



SALVdC NEWS

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August 11, 2001

**Our Saviour's Lutheran Church
1914 E. Helen St.
(Speedway at Campbell)**

**Fellowship begins at 6:00 p.m.
Salad and dessert potluck begins at 6:30 p.m.
Witness talks * Singing * Communion**

*Child care will be provided if requested.
Please call Allena Knowe at 886-3568*

Leadership Training School

Leadership Training will be held in room #11 at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. on August 11. Please call Carol Sesma 546-3702 to register or use the registration form found on the website (www.soazviadecristo.org).

Electronic Newsletter

The printing and postage costs for the SALVdC newsletter runs several hundred dollars per year. For those of you with computers and internet access, there is an option to receive an electronic copy of the newsletter. The Via de Cristo home page, www.soazviadecristo.org, has a quick form (name and e-mail address) where you can sign up to receive notification when the new issue of the newsletter has been posted to the website. Important note! If you subscribe to receive the newsletter via the internet a paper copy WILL NOT BE MAILED to you. There are approximately forty households signed up. The savings for each issue of the newsletter per household is \$.60. One added bonus: the newsletter online is in full color! Sign up today!!

SALVdC Weekend Update

And the search continues... No, not the search for missing congressional interns, but the search for a facility to use for the upcoming Via de Cristo weekends. John Reeves, the Weekend Coordinator for Secretariat, has done an exceptional job in contacting various three-day walks to find out what facilities they use. He has also contacted various camps that were suggested by members of our Via de Cristo community.

On July 18, the core teams for both the men and women's weekends toured Ministeria Shalom in downtown Tucson. The facility is spacious and has potential, but it has some serious drawbacks. The most notable drawbacks are the lack of adequate parking, the lack of handicap accessibility, and the lack of proper refrigeration and dishwashing facilities in the kitchen.

A smaller group toured the Picture Rocks retreat center. The facility is very inviting. If you wanted to serve/attend a luxurious Via de Cristo this would be the place! Unfortunately, the chosen weekend dates are not available until 2003 (at the earliest). All meals are prepared by retreat center personnel using their menus and schedule. Finally, the cost at \$57.00 per night per person is prohibitive.

We have permission from the church council at Tanque Verde Lutheran to use their facility for the weekends. While TVLC does not have comfy beds with a nightstand for each person, it does have showers, handicap accessibility, adequate kitchen facilities and ample accommodations for Mananitas and Clausura.

The matter will be brought to the Secretariat at their meeting on August 13. Pray for wisdom and discernment in knowing the heart and mind of God as they make that decision.



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Our Action

"As the Father has sent me, so I send you." (John 20:31)

- The Streams in the Desert Lutheran Church's Hearts & Hammers group spent Saturday, June 9 helping build an enclosed porch for the Lutheran Women's home on the west side of Tucson. They taped and plastered wallboard seams, then will return later to paint.
- Betty and Nick Sesma went to Procora, Costa Rico from June 28-July 9 on a dental mission. Betty cleaned teeth and provided basic dental hygiene education. Nick assisted as a translator.

Share the good news of how your parish's Via de Cristo community is reaching out to others through apostolic opportunities. Send your information to the newsletter address listed at the bottom of the page.

In Our Via de Cristo Family...



Congratulations to Leroy and Jean Moser who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on July 21.

- ✂ Norma Teeters represented SALVdC at the National Secretariat Annual Meeting in Minneapolis, MN on July 26-29. Also attending as guests were: Ken Teeters, Ralph & Sue Jensen and Glenn & Sue Weber.
- ✂ Please keep Trinity Lutheran Church and their pastor, Jim Johnson, in your prayers as Pastor Jim battles cancer.

Banner Palanca

In the Bible, banners are raised as a sign of God gathering His people from all corners of the earth. In Via de Cristo, banners are raised as a sign of God gathering the participant into a community of brothers and sisters in Christ. Presentation of the banners is a very special and emotional time for both the team and the participants.

Because banners are so special, the sponsor guidelines are designed to ensure that all participants are treated equally. Each participant receives a single banner on the weekend. For the men, this banner comes either from the sponsors or from their church community. For the women, the banner comes either from the sponsors or from her spouse. A personalized note from the banner-maker to the participant should be attached to the banner. On the women's weekend, these notes are read aloud as the banner is presented. Please be sensitive to the public nature of the note as you write it. Intensely personal notes are best saved for general palanca distributions.

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SALVdC #11 & #12 Core Teams

Men

Date: October 25-28, 2001

Bill Leedale

Allen Haeger
Ralph Jensen
Dan Falkner

John Reeves

Pastor Frank Nausin

Rector(a)

Co-Rector(a)s

Head Cook

**Head Spiritual Director
Assistant Spiritual Director**

Verse

Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends. -John 15:13

Women

Date: November 8 - 11, 2001

Mary Lou Leedale

Judy Nolen
Lynda Reeves
Betty Whaples

Beth Premo

Pastor Sondra Krogstad
Pastor Dawn Keller
Pastor Dale Moe

Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is one Lord; and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength. -Mark 12:29-30

What Path Are You On?

John Tauler prayed for eight years that God would send him a person to teach him the true way of perfection. One day, while at prayer, he heard a voice from within telling him to go outside to the steps of the church, and there he would meet his mentor. He obeyed without hesitation. On the church steps Tauler found a barefoot ragamuffin in rags, wounded and caked in blood.

Tauler greeted the man cordially: "Good morning, dear brother. May God give you a good day and grant you a happy life."

"Sir," replied the ragamuffin, "I do not remember ever having a bad day."

Stunned Tauler asked him how this was possible, since sadness and grief are part of the human condition.

The beggar explained, "You wished me a good day, and I replied that I cannot ever recall ever having spent a bad day. You see, whether my stomach is full or I am famished with hunger, I praise God equally; when I am rebuffed and despised, I still thank God. My trust in God's providence is absolute, so there is no such thing as a bad day."

He continued, "Sir, you also wished me a happy life. I must insist that I am always happy for it would be untruthful to state otherwise. My experience of God has taught me that whatever He does must be of necessity be good. Thus, everything that I receive from his loving hand or whatever He permits me to receive from the hand of others -- be it prosperity or adversity, sweet or bitter -- I accept with joy and see it as a sigh of His favor. For many, many years now, my first resolution each morning is to attach myself to nothing but the will of God alone. I have learned that the will of God is the love of God. And by the outpouring of His grace, I have so merged my will with His that whatever He wills, I will too. Therefore, I have always been happy.

The beggar's witness to Jesus Christ lay in ruthless trust in the love of God and in the determination "for all things, give thanks" (Ithess 5:18). Later in his life Tauler wrote that this amalgam of trust and gratitude is the shortest path to God...

From the book, "Ruthless Trust" written by Brennan Manning