome experience for the women of VDC #32. Being called to Rectora was the biggest blessing I've ever received and I want to thank the VDC community for supporting all of us on team as well as the participants. I hope you will all attend the next ultreya to meet these new Via de Cristo members as I have encouraged them to attend also. See you December 2nd at Resurrection!!!

Cindy Stein

Rectora, VDC #32

VIA DE CRISTO MENS' WEEKEND Blessings of VdC #31!

The men's weekend was truly a blessing. The eight participants received the unconditional love of Christ that poured out through the team and people of community that jumped in to help. We continued to follow the modifications that Dorothy McLean implemented last year. The talks were requested to be twenty

or less. This kept the talks focused on the main points for each talk with some time for personal input from each speaker. This allowed more discussion time at the decuria tables and more time for introspection. It also made it easier to be "firmly flexible" to keep closer to the schedule.

We combined the stations of the cross with the transformation stations which worked well. Again the evening service called Buenos Noches worked well. The women's team blessed us with their attendance which helped to provide a decent number of people in the sanctuary to provide support to the participants. The evening service makes it easier for community to come and support the teams. Hopefully, in the near future we can get more people to attend both the Buenos Noches and Clausura services to show the community support that resides in Tucson.

Looking back over the last months, it has been a blessing to me to be a part of a wonderful team of men dedicated to express the love of Jesus to people we had yet to meet. What an awesome experience which I thank God for calling me to be a part.



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PUBLIC PLEA

When something weighs heavily upon one's heart, it is best to share it with one's brothers and sisters. And so, I am pleading with each and every one of you to look deeply into your hearts and minds and remember how excited you were during and after your individual weekend experience. Try to recapture that feeling when it is time to attend an Ultreya, Grouping, Buenos Noches, and Clausura.

The Buenos Noches service for the Oct. Men's weekend was about the smallest gathering I have ever seen. It was a little better for the women's service, because the men's team and participants were there to supplement the rest of us.

It is very easy to come up with an excuse as to why we cannot attend, and to expect that enough others will be there to make it unnoticeable that we are not there. It takes commitment, sacrifice, and stretching ourselves to make time to stand up and be there for others.

When someone is absent from an Ultreya, it takes the joy away from those who were looking to see them again. The greatest gift we can give to another is the gift of ourselves.

Please come back to that original joy and excitement. Please share yourselves with your brothers and sisters. Please take an active part in the upcoming Ultreya. We want to see YOU, and YOU, and YOU, and YOU.....

In Christ's Love & Service,
Dorothy McLean

Servant School is for anyone wishing to be on team or wanting to be a sponsor. Sponsors are always needed. They're the ones that keep this movement going. Start praying about who you would like to see attend. Please let Laura Eskridge, call 468-1779.



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SALT—SOUTHERNA ARIZONA LUTHERAN TIROSH

When: Friday, Jan. 25, 2013
5:00 pm thru Sunday, Jan. 27,
2013 5:00 pm

Where: Tanque Verde Lutheran
Church Campus, Tucson, AZ

Who: Tucson Youth 9th grade
thru 20 years of age

How: Get a registration form
from your Parish Rep, fill it out,
and turn it in

How Much: \$50.00 per
participant (scholarships
available for those in need)

Why: Fun and Fellowship with
teens from all over Tucson, while
growing a closer relationship with
Jesus

What Else: Brought to you by
youth, adults, and clergy who
love teens, Jesus, and lots of fun

Tell your friends, mark your
calendar, get in on the first Tirosh
weekend in 3 years! It's gonna be
a BLAST!

TIROSH #15 REGISTRATIONS

It is already the first of the year
and the first Tirosh weekend in
3 years is ready to kick off at the
end of January!

Please get those registrations in
to Pam Robinson at Streams in
the Desert Lutheran Church as
soon as you possibly can. We
have a team of over 40 ready to
greet, get to know, and love the
participants who will be coming
to Tirosh 15. According to the
“rumors” we’ve been hearing,
there are already close to 20
youth who are signing up – BUT
until those registrations are in
Pam’s hands, the count remains
at ZERO!

Round up your youth, fill out the
form, find sponsors, get Pastor
signatures, and RUSH those
registrations in to Pam – NOW!

Don't let your youth miss out
because the registration was
late!
DEADLINE for Registrations to
be in Pam's hands—
January 13, 2013



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SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER

Sponsored By “**Tirosh**”
Secretariat

For Information Contact
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COME SUPPORT THE
TIROSH WEEKEND
SUNDAY, JANUARY 13,
2013
4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

LOCATION:

Our Saviors' Lutheran
Church
1200 North Campbell Ave,
Tucson, Arizona

COST: “Free Will
Offering” per plate

DINNER INCLUDES

Spaghetti w/ Meatballs or
Meatless Sauce

BOOK REPORT

The name of the book is "Open Source Church: Making Room for the Wisdom of All." I think it is spot on for the church of the future where everyone is invited to participate fully. It is written by Landon Whitsitt, pastor of First Presbyterian in Liberty, Missouri. He is very insightful. It treats the idea of "priesthood of all believers" and the "freedom we have in Christ" quite faithfully. He compares the church of the future to open source technology, in particular to the way Wikipedia is developed, where everyone is free to contribute their expertise. And he contrasts this analogy to the way things have been done traditionally, where only a select few call the shots. It's about Change -- and ways to make change possible in a traditionally hierarchical organization.

"Wikipedia: The encyclopedia that anyone can edit.

Wikicclesia: The church that anyone can edit." -- Landon Whitsitt, Open Source Church

I highly recommend this book to anyone wanting to develop a growing, welcoming, thriving church

