



# SALVdC Newsletter

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## SALVdC ULTREYA SCHEDULE

Sunday, June 5th, 2011

### **Streams in the Desert Lutheran Church (5360 E. Pima)**

4-6pm Fellowship Potluck Dinner, Witness talk, Music, Communion, Service Project: Donations will be collected for Children's Camping Scholarships to SALCA.

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### FUTURE ULTREYAS

Sunday, August 7, 2011

**Lord of Grace** - 4-6pm

Sunday, October 9, 2011

**Mt. Zion** - 4-6pm (tentative)

Sunday, December 4, 2010

**Resurrection Lutheran Church** - 4-6pm (Reunion Ultreya!)

January 28, 2012

**Dove of Peace Lutheran Church** - 7pm



## **Open Memo to the VdC Community**

From: Dorothy McLean, Rectora for Co-ed #30

Subject: Team Selection

I am both encouraged and challenged by the number of you who have signed up as wanting to serve on weekend #30! There are a few things that must remain in the forefront when choosing team members:

1. First and most important – this is God's team (not mine, not the Head Cook's, not the participants'). God needs to be given the opportunity to call who He wants on team.
2. When there is a co-ed team, we like to keep the number of males and females on team as close to even as possible. This means that only ½ of the normal number of folks called will be female, and ½ will be male. This cuts down drastically on the number of people who can serve on team, compared to when there are 2 weekends in a year.
3. Even if you really, really want to serve on team, and have put your name on one (or more) of the lists to be called for team, please do not be disappointed or disheartened if you are not called for team, as we can only have a limited number of folks on team, and God is doing the choosing!
4. If you really, really want to serve on team, and are not called for team, please consider being a part of Community – the more folks on that team, the less work for each one.
5. Whether or not you signed up to serve on team, please keep the weekend, the team, and the participants bathed in your prayers – pray for God's will to be done, and that the team will be able to discern and follow His lead.
6. Know that each of you is special, and you are cherished by our Lord, and by me.

In Christ's Love & Service,

*Dorothy*

### Via de Cristo Participants – Where are they now?

The Parish Reps for each Via de Cristo Lutheran Community are being contacted to update the records of those persons from their congregations who have attended a 3-day movement retreat weekend – Via de Cristo, Cur-sillo, Walk to Emmaus, or others. As our communities shift and move, we lose track of the current addresses, e-mail addresses, and home church affiliations of some of our members. We are asking the Parish Reps to include as much information as possible for those folks who are no longer members of their congregations. In addition to those lists, we have a list of “unknowns” – those whose church homes are no longer even guessed at! If you know where these folks are now, could you please either contact them and have them get in touch with me, or just send me their current information, and I will get in touch with them? We want to have our lists current – especially now that we will be gearing up to call team for VdC Co-ed #30! Thank you in advance for your assistance!

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Sonja Armstrong	Mike & Zinda Bartz	Charles & Lynne Brolyer
Bob Buckley	Pat Buian	Paula Caylor
Wendell & Mary Clutz	Steve & Pam Coombs	Barb Droste
Nancy Evans	Hugh Exell	Glenda Faust
Belinda Federico	Brad Flora	Joe & Kim Gulotta
Larry & Bev Hauge	Chris Hermansen	Marci Hill
Glenn Hitz	Laurie Johnson	Kees & Joana Jongsma
Ann & Lauren Kingry	Pastor Sondra Krogstad	Wendy Lee
Kathy Lee	Judy Lynn	Ron Miko
Myrna Pennington	Ken Neely	Bruce & RuthAnne Osenberg
Dan Owen	Kathy Paxton	Caroline & Monty Montelongo
Nicki Perger	Charles & Pat Prokopp	Ginny Ralston
Bill & Shirley Richardson	Troy & Patti Roberts	Jon & Margie Ruse
Tania Schultz	Marilyn Shipp	Alma Smith
Craig & Ann Stone	Dorothy Svoholt	Jim & Char Taylor
Ed & Malissa Thum	Kevin Trevor	Lily Walker
Grant & Jean Waltke	Sandy Ward	Catherine York

## Challenges

When I was new to Secretariat – seems like a hundred years ago – our then Lay Director challenged us as a Secretariat to make attending Ultreyas an absolute priority! I have not forgotten that challenge, and have mentioned it to the current Secretariat. If we are to serve the VdC Community, we need to be present at any and all functions, if at all possible.

I have another challenge: I challenge all Parish Reps to be present at all VdC Ultreyas, as well as at Mananitas, and Closures. After all, if you are representing your parish, you need to be visible, also!

That brings up a third challenge: I would like to challenge all of our VdC Pastors to make it a priority to attend Ultreyas to show support for the movement and for those from your congregations who have gone through a weekend.

One challenge brings up another, and then another: EVERYONE who has gone through a weekend, come on back to Ultreya and meet the “new folks”, catch up on what is going on, see where you can once again fit in, and reminisce with the “old folks”!

With over 500 in our combined community who have gone through a weekend, we should be able to pack Ultreyas to overflowing! Wouldn't it be an awesome problem to not have enough room for everyone who showed up for the next Ultreya? (Just happens to be on June 5, 2011 at Streams in the Desert from 4 – 6 PM)

How good are you at accepting challenges? Show us, and show up!

*\*De Colores, Dorothy McLean, Lay Director VdC Secretariat\**

## VIA de CRISTO CHURCHES and PARISH REPRESENTATIVES

Abounding Grace— Virginia Reymer, 745-3052, C-3319313

American Lutheran—Pastor Kim Taylor, Church— 623-3661

Beautiful Saviors—Pastor Kate Schlechter, Church- 744-2665

Christ Lutheran Vail (Mo) Pastor David Hook, Church – 468-7075

Parish Representative— Nancy Taylor – 954-3583

Desert Hope (LCMC) - Pam Endrihs– 404-9536 Church-722-9134

Dove of Peace– Larry Paxton,—Cell— 444-2519

Faith Lutheran— Jane and Dale Schlak,— 298-2613

Lord of Grace—Richard Krohn,- Home- 744-2335 Cell 940-0504

Mt. Zion—Rhonda & Bob Warner,— Home-883-7138, C- 883-7138

Resurrection—Mike Skilsky,—Home– 722-2775, Cell– 400-0674

Sierra Vista Lutheran– Pastor Mark Perry,—Cell– 907-5508

Streams in the Desert—Betty Whaples, 721-4200 or 971-0047 &  
Scotty Gulbandsen

Tanque Verde—Joe Smothers & Dee Sundby, –Church 749-1606

Our Savior—Pastor Marilyn Acaraza,—Church— 327-6521



## THE 2011—2012 SECRETARIAT

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### “Let’s Fan the Flame!”

Resurrection Lutheran Church is looking for ways to spread Via de Cristo word. We’ve decided to wear our Via de Cristo name badges at church on the first Sunday of every month. While chatting about Via de Cristo , it’s a good thing to have a brochure handy telling them about the weekend. Do you have some idea’s to share? We’d love to learn from you. Please contact Bev Kercheval @ [b.kerch@yahoo.com](mailto:b.kerch@yahoo.com)

If God did not bless,

Not one hair, not a solitary wisp of straw, would grow;

But there would be an end to everything.

At the same time God wants me to take this stand:

I would have nothing whatever if I did not plow and sow.

God does not want to have success come without work,

And yet I am not to achieve it by my work.

He does not want me to sit at home, to loaf, to commit matters of God,

And to wait till a fried chicken flies into my mouth.

That would be tempting God.

**Martin Luther**, from *What Luther Says*

## NLS President's Report

*"Let your light Shine" Matt., 5:16 in every season!*

Where I live in Ohio, we definitely experience all four seasons of the year. While we rarely have a lot of snow we can always count on a couple of storms dropping 5 or more inches (I love a fresh snowfall). Spring is usually bright and refreshing, as the life returns to our fields, summers are warm and bright throughout the growing season and the fall creates a beautiful abundance of color. So, while today is cold and dreary, I have unwavering confidence that within a matter of weeks, perhaps even days, the weather will bring me something bright and refreshing to rejoice in.

Today, I attended the funeral of a family friend. The pastor used the Ecclesiastes 3 passage about a time for everything. He reminded us that, though today we deal with death and today is a time for grieving, there is also a time for rejoicing and a time for living coming soon. Our Lord Jesus Christ has conquered death and will call us in love to life everlasting. Each day we remember the wisdom that "there is a time for every purpose under heaven." I was reminded that even though, at times, I am tempted by darkness, even at times tempted to despair, there is brightness coming soon and Christ and the church are my "forever" companions. WE take each of the seasons as they come.

The Via de Cristo method encourages us in this world of seasons. Our reunion groups challenge and encourage us to stick to our plan through each of the seasons. We report to one another our successes and failures, and remember those special close moments that Christ offers us so regularly. We meet often to urge each other on; "ULTREYA". Through spiritual direction we reflect on the ups and downs during each of the seasons as they come to us.

Our annual meeting is coming up in July. It will be summer in Minnesota and delightfully refreshing. We will meet and share how we can keep this wonderful movement on task. We will rejoice in ways that renew and refresh us. We will discuss our problems, the common ones and the unique ones. Using our theme "Let your light shine" we will be inspired to keep our movement loyal to the founders and honoring to our Lord Jesus Christ.

I am looking forward to our time together. I can't wait to see some old friends, meet some new ones and share this time with all my brothers and sister in Christ who love this movement.

God loves you and so do !!

*Tracy Schmidlin*

### ***National Lutheran Secretariat Annual Meeting 2011***

*Thursday, July 28th through Sunday, July 31st, 2011*

*Queens University of Charlotte*

*Hosted by Western North Carolina Lutheran Secretariat*

The best things are nearest:

Breath in your nostrils

Light in your eyes,

Flowers at your feet,

Duties at your hand,

the path of God just before you.

**ROBERT LOUIS STEVENSON**