

Southern Arizona Lutheran



## SALVdC NEWS

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### Reunion Ultreya

A gathering of the Via de Cristo Community for fellowship, worship, and celebration!

Saturday, December 6, 2003  
Tanque Verde Lutheran Church  
8625 E. Tanque Verde Road

2:00 - 6:00pm Leadership School (see page 2)

6:30pm Potluck Dinner  
A-K Main Dish      L-P Dessert      Q-Z Salad  
Child Care Provided

#### *A Message from the Via de Cristo Store*

The Via de Cristo store will sell Christmas ornaments, nativity scenes, and Via de Cristo apparel at the Reunion Ultreya on December 6 at Tanque Verde LC. The store will also be selling its wares between services at Tanque Verde on December 7, and at Lord of Grace on November 30. Thank you for your patronage!

The VdC store is in need of a used garment bag to transport t-shirts, polo shirts, and denim shirts to and from sales at Ultreyas and area churches. A garment bag would make it so much easier to have a sturdy "dirt-free" enclosure for carrying the merchandise. If anyone has a garment bag that is destined for a garage sale, please contact Lynda Reeves at 744-6943. Thanks for your generous help.



## 2003 SECRETARIAT

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## Leadership School

Two glorious weekends full of God's presence and Spirit have concluded, and now we look forward to the Reunion Ultreya and preparations for 2004. As part of the Reunion Ultreya, a Via de Cristo Leadership School is scheduled for 2:00 - 6:00pm on December 6<sup>th</sup> at Tanque Verde Lutheran Church. This is an opportunity for you to learn about the Essentials of Via de Cristo and other information you will need in order to serve as a sponsor or team member. The afternoon's program will contain information on the following topics:

The progression and dynamics of the Weekend

Team selection and service

Preparation and sponsorship

Palanca - Prayer and sacrifice

Fundamentals of grouping

A short history of Via de Cristo/Cursillo

Ultreya and other Fourth Day reinforcements

If you have come to the Southern Arizona Via de Cristo Community from another part of the country or from a different Walk, this is an opportunity to learn how SALVdC is organized and conducted. Please join us on December 6<sup>th</sup> starting at 2:00pm at Tanque Verde Lutheran Church.

RESERVATIONS REQUESTED

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## Secretariat Election News

Two current members of the SALVdC Secretariat, Sandie Wooster and Beth Premo, will step down in January. Be sure to thank them for their faithful service! We need to fill the two three-year vacancies created by their departures.

If you are interested in being on the ballot as a candidate for election to the SALVdC Secretariat, please contact any current Secretariat member by December 31, 2003. The election will be held at the SALVdC annual meeting in January 2004. According to the SALVdC bylaws, the two requirements for a candidate for Secretariat are that the person (1) is currently active in the SALVdC Community and (2) has the approval of his or her parish pastor to serve.

These nominations are to fill vacancies on the Secretariat and are not intended to fill specific positions, as these will be determined at the first Secretariat meeting in February 2004. Position descriptions are listed on the following page.

## Secretariat Position Descriptions

**Spiritual Director.** The Spiritual Director shall, with the Secretariat, have the general responsibility for the Via de Cristo movement. The Spiritual Director shall have specific responsibility to provide for the apostolic formation of the leaders, to advise the corporation in spiritual matters, and to secure the services of pastors to work in the various phases of the movement, including, but not limited to, the appointment of Spiritual Directors for the three-day weekends and the appointment of Spiritual Directors to each standing committee.

**Lay Director.** It shall be the duty of the Lay Director to preside at all meetings of the members and at Secretariat sessions, and in general perform all the duties usually incident to such office, or which the members may require. The Lay Director shall be an ex-officio member of all committees, with the exception of the nominating committee. He or she shall see that a full and complete report of the Southern Arizona Lutheran Via de Cristo program and circumstances is prepared and, after its approval by the Secretariat, presented to the members at its Annual Meeting. The Lay Director may, with the Secretariat's approval, appoint such special committees as the Secretariat may deem necessary for achievement of the goals of Southern Arizona Lutheran Via de Cristo. In case of the Lay Director's permanent absence or inability to act, the office shall be declared vacant by the Secretariat. A successor shall be chosen by majority ballot of the Secretariat.

**Assistant Lay Director.** The Assistant Lay Director shall have all the powers and perform all the duties of the Lay Director in case of the Lay Director's temporary absence or inability to act. The Assistant Lay Director is responsible for leadership training of Southern Arizona Lutheran Via de Cristo.

**Treasurer.** The Treasurer shall have custody and keep records of all financial resources of the corporation. He or she will expend monies as authorized by the Secretariat. The Treasurer shall present a full report of all such transactions to the Annual Meeting of the Membership and, when requested by the Lay Director, at any other meeting of the Membership and at any Secretariat meeting. There shall be an annual audit of the Treasurer's records prior to the annual meeting by a two-person team appointed by the Lay Director. The Treasurer may be bonded in an amount to be determined by the Secretariat.

**Secretary.** The Secretary shall keep the minutes of all meetings of the membership and of the Secretariat, notify the membership of both the annual and special meetings, have custody of all recorded material of the organization, keep a membership book, with the name and address of each member and date of admission to membership, and perform such other duties as may be delegated to him or her by the Board.

**Pre-weekend.** Study and propose to the Secretariat the plan of establishment and extension of the Via de Cristo Movement within the Secretariat's areas of responsibility; maintain a file of all applications; assist the Secretariat in implementing the Via de Cristo phase of the Movement according to the literature; especially in the study of the environment; educate sponsors to make sure of a Via de Cristo place for the candidate; prepare candidates for the weekend.

**Three-day.** Responsible for the physical arrangements for the three days, including dates, places, food purchasing, all supplies (e.g. crosses, stipend envelopes, song books, Group Reunion cards, first aid, etc.); support Three-day Team during Team formation and Three-day Weekend. Establish a committee to be available for set-up and take down during weekends.

**Fourth-day.** Renew, accelerate and perfect the conversation of the Pilgrims through the promotion of Group Reunions and Ultreyas; help Pilgrims to be the Church in the structures of the Arizona Lutheran Community; make sure that the fundamental standards for Group Reunion and Ultreyas established by the Secretariat are followed; work with the Director of Communications to publish or distribute pertinent material for the information and orientation of Pilgrims; gather necessary data to supply the Secretariat with information concerning progress of the Movement in Southern Arizona.

**Palanca.** Organize palanca, encourage palanca written and done by Group Reunions as well as individuals. Send and gather palanca from other three-day movements locally and nationally.

**Communications.** Publish and mail newsletter regularly; maintain contact with other Secretariats and National Via de Cristo, help the Secretariat in handling statistics and records.

## *Help Reduce Our Costs*

Your Via de Cristo newsletter will arrive faster, with color graphics, and at less cost to the community if you are able to receive it via e-mail. To receive your newsletter electronically, simply log on to the Southern Arizona Via de Cristo web page at [www.soazviadecristo.org](http://www.soazviadecristo.org), go to the Via de Cristo Home-page, and click on "Add your e-mail address to our Via de Cristo mailing list." On the next screen, click on Sign-up, and then supply the information requested: Your name, e-mail address, and church. You will also enter a password, which you can use to modify your information if that is ever needed. That's all it takes! The newsletter will arrive in your e-mail inbox as soon as it is published, in Adobe Acrobat .pdf format. If you do not have the Adobe Acrobat reader on your computer, you may download it free of charge at [www.adobe.com](http://www.adobe.com) or from the Newsletters page on the Via de Cristo web site.

The National Lutheran Secretariat no longer snail-mails its newsletter *Conexiones*, but publishes it only on the NLS website and through e-mail. In the future SALVdC may have to do the same. In the meantime, thank you for helping us to speed up the delivery of your newsletter, and also to save on printing costs and postage, by signing up to receive your newsletter online!



## *Contributions*

Via de Cristo is funded solely by the generosity of its community. Did you know that if each household in our current community donated \$10 per year, our weekends would be fully funded?

If you would like to help, you may use the enclosed envelope to send a tax deductible gift of any amount to Southern Arizona Lutheran Via de Cristo, P.O. Box 30087, Tucson, AZ 85751-0087.

## **Parish Representatives**

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### **Dove of Peace**

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### **Faith (Tucson)**

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### **Lord of Grace**

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### **Mt. Zion**

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### **Our Saviour's**

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### **Resurrection**

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### **San Juan Batista**

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