



SALVdC NEWS

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Ultreya

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**Community of Hope Lutheran Church
3141 W Ironwood Hill Dr**

Sponsored by: Community of Hope and Mount Zion

6:30 p.m.

Bring your favorite dessert to share!

Updated rosters of the Via de Cristo community will be available!

New List Serve

We have set up a Via de Cristo mail list server on the web page. We can use this list so several people will have the ability to send notes to the community regarding Ultreya's, teams, etc. Go to: http://www.soazviadecristo.org/maillist/adduser_viadecristo.html or click the links from the Via de Cristo home page, <http://www.soazviadecristo.org> to add your name to the list. There are separate lists for Tirosch and Via de Cristo. If you want both, you'll need to go to each main page and add your e-mail.

SALVdC Weekend Update

Regina Cleri has notified the SALVdC Secretariat that they are no longer serving as a retreat center and will not be able to honor our reservation for their facility this fall. Obviously, this is a shock to those planning the Via de Cristo weekends. Please pray for wisdom and guidance as we begin the search for a different facility.

Leadership Training

The Leadership Training scheduled for May 19 was cancelled due to lack of interest. The next opportunity to attend Leadership Training is August 11, from 9:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church.

The purpose of Leadership Training is to provide an opportunity to learn more about Via de Cristo, and to promote a greater understanding of both the weekend and the movement in general. Topics covered will include progression and dynamics of the weekend, true palanca, group reunions and Ultreyas, selection of and sponsorship of a candidate (pilgrim), history of Via de Cristo, and the role of the Secretariat.

Come to our Leadership Training if you want to gain a fuller understanding of Via de Cristo and your own weekend or merely want to gain a fuller understanding of what it means to live in the 4th day. Reminder, attending a Leadership Training session is REQUIRED for anyone desiring to serve on team.

National Lutheran Secretariat Annual Meeting

Seven people from the Tucson community plan to attend the National Lutheran Secretariat Annual Meeting in Minneapolis, MN. on July 26-July 29.

This year's meeting celebrates the 20th anniversary of the national secretariat. The focus will be more informative than instructional with presentations on recounting our past, visioning our future, small group interaction, committee work and Ultreya. There is still time to register for the meeting. Ask the Webers or the Jensens for details.

Men's Weekend SALVdC #11

**October 25-28, 2001
Bill Leedale, Rector**

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

Women's Weekend SALVdC #12

**November 8-11, 2001
Mary Lou Leedale, Rectora**

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

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Our Action

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

- The TVLC Via de Cristo community had a cookie baking party on April 24. They baked over 150 dozen cookies for the Kairos Weekend held May 10-13 at the Central Arizona Detention Center Florence, AZ
- The Church of the King and the Via de Cristo community served a fund-raising meal to benefit the Jennifer Webb family on May 19.
- The Church of the King hosted a fundraiser for Tirosh on April 22. They raised \$300.00. This was matched by AAL for a total of \$600.00.

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 Jim and Jane Dunfee who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on April 9.

- ✂ God's blessings on Pastor Don and Joan Haase as they move to Indianapolis, IN where Joan has accepted a teaching position at Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis, better known as IUPUI.
- ✂ Congratulations to Lord of Grace Lutheran Church as they celebrated groundbreaking for their new church on May 19.
- ✂ Congratulations to Pastor Sondra Krogstad and Pastor Mark Perry on their installation at TVLC on May 20.
- ✂ Please keep Trinity Lutheran Church and their pastor, Jim Johnson, in your prayers as Pastor Jim battles cancer.

CHURCH SIGNS

- ◆ Coincidence is when God chooses to remain anonymous.
- ◆ Exercise daily. Walk with the Lord!
- ◆ God grades on the cross, not the curve.
- ◆ If God is your Co-pilot - Swap seats!
- ◆ The task ahead of us is never as great as the Power behind us

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Group Reunion

Being actively involved in a group reunion is essential to living a balanced life in the 4th Day. If you are looking for a group or would like to join/form a group and aren't sure how to begin, give Glenn Weber a call at 749-3167. He is the Secretariat coordinator for Post-Weekend activities. Glenn will be happy to help you find a group. Remember, you must be actively grouping in order to serve on a team for the upcoming Via de Cristo weekends!

The following is an excerpt from article written by Rev. C. Peter Setzer, Past NLS Spiritual Director to explain what we affectionately call, "The Green Card." At the time the article was written, people attending a Cursillo or Via de Cristo weekend received a slightly different grouping card. The article was written to explain the reasoning behind the "new" group reunion card. Although the card is no longer new, we can still benefit from a refresher course in living a Balanced Christian Life through use of the Group Reunion Card.

Balance

The new card is arranged so that Piety, Study and Action, basic components of the Christian life, are each assigned one of the three inside panels of the card. As the card is "balanced" in appearance, so we who are prone to over-emphasize one area to the neglect of other areas, are to encourage one another to a healthy balance in our daily discipleship.

Scripture

A verse of scripture for each panel reminds us that our growth comes through the power of the Holy Spirit, leading us to a vital union with Christ (faith), deepened study at the feet of Christ, and apostolic action at the command of Christ.

Congregation

Although most pilgrims are leaders in their congregations, and most pastors use the movement as a tool of parish renewal, the word "congregation" does not appear on the old card. Congregation Worship is the first "aid" under the piety section, underscoring the intent of this movement to strengthen the congregation, not competing with it for the time and commitment of our pilgrims.

Evening Thanks

A prayer of thanks at the end of the day may be as important as a morning offering at the beginning. Let bookends of prayer enrich our days!

Blessing before Meals

An addition, this commonly practiced act of piety is important enough to warrant inclusion on the card.

Adult Education of the Congregation

Sunday school is the primary education time for discipleship in the congregation, and we want to encourage all pilgrims to be active participants.

Bible Study Courses

In addition to *private* Bible study, done usually at home, we encourage all pilgrims to enroll in formal classes, offered by most congregations.

Bible Commentaries

We encourage vigorous study to stimulate minds as well as hearts. Scholarly resources such as commentaries and books on Christian faith and theology are recommended.

Pastor Guided Reading

As we seek "Spiritual Direction" from our pastors, we also need the benefit of our trained pastor's guidance in selecting books that clarify our Lutheran emphasis in justification by grace through faith in Jesus Christ. We should become familiar with the great classics of Lutheranism.

Christian Periodicals

The word "Christian" was added to the word "periodicals" in the old card to make clear that the intent is to encourage use of excellent resources like *The Lutheran* to stay abreast of current issues in church and society.

Spiritual Insight from Study

Here we add a question that is parallel with the question asked under the Piety section. "What was your closest moment with Christ?" Sometimes our "closest moment" may come while engaged in study. Should not this specific insight, and its application to our personal life be shared with our reunion group? Members would be encouraged to bring to the group a sample of enriching reading.

Apostolic Action

The primary apostolic action is proclaiming Jesus Christ to believers ("Make a friend, be a friend, bring that friend to Christ"). The apostles in the New Testament were first and foremost proclaimers of the Good News of the Gospel. The love of Christ also compels us to serve our needy neighbor. Note how this area of the card provides for both, while giving primary emphasis to proclamation. Others outside the Church will do good works of mercy, but if we in the Church do not bring others to Christ, no one else will do it in our stead!

What Have You Done to Bear the Burdens of Others?

This question guides us to be specific about or acts of love.

Moment of Most Burning Witness? Most Sacrificial Service?

These two questions continue the series started in the Piety section, Question #2, and continued in the Study section with Question #5. Our reunion friends will be encouraged by our report of a witness given and of a costly service rendered.

Plan

Questions 3, 6, and 10 all urge us to plan ahead, so that we become intentional about maintaining a healthy balance in each section of Christian life.

Plan a Reunion Group Activity

This was in the old card, often overlooked. It is supposed to be an activity in one of these areas, such as a service project, a joint effort to witness, to lead others in Bible study, etc.

Praise, Thanksgiving, Confession, Intercession, and Petitions

These five emphases of prayer, if kept in mind, will stretch the boundaries of our prayer life and keep prayers from becoming rote, or one-dimensional.

Sharing of the Peace

Many reunion groups end with this affectionate embrace. We encourage it.

Green Color of the Card

Green is the color of growing things, and we want to grow in grace. Have you heard of the "Green Card" carried by immigrants? It is their official proof that they belong here in America although this is not their permanent home. Like so, we Christians are just pilgrims (immigrants) passing through. We "belong" by virtue of Baptism, but heaven is our permanent home.

Use this card regularly, pilgrim. May it help your journey!