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Ultreya
Saturday, June 14, 2003

Dove of Peace Lutheran Church
665 W. Roller Coaster Road

5:00 pm Meet for Fellowship in All Saints Hall
5:30 pm Salad and Dessert Potluck
7:00 pm Taizé Service in the Sanctuary
Childcare Available

Farewell and Godspeed to Pastor Phil and Linda Petrasek

Phil Petrasek, pastor of Lutheran Church of the King and Spiritual Director for Southern Arizona Lutheran Via de Cristo, has accepted a call to Christ Lutheran Church in Ferndale, Washington, beginning on June 1. His last Sunday at Church of the King was May 11. We thank Phil and Linda for their joyful and faithful service among us, and we will miss them!

Phil and Linda lived in Washington for many years, and have a daughter, other relatives, and many friends in the state. Their new address is:

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Good News!

Welcome and De Colores to our new Spiritual Director for Southern Arizona Via de Cristo, Pastor Mark Perry! Pastor Perry attended Arizona Lutheran Cursillo #35 in Phoenix, and then served as a Spiritual Director on weekends #43 and #53 and as Head Spiritual Director on #59. He also served for four years as Spiritual Director for the Arizona Lutheran Cursillo Secretariat. In addition, Pastor Perry was a Spiritual Director for both the original Tirosh retreat held at Adobe Mountain Juvenile Detention Center for Boys, and for Chayah #13, an ecumenical outgrowth of Tirosh, held at Black Canyon School for Girls. Since moving to Tucson in 2001 he has served in the Boys' Vineyard as a Spiritual Director for SALT #8. Pastor Perry's wife Linda and daughter Jenna are also active in Via de Cristo and Tirosh.

Pastor Perry writes: "Via de Cristo is the best intentional ministry that I know of in the Lutheran church for demonstrating and providing the opportunity of experiencing God's love. Many leaders and pastors on fire for the Lord with whom I have served in congregational settings have come out of a Cursillo-type experience. It is a privilege and a joy to be called to serve in this kind of role again. I look forward to working in this powerful gospel ministry with such fine lay leaders as we have on the Secretariat in Southern Arizona."

Send address changes and newsletter articles to:

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SPRING LEADERSHIP SCHOOL - MAY 10, 2003

We are proud to present nine new graduates of the spring Via de Cristo Leadership School, held at American Evangelical Lutheran Church on May 10th. Participants included (left to right) Lee Bassett, Amy Ostrander, Dave and Martha Schneider, Lisa Scholinski, Carol Spencer, Irene Potts, and Sandy and Doug Holm.

Leadership speakers included Lynne Brolyer, Joanna Jongsma, Scotty Gulbrandsen, Glenn Weber, Cindy Harris, Scott Schaffer, and Bob Harris. Pastor Kim Taylor of American provided the closing prayer. Special thanks to Allen and Diane Haeger and Pastor Kim for helping with the arrangements.

Now Here's an Idea!

Would your church's Via de Cristo community be willing to host a SALVdC fundraiser meal (pancake breakfast, spaghetti dinner, ice cream social, etc.) on your campus if a Traveling Cook Team came in to prepare the food? We'd bring aprons, recipes, and plenty of experience! Contact John Reeves for more information (744-6943).



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 webpage at www.soazviadecristo.org, go to the Via de Cristo Homepage, 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!

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Thank you for helping us to speed up the delivery of your newsletter, and also to save on printing costs and postage.

Upcoming Weekends:

Men's SALVdC #15

October 9-12 , at Tanque Verde Lutheran

Women's SALVdC #16

November 6-9, at Tanque Verde Lutheran

Pray for those who are called to serve, and for those who are called to attend!

The Call to Team

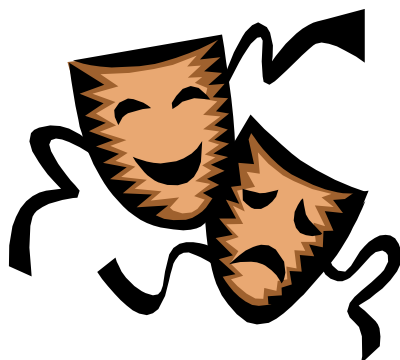
Earlier this year, Larry Paxton and Joanna Jongsma were called to serve as rector and rectora for Men's #15 and Women's #16, respectively. Soon afterward, Larry and Joanna began to call their core teams — head spiritual directors, head cooks, co-rectors, and co-rectoras — and soon this group of people will begin to call others to serve on team.



To be eligible for a call to team, a person must have attended a Leadership School, must regularly attend Ultreyas, and must be grouping. The names of those who are eligible for call are listed, and this list of names is prayed over by the core team. With God's direction, various people from this list are identified as possible team members, and they are then called to serve as a cook or rollista.

One of the goals of each core team is to ensure that someone from each church in the Via de Cristo community is called to team. However, not everyone who is called is able to serve. If you are hoping to be called to team, you may sign up at the next Ultreya, or you may contact the rector or rectora directly, to indicate your willingness to serve. While signing up or otherwise volunteering does not guarantee that you will be called, it may be that your action in identifying yourself is an answer to prayer.

If you are called to team, please pray before making your decision. Being a team member requires a real sacrifice of time and self: you must attend all team meetings, you must devote yourself to your fellow team members and to the participants who will attend the weekend, and you must immerse yourself in prayer. If the circumstances of your life do not allow you to make these sacrifices at this time, then please decline the call and remain open to being called again in the future. There are many ways to serve other than being on team!



GASLIGHT THEATRE FUNDRAISER

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2003

7:00 PM CHRISTMAS SHOW

MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW!

Ultreya Schedule for 2003

August 9, 2003 at Mt. Zion

September 27, 2003 at Resurrection

December 6, 2003 at Tanque Verde

Database Updates

When your address, phone number, or church membership changes, please call or e-mail Ralph Jensen (721-7843 or ralphjens@comcast.net) so that this information can be updated in the Via de Cristo database. Then you won't miss out when teams are called, and when important information is sent to everyone in the community. Thanks!



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.

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