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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](mailto: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

### Assistant Lay Director

Michael Eckelbarger

### Treasurer

Linda Kress

### Secretary

Dorothy McLean

### Spiritual Director

Pastor Tom Durham

### Three Day

Joe Smothers

### Palanca

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](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.

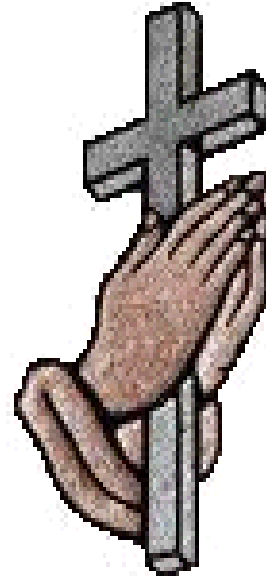
These deadlines are extremely important to the weekend planning so please get them in early.

# Our VDC Community News

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**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](mailto: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.

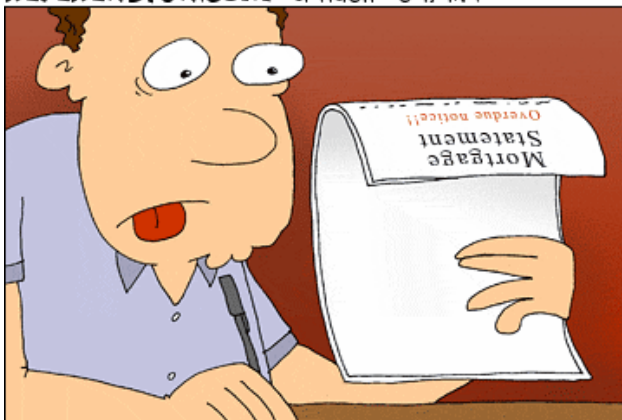
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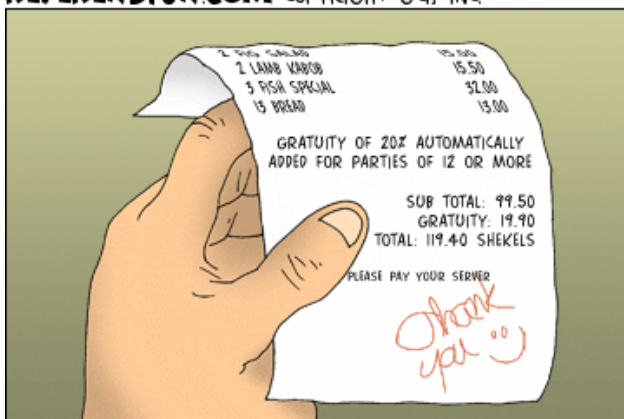
Thanks to Richard Germain (See Job 1) 12-17-2007  
**JOB HOPED THAT THIS WASN'T THE BEGINNING OF A BAD DAY**

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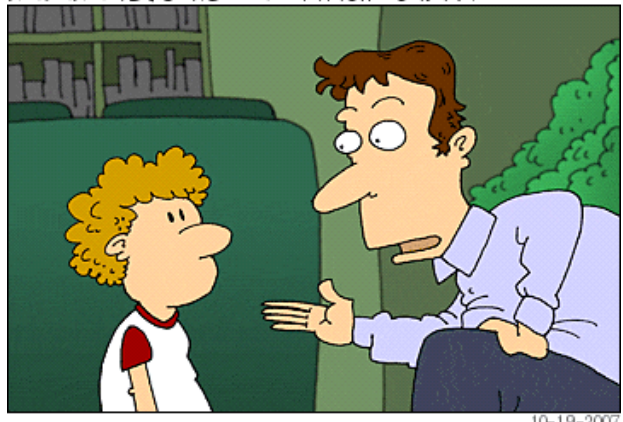
Thanks to Mikel Rice (See Matthew 6:19-20) 06-27-2008  
**BUT STORE UP FOR YOURSELVES TREASURES IN HEAVEN, WHERE MOTH AND RUST AND SUB-PRIME MORTGAGE CRISIS DO NOT DESTROY**

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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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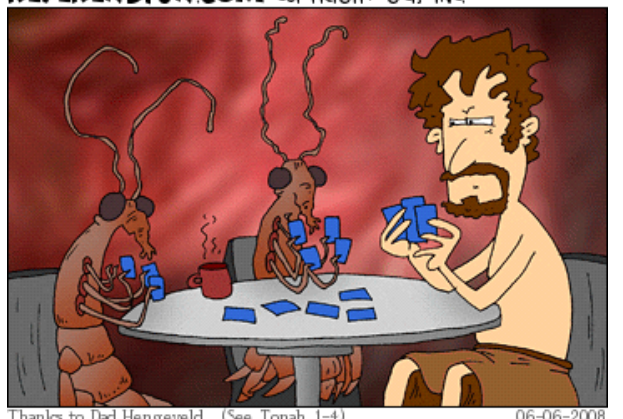
10-19-2007  
**WHEN I WAS YOUNGER WE COULD SAY "POUND EXCLAMATION AMPERSAND STAR AT SYMBOL" WITHOUT PEOPLE MISINTERPRETING IT TO BE A SWEAR**

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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**