

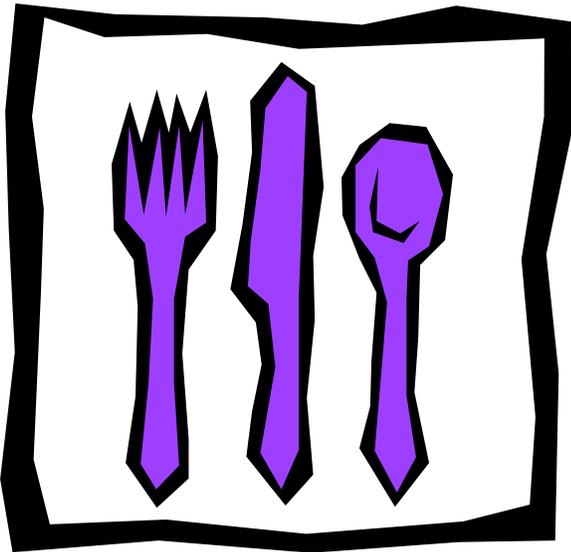
Southern Arizona Lutheran



## SALVdC NEWS

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### Ultreya

Saturday, September 27, 2003  
Resurrection Lutheran Church  
11575 N. 1st Avenue

5:00 pm Worship Service  
6:00 pm Ultreya in Fellowship  
Hall

Potluck: A-L Salads  
M-Z Desserts

Childcare Available

### Upcoming Weekends:

#### **Men's SALVdC #15**

October 9-12 , at Tanque Verde Lutheran Church

#### **Women's SALVdC #16**

November 6-9, at Tanque Verde Lutheran Church

Applications for couples and single men must be submitted to Joanna Jongsma, Secretariat Pre-Via de Cristo, by September 28, and by October 26 for single women. Please remember to pray for those who are called to serve and for those who are called to attend!

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Blessed be the peacemakers, for they will be called  
sons of God.

Matthew 5:9

My search for "The Weekend Verse" began by narrowing down the list from a few thousand favorite verses. During prayer this particular verse kept coming to the top. Perhaps this happened because of the constant bombardment of the news each day. The headlines constantly remind us of the violence in the world, in this country, in our cities, in our neighborhoods, and even among family and friends. Even within the Via de Cristo community we have experienced great sorrow from the needless loss of one of our members through a vicious act of violence last fall.

The Beatitudes appear at the beginning of Jesus' Sermon on the Mount, in which He gives us instruction on how to daily live lives of faith. This verse is the seventh blessing. From studying the life of Jesus, we have hope because we know that he too suffered from violence, and, in the end, because he was faithful to God, he achieved the ultimate victory of eternal life.

So, through Jesus' example and those of the apostles and saints who followed, we, as people of faith, hope, and love, are encouraged to take the risk of being active spreaders of the Good News and peacemakers in the many communities in which we work and serve each day. We have nothing to fear for we too are given the promise of ultimate victory.

It is my prayer that this Via de Cristo weekend will help us all grow deeper in that understanding, take it to heart, and live out our earthly lives accordingly.

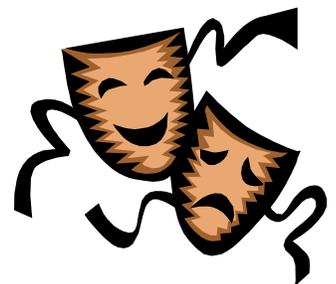
Larry Paxton, Rector  
SALVdC #15

## GASLIGHT THEATRE FUNDRAISER

**FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2003**

**7:00 PM CHRISTMAS SHOW**

**PARISH REPS HAVE TICKETS**



*Because the Sovereign Lord helps me, I will not be disgraced. Therefore, I have set my face like flint, and I know I will not be put to shame.* *Isaiah 50:7*

I was always curious about how a Rector or Rectora chooses the weekend verse. Was it their favorite? Did a bolt of lightning hit them with just the right message? How does one narrow down the wisdom of the entire Bible to one verse? Since being called to be Rectora for SALVdC #16, I discovered that, in my case, the verse chose me!

Two years ago, I was blessed to be the one to hold my mother's hand as she breathed her last. I found myself stroking her hair, kissing her forehead and uttering, "It's all right, Mom." I didn't realize until later that this was inspired from a song written by Christian artist, Rita Springer, called "Like You, Jesus" based on Isaiah 50:7. The lyrics say "Set my face like flint before you now, my life I recommit here as I bow, I love it when you gently kiss my brow, and whisper it's all right." I had been automatically repeating the lyrics as words of comfort to my mom, yet I was the one finding peace with it. When I realized God spoke to me from a song, I found myself listening more closely to the song itself. As you may know, I live with a musician and music is played in our house daily, especially praise and worship music. So maybe it was natural to expect that a weekend verse would find me through music.

When the women's core team met, we spent some time discussing what this verse said to us individually. This verse is kind of a "head scratcher," so we struggled a bit with understanding what it meant to us. Eventually we decided that we need to be as focused as we possibly can be on God. He will direct our lives and He calls us to be bold in our faith. God gave us the best possible example in Christ Jesus. Ours is not an easy path and, when we stray, we know to return to the Lord our God. He will not let us be disgraced or put to shame for following Him. Life in our world is full of obstacles and hard times, ups and downs, but as Christians, we put our hope in the Lord because we know that God provides.

Please pray for all of us as we struggle with our faith, our families, our work, our hopes and dreams, our lives!

Joanna Jongsma, Rectora  
SALVdC #16

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### Participant Lists for SALVdC #15 and #16

The most accurate up-to-date lists of participants for the upcoming weekends can be found on the SALVdC website. If you do not have Internet access, then ask a friend who does to find and print the lists of participants for you, or ask your Parish Rep. Parish Reps and their phone numbers are listed on page 4 of this newsletter.



## Reunion Ultreya for 2003

December 6, 2003 at Tanque Verde

### *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 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! 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.

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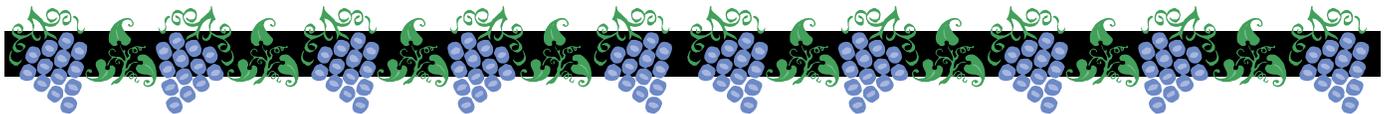
Beth Premo  
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## Men's SALVdC #15 Team Roster

Kim Taylor, Spiritual Director  
Dan Valasakos, Assistant Spiritual Director  
Larry Paxton, Rector  
Dave Mathews, Head Cook  
Curt Balko, Co-Rector  
Doug Pearson, Co-Rector  
Richard Krohn, Co-Cook  
Keith "Bubba" Ostrander, Co-Cook  
Bill Kuhn, Music Leader  
Joel Altamirano, Rollista  
Dave Beauchamp, Rollista  
Ron Eggers, Cook  
James Flynn, Rollista  
Dave Grieser, Cook  
Bill Groth, Cook  
Scotty Gulbrandson, Rollista  
Ralph Jensen, Rollista  
Dutch Kremer, Cook  
Jim Kress, Rollista  
Ken Nolen, Rollista  
George Rolinger, Cook  
John Rulmyr, Cook  
Scott Schaffer, Rollista  
Andrew Schlecht, Cook  
Dave Schneider, Cook  
Carl Schultz, Cook  
Dave Strong, Rollista  
Todd Van Haren, Cook  
Bob Warner, Rollista  
Glenn Weber, Rollista  
John Wheelock, Cook  
Scott Wooster, Rollista

## Women's SALVdC #16 Team Roster

Sondra Krogstad, Spiritual Director  
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Sandie Wooster, Co-Rectora  
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Pat Hyland, Co-Cook  
Lisa Scholinski, Music Leader  
Sharon Bahr, Cook  
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Zinda Bartz, Rollista  
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Barbara Flynn, Rollista  
Roxanne Follette, Rollista  
Holly Henderson, Cook  
Sandy Holm, Cook  
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Judy Strong, Rollista  
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Lois Van Haren, Cook  
Rhonda Warner, Rollista



Major Film about Martin Luther to open on September 26

"Luther," starring Joseph Fiennes, Alfred Molina, and Peter Ustinov, and produced in part by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, will open in the U.S. on September 26. The movie was shot on location in Germany, Italy, and the Czech Republic. Learn more about the movie at [www.lutherthemovie.com](http://www.lutherthemovie.com), or find free online study guides at [www.faithink.com/luthermovie/](http://www.faithink.com/luthermovie/)