

SOUTHERN ARIZONA LUTHERAN



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## ULTREYA

**August 14, 1999**  
**Calvary Lutheran Church**

**6:00 – 6:30 pm**  
**Fellowship Time**

**6:30 – 7:00**  
**Dessert Potluck**

**7:00 – 8:30**  
**Witness Talk**  
**Communion Service**

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**Gaslight Theater**  
**Fundraiser**

Zeena, Warrior Princess

September 3

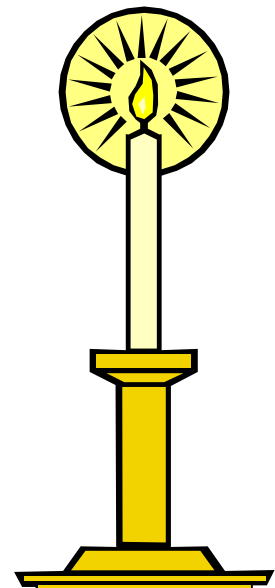
Tickets available at the Ultreya  
\$13 each

### SALC Gift Shop

**Extra! Extra!**  
**10% off total purchase!**

The gift shop will be set up at the August 14 Ultreya. Get a head start on many meaningful items for the upcoming weekends, and receive 10% off your total purchase! This offer will only be made available at that Ultreya!

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## SALC #7 & #8 Core Team

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“In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.” James 2:17	<b>Verse</b>	“Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.” Romans 12:2a

## NLS Annual Meeting

We recently had the privilege of representing the SALC Secretariat at the National Lutheran Secretariat (NLS) Annual Meeting, held July 22-25 in Saginaw, MI. This gathering of about 150 people included worship services, forums, discussions, seminars, business meetings, the election of national officers, wonderful meals, fellowship time and many opportunities to learn about the workings of other secretariats.

The NLS represents over 30,000 people from 29 secretariats scattered throughout the United States. The purpose of the NLS is to support existing secretariats and to help in the creation of new ones. Most secretariat members of the NLS call themselves *Via de Cristo* (Way of Christ), because they are ecumenical, that is, they allow participants from other denominations to attend their weekends. The theology presented on their weekends, however, is exclusively Lutheran.

We will give a report on the NLS Annual Meeting at the August 14 Ultreya.  
Ralph and Sue Jensen

## Banners

At its June meeting, the Secretariat decided that only one banner will be given to each participant on the weekend. This means that the sponsor and the participant's church community will make one banner for each man attending the men's weekend, and the sponsor and either the husband or church community will make one banner for each woman on the women's weekend. Therefore, each participant will receive one and only one banner. If a second banner is received for any participant, it will be held by the cooks and given to the participant after the Clausura.

Remember, banners must be 24" x 36".



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## Transformation and Action

It is hard to believe that we are just around the corner from Southern Arizona Lutheran Cursillos #s 7 and 8. It is a really good time for all of us who have become Cursillistas to begin the process of offering our time in the form of Prayer Support for the teams which are now in the process of forming for both weekends, and for the participants who are yet to respond to God's call on their lives for this wonderful time of Spiritual refreshment.

I am going to spend some time with you in this newsletter offering my initial responses to the two weekend verses. The Men's Weekend verse comes from James - "*Faith without works is dead.*" The Women's weekend verse comes from Paul's letter to the Church in Rome - "*Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.*" These are truly powerful Scriptures for the coming weekends. The single largest task which lies before every Christian, is coming to grips with the idea that true transformation takes place in our lives every time we allow God in Christ and the Spirit to move us beyond our human frailty. The process by which "good works" occur through us, is one in which we become the instruments of God's action in the world, not out of self-justification, but because we are Spirit-responding with thanksgiving for the abundance of God's love for His children.

Last week at church my meditation was on the Parable of the "Pearl of Great Price" All too often you and I believe that we are the pearl merchant in this parable in search of God's abundant love. In fact, we are

the most precious pearl of God's creation. When we finally realize that fact, we become overwhelmed by the power of God's love, and through the Holy Spirit, begin the process of living lives of action and love. I understood all of this theologically long before I went through God's special weekend on SALC #1. However, the Cursillo weekend proved to be a potent catalyst for transformation in my life. There are rarely any days that go by, that I do not take the time to study, pray, and take action, because of the transforming gift of God in Jesus Christ. I even find that awake times during the night are best utilized for prayer.

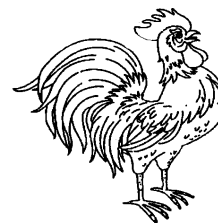
Now I can hardly wait to be a part of the next round of Cursillo weekends. All of us who have been through a weekend have been given a special gift of love for faith-living. Soon many opportunities for praying in community, and for offering our self-sacrifices for all that it takes to make weekends # 7 and 8 be turned over to God, will be offered to us again. Then, unlike the selfishness of the world around us, we will respond once again to the joy, love, and power of God in Christ, mediated to us through the Holy Spirit in the midst of Scripture and through the Sacrament of the Altar. We will be renewed in our minds and hearts, transformed for the Kingdom-work of the Cursillo weekends, and we will know that God is in our midst doing the joy-filled work of the Gospel in our lives, and in the lives of those who we serve.

Transformed by Christ, Working with you in Faith,  
Pastor Kim Taylor

## A Personal Experience

Linda and I went to Cursillo quite a few years ago, Phoenix 15 & 16 to be exact. At the time we really were not all that excited to go. It seemed like one more thing we were being asked to do. Diane and Gary Smith had been the ones to encourage us to go, so we went but were a little reluctant.

Now looking back I find that it was an extremely important step we took and I be-



lieve that the Lord meant for it to happen. Because, from our going, many at TVLC then could go and so many have become leaders and people who now so diligently work on the Lord's behalf. Not only that, Linda and I have gained so many friends throughout the community and we know other congregations have been blest also.

The simple message of Cursillo, "Make a friend, be a friend, bring a friend to Christ", is so powerful. We both pray that the Cursillo movement will continue to empower more and more people to enrich their discipleship and to be a blessing in the Lord's name.

Sincerely,  
Pastor Frank Nausin



## Ultreya Schedule

August 14, 1999      Calvary  
October 9, 1999      TBA  
December 11, 1999   Streams in the Desert



## Upcoming Events

Sept. 3.....Gaslight Theater  
**Weekends**  
Oct. 28 – 31.....Men  
Nov. 11 –14.....Women

## Contributions

Remember that Cursillo is funded solely by the generosity of its community. Send tax deductible gifts of any amount to:

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