

JANUARY 2026



HAPPY NEW YEAR

DeColores brothers and sister in Christ. As we enter in the new year of 2026, let us take the time to renew and recommit ourselves to live our Fourth Day with Christ first and foremost leading and shaping ourselves each and every day.

Upcoming Events

ANNUAL MEETING – FEBRUARY 1, 2026

Please join us for the Ultreya and Annual Meeting on Sunday, February 1, 2026 at Streams in the Desert Lutheran Church from 4p to 6pm. Bring a potluck dish to share.

SECRETARIAT FOR SALVDC

The Secretariat is an elected body whose primary purpose is to assist the members of the SALVdC Community in their Fourth Day. Meetings are held 10 months of the year on the 1st Monday of the month, (except for September, we meet on the 2nd Monday) at Our Saviour's Lutheran Church at 1200 N Campbell Ave, Tucson and via Zoom. There are no meetings in July or December. Members commit to a 3 year term and are able to serve 2 consecutive terms.

It is the responsibility of the Secretariat to:

1. Encourage members to participate fully and actively in their home congregations
2. Assist members in forming reunion groups
3. Provide leadership training for those who wish to sponsor or serve on a team
4. Ensure that each congregation has a SALVdC parish representative
5. Support weekends like the one we just had in October 2025
6. Schedule Ultreyas on a regular basis throughout the year
7. Inform and educate through the SALVdC website and newsletter
8. Promote opportunities for Apostolic Action
9. Maintain the financial health of SALVDC

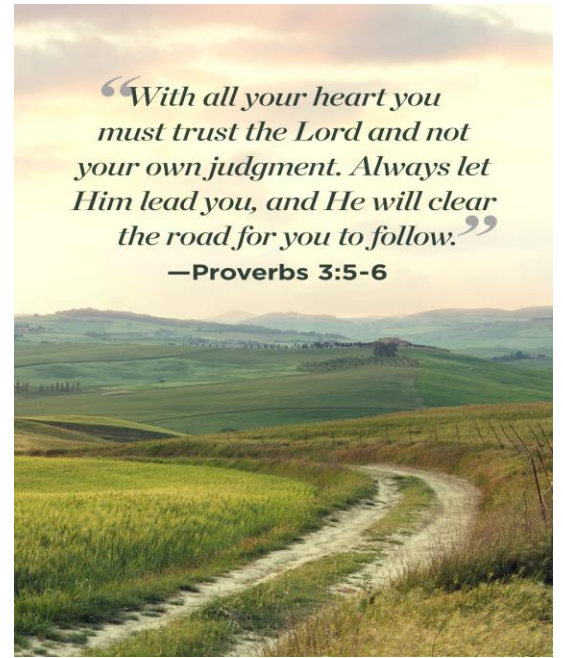


"A hug," said Pooh,
"is always the
right size!"

Future Ultreyas for 2026 Sundays - 4pm to 6pm

- Feb 1 Streams in the Desert (Annual Meeting)
Apr 12 Desert Hills Lutheran – Green Valley
Jun 7 TBD
Aug 2 Sierra Vista Evangelical Lutheran
Oct 4 Tanque Verde Lutheran (Eve of Dedication)
Dec 6 Mt Zion Lutheran

**Join Us for Music, Worship,
Fellowship and Fun**



VDC WEEKEND # 45 – COED OCTOBER 15-18, 2026

Mark your calendar! Weekend #45 will be held at TVLC campus on October 15-18, 2026. Jim Cleven will be Rector. He is working on gathering the Core Team. More details to come!

The selected weekend verse is **Joshua 1:9 NIV**

“... Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.”

Have not I commanded thee?
Be strong and of a good
courage; be not afraid,
neither be thou dismayed:
for the LORD thy God
is with thee whithersoever
thou goest.
Joshua 1:9

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Recap of 2025 Activities

In Feb 2025, a **Task Force Team** was formed to review the weekend schedule, the duties for the various teams to avoid fatigue and burnout, as well as cost efficiency. The motto for 2025 was **CHANGE is GROWTH**. The task force members met and presented their recommendations to the Secretariat for approval and implementation.

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Weekend 44 was held October 9 through 12, 2025. Rector Doug Pearson and Rectora Cindy Curtis were leaders for the new pilgrims and team members. **Welcome to our new Fourth Day pilgrims**. May you continue to feel God's love and grace every day.

Jessica Aase, Susan Anderson, Irene Cavazos, Irene Hartman, Kim Kennedy,
Gigi George-Krezel, Ryan Willis, and Kerri Yauney.

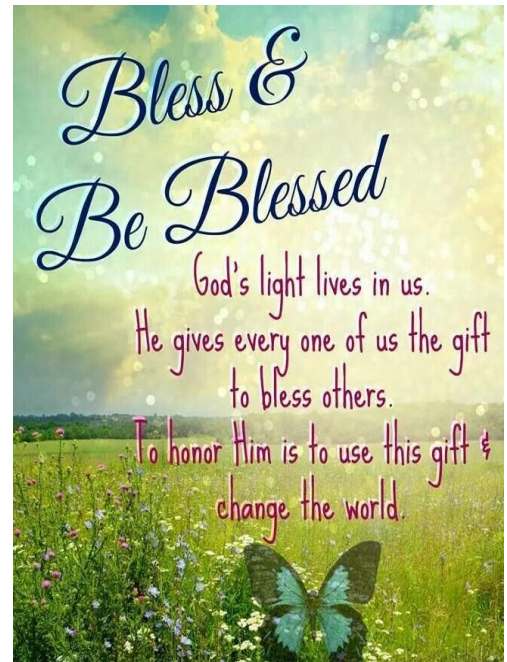
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Fundraising events were held at the **Gaslight Theatre** in February and again in November. Thank you all for attending the wonderful entertaining shows and supporting VDC by buying tickets and supporting the 50/50 raffles.

OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

Blessing Challenge from National Via De Cristo Executive Committee

In November 2025, our National VDC Executive Committee presented a special challenge for the holiday season to 35+ Secretariats in the US to **Bless A Family This Season**. Many of our church homes already work with different opportunities to bless our sisters and brothers with Food Boxes, Angel Trees, Fresh Produce Days, Food Pantries, Community Meals, etc. This challenge was just an additional blessing to be done. Our Secretariat decided to open up the challenge to our SALVdC community. At the December Ultreya and Silent Auction held at Mt Zion, we had an outstanding fundraiser of \$724 that we were able to split



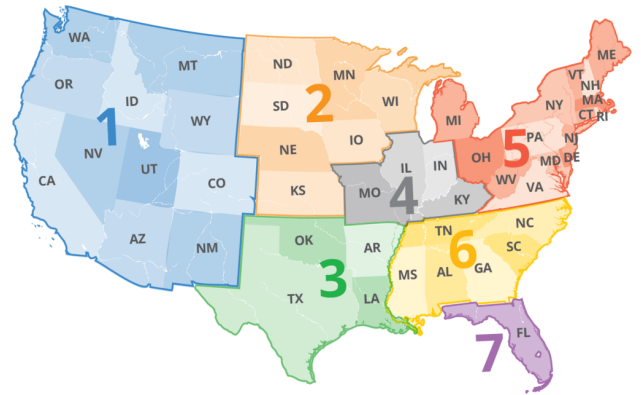
into 4 gifts to **bleSS 4 families** to help them during this Christmas season. Thank you all for your giving hearts and being the hands and feet of Christ in our community.

Additionally last year, our Via de Cristo donated to the Lutheran Social Services and TVLC Food Pantry. As our community has been blessed, we were able to bless other outreach programs.

National Via de Cristo

We are affiliated with the National Secretariat of Via de Cristo, <https://viadecristo.org/> which includes many Secretariat communities similar to SALVdC and in several Foreign countries.

Arizona is in Region 1. There are many weekends going on all throughout the year. You can visit the website to get more information on upcoming weekends and prayer vigils.



LATOYA MONIQUE 2012

"IN *Happy* MOMENTS,
PRAISE GOD.
IN DIFFICULT MOMENTS,
SEEK *God.*
IN QUIET MOMENTS,
trust GOD.
IN EVERY MOMENT,
THANK *God.*"

