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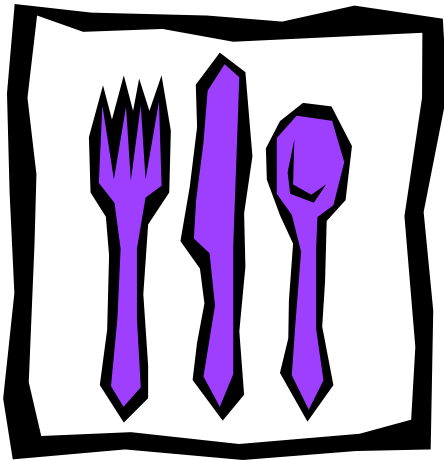
SALVdC NEWS

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Ultreya

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



Saturday, October 9, 2004
at Lutheran Church of the King
2450 S. Kolb Road

6:00pm — Fellowship time, followed by a potluck dinner, singing, witness talks, grouping, and communion.

Please call Virginia Reymer (745-3052) if you will need child care.

Arizona Lutheran Cursillo Centennial Celebration

This fall the Arizona Lutheran Cursillo community in Phoenix will hold Weekend #100. All Cursillistas are invited to attend a celebration of this landmark event, scheduled for Saturday, January 29, 2005, from 3:00pm to 7:30pm at La Casa De Cristo Lutheran Church, 6300 East Bell Road in Scottsdale. More information will be available soon and will be posted on the Arizona Lutheran Cursillo website (www.lutherancursillo.org).



The list of participants selected for Men's Weekend #17 will be available at the October 9 Ultreya. Later in October, participant lists for #17 and Women's Weekend #18 will be posted on the SALVdC website and updated as changes occur. SALVdC website address: www.soazviadecristo.org

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Report from the National Lutheran Secretariat Meeting Created, Called and Commissioned

This year's National Via de Cristo meeting was held July 22-26 at Johnson Bible College near Knoxville, Tennessee. Temperatures were in the upper 80's, with the humidity not far behind, but that seemed quite nice compared to Tucson's desert heat and monsoon moisture. The college, located 15 miles southeast of Knoxville on rolling hills along the French Broad River, is reportedly the second oldest Bible college in the US. The campus is beautifully landscaped with majestic trees, lily ponds, flower gardens and mown grass, and offers air-conditioned dorms with private bath and showers, meeting rooms, chapel, cafeteria, library and even a high speed internet facility with over two dozen computers at our calling!

We represented Southern Arizona VdC this year, Glenn as a lay delegate and Sue as a guest. After attending four of the last five National meetings, our enthusiasm has only grown; we are already looking forward to next year's meeting in Maryland! Probably the biggest benefit of attending this annual event is the chance to meet and share with people from other walks across the nation and the world. Before leaving Tucson we compiled a list of questions and concerns from our local VdC so that we could ask how other secretariats handle various issues that arise. The purpose of the National VdC is to help local secretariats keep the movement vibrant and fruitful. Prayer, music, and fellowship in the Lord are the spirit-centered focus of the three and a half day meeting. The following are some highlights from presentations we attended; it was evident that the Holy Spirit was truly present to open our hearts to God's plan, the method of Via de Cristo!

Thursday's opening talk, "And We Shall Be Created," shared the importance of the Absolute Truism: "The less you know about Cursillo, the more you want to change it. The more you know about Cursillo, the less you want to change it." We were advised not to select as weekend participants those who are not ready for God. Individuals going through serious marital difficulties or who are greatly disturbed by other personal challenges have a tendency to include God as a part of those problems, and should not be considered as candidates until these situations are resolved or minimized. We were also reminded to maintain the essentials of the weekend, to "lift others up to glorify God," and to remember that it is God's weekend and God's team. When serving on team, we are to trust in God, be intentional in our service, and share the grace of God with all around us. Grouping, Ultreyas and Reunions are needed to keep the VdC method alive and well!

Friday's forum theme, "Christ Is Counting on You - For What?" stressed the importance of group reunion and the need to balance our time with apostolic action both inside and outside our church. We must know whose we are, become little Christs, worship weekly, pray daily, study regularly, invite others to Jesus regularly, encourage others, give generously, serve sacrificially, and focus on the original purpose of the VdC movement. The Saturday forum was "How to Build a Strong 4th Day Community". A VdC weekend must be instructional and also provide a "take home value." Attendees need a clear description of what is expected of each individual member of Christ's body. Early commitment to and early involvement in the church and VdC community are essential, and sponsors must understand their responsibilities to demonstrate this to both their participant and to the larger community. Those who serve on their local secretariat as the Post-VdC person need to understand what is expected of them. Ultreyas must be held regularly, and include prayer, music, a short witness talk by a lay speaker who speaks about his life since his weekend, communion, and a response time.

We hope these words give you a little taste of what we were blessed with during our stay in Tennessee. Christ's love was truly present, and the friendships we gained are ours for eternity. In His love and service,

Glenn and Sue Weber

Men's Weekend #17

October 21 - October 24, 2004

*"The life I live in the body, I live by faith
in the Son of God, who loved me and gave
himself for me."* Galatians 2:20

Pastor Dale Moe, Head Spiritual Director
Pastor Craig Larson, Spiritual Director
Pastor Dan Valasakos, Spiritual Director
John Reeves, Rector
Dan Meeboer, Co-Rector
Bob Warner, Co-Rector
Doug Pearson, Head Cook
Joel Altamirano, Co-Cook
Earl Klæge Sr., Co-Cook
Ralph Jensen, Music Leader
Tom Badura, Cook
Charles Brolyer, Rollista
John Donaldson, Cook
Ron Eggers, Rollista
Scottie Gulbrandsen, Cook
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Richard Krohn, Rollista
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Women's Weekend #18

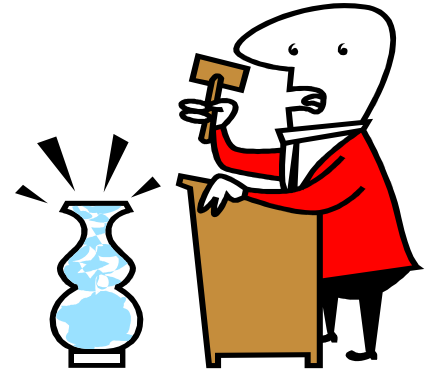
November 11 - November 14, 2004

"Be still and know I am God." Psalm 46:10

Pastor Dave Drum, Head Spiritual Director
Pastor John Hoelter, Spiritual Director
Sandie Wooster, Rectora
Kathy DeVinney, Co-Rectora
Debi Powers, Co-Rectora
Marilyn Shipp, Co-Rectora
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Lynda Reeves, Co-Cook
Lois Van Haren, Co-Cook
Mary Lou Leedale, Music Leader
Laurie Altamirano, Rollista
Sonja Armstrong, Cook
Cindy Bakko, Cook
Laura Boschma, Cook
Lynne Brolyer, Cook
Sue Groth, Cook
Diane Hoelter, Cook
Paula Knauss, Cook
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Linda Kress, Rollista
Cathy Lindsey, Rollista
Cheryl Mattingly, Cook
Barbara McCastle, Rollista
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Beth Premo, Cook
Bev Pruden, Cook
Virginia Reymer, Rollista
Julie Salaz, Cook
Nancy Taylor, Rollista
Gale Wamego, Rollista
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Vivian Wilsdon, Cook
Andrea Wilson, Rollista

Silent Auction at Reunion Ultreya to Provide More Options

The Silent Auction fundraiser to benefit SALVdC is three months away, and there is still time to become a contributor. Creative new ideas are being suggested every week, and now there are even more options for those who insist they are not crafty but who would like to donate something of value to be auctioned! Baked goods will be accepted for auction, as well as certificates for services from those who have professional skills (for example, in dentistry!) So put on those thinking caps, and decide what skill you are willing to put to use for a really good cause! Questions? Call Lynda Reeves at 744-6943.



Apostolic Action News

A goal of every Via de Cristo weekend is to equip each participant to return to his or her home congregation and become more active and involved there. The Via de Cristo community at Resurrection Lutheran understands this goal and takes it seriously. They have agreed to be the group that is primarily responsible for producing their new pictorial church directory — they are scheduling appointments, making phone calls, hosting the photo sessions, etc. And on October 10 they will host and prepare food for “Breakfast and Beyond,” offered at the church from 9:00am to 12:30pm between Sunday services. There will be a freewill offering, with profits earmarked for new outreach ministries of the church, and for banner-making materials.

How is your local Via de Cristo community demonstrating its commitment to enriching the life and mission of your congregation? Tell us what you’re doing, and how we can help. Remember, *Christ is counting on all of us!*

An Opportunity for Service

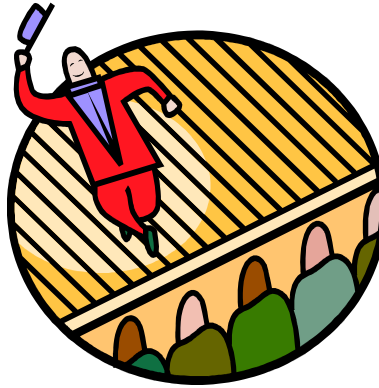
Approximately 12 to 15 members of the SALVdC community are needed to help with Tanque Verde Lutheran’s 30th Anniversary Celebration scheduled for Sunday, October 10, from 5:00 to 7:00pm. Jobs include setting up tables, serving at four stations, and cleaning up afterward. Sounds like Cook Team, but without sleep deprivation! If you are able to help, please call Beth Premo at 663-1005. *Thank you!*

Ultreya Schedule for 2004:

December 4 - Reunion Ultreya at Resurrection
January 29, 2005 — Centennial Celebration in Scottsdale

An Evening at the Gaslight

A few tickets remain for the Gaslight fundraiser on Friday, September 24. The show is entitled "The Vampire, or He Loved in Vein." Tickets are \$15 each, doors open at 6:15pm and the show begins at 7:00pm. Ask your Parish Rep about available tickets or call Joanna Jongsma (749-3940).



And Now, A Word to Our Sponsors . . .

Have you made the commitment to sponsor a participant for one or both of the upcoming Weekends? If so, along with that beautiful banner you've made, the devotional book you've wrapped, and the personal notes of care and friendship you've written, remember to allow plenty of time to pray for your participant! Seek to know how God would have you assist this new Cursillista in his or her Fourth Day. Many times a recent participant needs help to find a group, or encouragement to attend Leadership School, or a ride to the Reunion Ultreya. Assisting new folks to become active members of the SALVdC community is not only a sponsor responsibility, it is also a privilege and a joy!

Have you checked these websites lately?

Southern Arizona Via de Cristo website:

www.soazviadecristo.org

National Lutheran Via de Cristo Secretariat website: www.nls.org



Contributions Needed

Two Via de Cristo weekends are coming up very soon, and right now the SALVdC treasury is a little on the low side. VdC weekends are funded solely by the generosity of our local community. If each household in our community donated \$10 per year, both weekends would be fully funded! If you've been thinking of making a donation, now would be a great time to do it. 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 18349, Tucson, AZ 85751-8349. Thank you!

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