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Our Next Ultreya

October 7, 2006

Lutheran Church of the King

- 6:00pm Fellowship
- 6:30pm Potluck (Bring a dish and drinks will be provided)
- 7:30pm Worship
- Child care will be provided!

Our theme this month is **FEED OUR NEIGHBORS!**

It is being done through **Partners in Caring**. Please bring canned or non-perishable food for the churches food pantry. There will be a list of the most needed items on page 5 of this newsletter.

Mark your calendars for...

Future Ultreya Dates:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>
December 2, 2006	Resurrection Lutheran Church * 3 rd Annual Silent Auction

2006 VDC Weekends

Men's Weekend # 21 October 19-October 22, 2006 Doug Pearson, Rector	Women's Weekend # 22 November 9-November 12, 2006 Beth Premo, Rectora
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From the Editors:

Finally! We got one! We actually got a story from a church about something that is happening in their congregation. Please look for the article about Lord of Grace in this newsletter.

We would still love to include information about your church in the newsletter if you just let us know.

Thank you for your help, Barry and Jennifer Noyce

**Volunteers
Needed!!**

Beth Premo

still needs people to serve on team this year. If you have the desire to serve in any way on this weekend, please contact her.

Additionally, if there are any groups or churches that want to sponsor a meal and/or clean up the kitchen call:

**Beth at
663-1005 or
scoobinmom@cox.net**

Continue to keep **Doug Pearson and his team** in your prayers as well.

From Secretariat

A Request from Arizona Lutheran Cursillo...

Before there was SALVdC, many Lutherans from Tucson traveled to Phoenix to participate in three-day weekends offered there by Arizona Lutheran Cursillo. When SALVdC began in 1995, faithful members of Arizona Lutheran Cursillo traveled to Tucson to support our fledgling efforts. Today Arizona Lutheran Cursillo is in urgent need of funds to help pay the bills for their 2006 fall weekends. If you would like to make a gift to help them out, you may send it to their treasurer:

Glenn Elstoen
 6945 E. Mirabel Avenue
 Mesa, AZ 85209

And as always, the Arizona Lutheran Cursillo community covets your prayer support!

Did you know?

Via de Cristo is funded solely by the generosity of its community. If each household in our current community donated \$10 per year, our weekends would be fully funded?

If the Lord is calling you to make a tax deductible gift, you may send it in the envelope provided to: Southern Arizona Lutheran Via de Cristo, P.O. Box 18349, Tucson, Arizona, 85731-8349

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Annual Meeting

The annual meeting is coming up! It will be held in January at a time and place to be determined.

Please try to attend.

If you cannot attend and have positive or negative feedback, contact

Linda Kress
lakress@cox.net or 721-7181

or snail mail the PO box listed to the right. We **NEED** to hear from you!

Keep your eyes and ears open for further information.

Linda Reeves needs a replacement!!

She has served us faithfully as the manager of the VDC Store for quite some time but it is time for her to let someone else enjoy that opportunity.

If you think that you may be interested in finding out more, please contact her at:

John3Lyn2san@comcast.net

FYI -- Info & Address Changes

You can change your address or delete your name from the mailing list on the VDC web page at:

http://www.soazviadecristo.org/viadecristo/db_update.html



Our VDC Community



From our Brothers and Sisters in KAIROS

Please be in prayer for Kairos Outside Weekend #18 - for the Team and Guests who will be attending - to be held Sept 29-Oct 1, 2006 at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 8051 E. Broadway, Tucson. Sallie Lovorn, WTE #136 is the Leader.

You are invited to our Walking In Love candlelight service at 8:00pm Saturday, Sept 30 in the Sanctuary and to Closing at 2:30pm (please be there by 2:15) Sunday, Oct 1 in the A-Frame. It would be wonderful for our newest Kairos Outside sisters to be surrounded by as many from our "street weekend" communities as possible. Your presence will help our Guests to see God's love in action and you will be blessed beyond measure by their testimonies.

For those not aware of what Kairos Outside is -- this is a special Weekend for women whose lives have been affected by incarceration of a friend or relative or possibly they were incarcerated themselves. We want our Guests know that there is a Christian community who cares about them and their needs.

For more information call Judy at 520-663-3724
Blessings from Kairos Outside

THIS IS IT!!

We finally got an article about something happening at one of our churches!

SAVE THE DATE!

Lord of Grace Lutheran Church will be celebrating their 10 year anniversary on **Saturday, October 14.**

They have asked the VdC community to come help serve their food and help clean up.

The specifics are not yet available but if you can help and would like to get more information, please email

Andrew Schlecht
(now interning at LOG) at
Andrew@LordofGrace.org

We would like to have at least 20-25 people to help.

Parish Representatives

American

Pastor Kim Taylor (acting rep)

Church of the King

Virginia Reymer &
(Also the Tirosh rep)

Community of Hope

David & Ruth Mathews
(Sydney Corbett is the Tirosh rep)

Dove of Peace

Darla Petering & Sandy Ahlers
(Marci Hill is the Tirosh rep)

Faith (Tucson)

Dale & Jane Schlak

Lord of Grace

Richard Krohn
(Also the Tirosh rep)

Mount Zion

Rhonda & Bob Warner
(Also the Tirosh reps)

Our Saviour's

Andrea Wilson

Resurrection

James & Barb Flynn
(Also the Tirosh reps)

Streams in the Desert

Scotty Gulbrandson
(Sandy Holm are Tirosh reps)

Tanque Verde

Joanna Jongsma

Trinity Lutheran

Nancy Taylor
(Also the Tirosh rep)



We are so excited!

Our VDC Community



REUNION ULTREYA and SILENT AUCTION

December 2

Resurrection Lutheran Church

11575 N First Ave

This is one of the biggest (and most fun) fundraisers of the year so... Please use your God given talents to create arts and craft items for the auction!!! We would like donations of arts and crafts, but if you are not the crafty type, and have a skill or service that you would like to provide a certificate for, we would appreciate that as well.

Please contact

Linda Reeves

John3Lyn2san@comcast.net or 744-6943

Weekend Application Deadline ...

Deadline for single men	October 6
Deadline for couples	October 6
Deadline for single women	October 20

If the applications are in the Parish Reps hands, completely filled out, they can call

Virginia Reymer at
745-3052 or **331-0313**

to give her the names and then give her the applications at the Ultreya on the 7th.

Clausura and Mananitas

Mananitas will be October 22 for the men and November 12 for the women both at 5:30 am. Please be there by 5:00 am to sign palanca.

Clausura will be on the same dates but please refer to the web site for times.

Please be there and show your support for our new pilgrims!

Sponsor Responsibilities

The sponsor of a participant has the following responsibilities:

1. Make the banner
2. Provide a devotional book or booklet
3. Ensure or provide transportation to and from the weekend
4. Attend Mananitas and Clausura
5. Maintain emergency contact information of family and communicate in the event of an emergency
6. Encourage participant to group and attend Ultreyas
7. Gather palanca from family and friends as well as themselves.

The most important thing that you can do is pray! Pray deliberately and continuously.



Our VDC Community



Gaslight Theater tickets coming soon!!

The tickets will be available soon from the parish reps at your church.

The cost is \$20 per ticket

The date is Friday, April 27, 2007.

When the tickets are available, we will also learn the title of the show.

What a GREAT Christmas gift!

PALANCA (AGAPE for Tirosh)

What is it and why do we encourage the community to participate in its implementation?

One of the principle aspects of Palanca is prayer. This is heartfelt, intentional, selfless conversation with God. We are asked to pray for the entire Via de Cristo movement and especially for the individuals involved in the weekends; team members as well as pilgrims. There is no substitute for prayer, however, there are other ways of offering palanca which will be presented later. All palanca must grow out of an inner call by the Holy Spirit who is preparing and enabling us to demonstrate our personal love for God and His people.

From Marian Unruh
Palanca Representative

Storage Shed Ideas ...

We are currently paying \$130 per month for the storage shed.

Does anybody have any ideas for spending less and still having the necessary amount of space?

Please contact

Linda Kress

with your ideas.

lakress@cox.net or 721-7181



FRY'S GIFT CARD FUND RAISER!!

Here is how it works:

1. You purchase a preloaded fry's gift card for the \$5.00 value that has been preloaded.
2. You go to any Fry's service counter and load it with whatever amount you want.
3. Use your card to purchase groceries or anything else you would normally purchase at Fry's
4. We get 3% of what you spend back.

It doesn't cost you any more money than you already spend.

It only takes a few extra minutes once in a while to load the card with whatever you plan on spending that day, that week or that month.

We will have forty \$5.00 cards at the October 7th Ultreya.

If you shop at Fry's we encourage you to

FEED OUR NEIGHBORS!

Here is the list of the most needed things for the food pantry:

1. Peanut Butter
2. Jelly
3. Canned Meat
4. Beans
5. Pasta
6. Canned Sauces

Feel free to bring any other non perishable food but those are the most needed.

Tucson Outreach



Cell Phones for Soldiers



The **Cell Phones for Soldiers** program was started in April of 2004 by 13-year-old Brittany Berquist and her 12-year-old brother Robbie of Norwell, Massachusetts. After hearing a news report about a local soldier who ran up a massive phone bill calling home from Iraq, they decided they wanted to do something to help. Brittany and Robbie donated their piggy bank money, collected snack money from their friends at school, and with \$21.00, they went to the bank to open an account. The South Shore Savings Bank of Hanover, Massachusetts donated \$500.00 to help them get started. Their goal is to help our soldiers serving overseas call home. They hope to provide as many soldiers as possible with prepaid calling cards for now with an ultimate goal of providing banks of satellite phones, video phones and VOIP communications. Through generous donations and the recycling of used cell phones from drop-off sites across the country, they have already distributed thousands of calling cards to soldiers in Iraq, Kuwait, Afghanistan and elsewhere. **Jim Kelly, Pro Football Hall of Fame quarterback of the Buffalo Bills**, is a proud sponsor of Cell Phones for Soldiers. With Jim's help, not only will you be helping soldiers call home, you will be saving money at the same time.

Free Shipping for Any Phone - For free shipping directly to the recycler, please go to:
<http://www.accessrecycling.com/cpfs.html>

Mail Your Phones - You may mail any cell phone(s) to the addresses below. Please feel free to send the phone and related accessories. Please be sure to indicate on the box that your phone(s) are for **Cell Phones for Soldiers**.

You may send your Cell Phones either address below:

**Cell Phones for Soldiers
C/O Access Recycling
451 W 69th St.
Loveland, CO 80538**

**Cell Phones for Soldiers
243 Winter Street
Norwell, MA 02061**

<http://www.cellphonesforsoldiers.com/>

Food Pantry

Many of our churches have food pantries that are always in need of non-perishable food. If your church doesn't have one, call around to find one that does or you can contribute to the Community Food Bank Of Tucson. They can be contacted at <http://communityfoodbank.org> or 622-0525

A Little Humor

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Thanks to Pam Winn 09-13-2006
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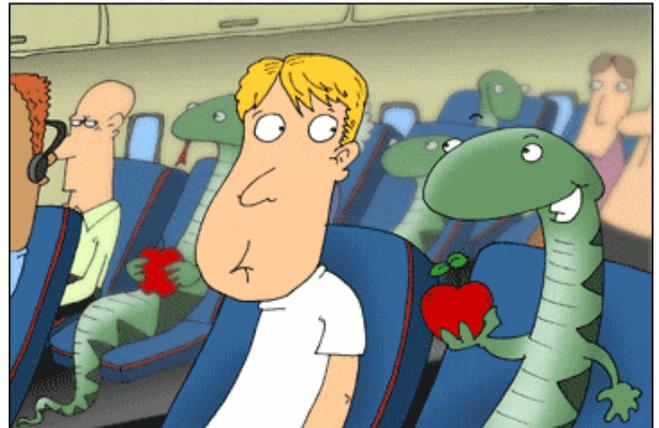
Thanks to Anthony Moore 09-12-2006
 IN AN EFFORT TO REACH THE MORE
 "TECHNOLOGICALLY INCLINED" WE WILL
 BE TEXT-MESSAGING SERMON NOTES

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