

Living Water Via De Cristo News

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Due to the timing of the spring weekends #43, the next Ultreya will be on Saturday May 7th at a location that is yet to be determined. For those without email, you may obtain information from the Post Weekend Chairs, Bruce and Valorie Daniel at 309-798-9495

Upcoming dates:

Spring Weekend's #43

**Men's March 31- April 3rd 2011 & Women's April 7th -10th 2011
Rock River Christian Camp in Polo, IL**

**Send Off: Thursday's March 31st for Men & April 7th for Women
at the Camp, 7:30 p.m.**

**Serenade: Saturday's April 2nd for Men and April 9th for Women,
with the staging at St Mark's Lutheran Church, 201 N Division Ave.
in Polo, 6 p.m.**

**Clausura: Sunday's April 3rd for Men & April 10th for Women will
be at 5 p.m. at Immanuel Lutheran in Dixon, 1013 Franklin Grove
Road, Dixon Illinois. Please come early.**

**Take exit off of I 88 to Dixon. Take Route 26 heading in toward
Dixon.**

**Turn Right on E 7th Street and continue on to Franklin Grove Road.
Arrive at 1013 Franklin Grove Road**

Please show your love and support to the candidates by gracing the weekend with your attendance at as many, or all of the upcoming weekend dates.

LAY DIRECTOR(S) ...

The snow is melted away and we have felt the signs of spring, which is just around the corner. Time seems to be flying by. Our Spring Weekends will be here before you know it. We encourage all of you to be a part of the weekend in some way. Remember them in your prayers and sign up for the prayer scroll. Come to the send off, serenade, and/or the clausura. Ask some one to attend. Trust that the Lord will do His part if you do yours. Don't be a by-stander. Take action and be a part of this wonderful community.

It also that time of year when our nominating committee will be seeking servants to sit on our secretariat for various positions. If you are called, please give prayerful consideration to working on this governing board. It can be a rewarding experience. If you have already given some thought as to serving in a position, please contact Dennis Mellgren or any other secretariat member listed in the back of the newsletter.

We also want to share some information about the National Lutheran Secretariat 2011 Annual meeting to be held in Charlotte, NC from July 28 –31. Registration is \$200.00 for room and board (\$180 if mailed before May 1, 2011). We can have 2 delegates represent us, but any one can be a visitor to the meeting. These meetings are like a 3 day Ultreya with plenty of time to meet with others and share ideas about other movements. We have attended past meetings and always had a great time. We were recharged in much the same way as when we serve a weekend. For more information contact us or go to the national website (viadecristo.org) and check it out.

Gary & Pam Gross
Lay Directors

PRE-WEEKEND CHAIRS...

The Spring weekends #43 are only weeks away! We actually had some candidate applications handed in early this year! We really appreciate that! The closer to the weekend the harder it is to get the needed information out to those who need it! Please keep in prayer those people who you are thinking about asking to attend the weekend! Pray for the people who have already said yes to attending! All of our Thanks and Praise to God for allowing us the continued opportunity to be apart of His call to Action to bring His people closer to Him and each other through these weekends! I am involved in helping with a youth group at my church and we recently named the youth group which made me think of LWVdC weekends. The group is now called "The Movement" bringing Jesus to this generation! Also, having done the Rick Warren Series The Purpose Driven Life, we learned the importance of "one more" for Jesus. Bringing someone closer in their relationship with Christ whether it is 1 or 30 people! Pray that God fills the men's and women's weekends with candidates, and pray that God calls all of us to be apart of His Movement!

So, what are you waiting for? Get Moving!

Pre-Weekend Chairs
Jerry and Krista Hanson

WEEKEND CHAIR...

Dear community:

Our spring weekends are fast approaching and much planning and work have already been done so that these weekends will be everything that God would have them to be. But there is still more to do. With the help of many workers in the field the harvest will be abundant. Some of these workers have already been called and have begun the work. The teams have been preparing and planning so that they will be ready to serve a group of pilgrims on the weekends. The rest of us not on the teams have our own work to do. Please be in prayer not only for the teams and candidates but also for yourself. Please ask God how and where He would like you to serve and when He calls you to that service be obedient to the calling. When talking about the spring weekends there are many ways that we can serve. Below is a list.

Men's weekend, March 31-April 3

Event	Date/Time	Location
Set up	3/31 1pm	Rock River Christian Camp (RRCC)
Sendoff	3/31 7pm	RRCC
Serenade	4/2 6pm	Staging at St Mark's Lutheran Church, 201 N Division Ave. Polo
Clausura	4/3 5pm	Immanuel Lutheran Dixon

Women's weekend, April 7-10

Event	Date/Time	Location
Sendoff	4/7 7pm	RRCC
Serenade	4/9 6pm	Staging at St Mark's Lutheran Church, 201 N Division Ave. Polo
Teardown/ Cleanup	4/10 2pm	RRCC
Clausura	4/10 5pm	Immanuel Lutheran Dixon

There will be more information later on these events but the above information will help you with scheduling.

Our service is a result of God's love for us and the blessings we receive as a result of our service are more than we can imagine.

God loves you and so do I.

Paul Baker weekend #34

Weekend Chair

PALANCA CHAIRS...

Our spring weekends are fast approaching. Please don't forget to sign up for the prayer vigils. These vigils are so important to all those who attend the weekend. Just be certain you sign up for the Living Water Via De Cristo vigil. You can sign up for one or more 30 minute slots at the following links.

Men:

<http://www.3dayol.org/Vigil/GetVigil.phtml?pvid=5444&commid=575>

Women:

<http://www.3dayol.org/Vigil/GetVigil.phtml?pvid=5445&commid=575>

Please keep Hal and Lisa, the Rector and Rectora, as well as their team members, the candidates, and potential candidates in your prayers.

God loves you and so do we,

Jim and Patty Turner

Palanca Chairs

RECTOR...

Greetings,

We are getting team set up for our overnight meeting in Princeton at St. Matthews. Things are coming together well. God has chosen some truly wonderful men for team #43. They are working together to prepare to make a deeply spiritual weekend for the pilgrims. God knows who he wants to experience this weekend. We must all pray for His help in talking to those people and encouraging them to go on a weekend. I thank you all for your prayers for me and the team to help us all do the work for God's kingdom.

God loves you and so do I

Hal Gustafson
Rector #43

RECTORA...

What we have received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may understand what God has **freely given** us.

1 Corinthians 2:12

One of my favorite songs that we sing on a Via de Cristo weekend is "Freely, Freely". Do you have the tune and the words going through your mind? Now remember the line, "Freely, Freely, you have received, Freely, Freely, give"; this is the theme chosen for the women's spring weekend. The women (and men) of team 43 have freely received God's gift of grace through their own weekend (just as you did) and have now accepted God's call to freely give of themselves, their time, and their God given talents to be the hands and feet of Christ for the new babe chicks. During the first two team meetings we have heard awesome heart felt talks from the rollista's and have seen how God has worked through each team member to create **His** Christian community; and we anxiously wait to see how He uses the Holy Spirit to work in and through the candidates. We thank each of you for your prayers and ask that you continue to pray for the team and the candidates known and unknown. God has a plan for this weekend. He is in control. He knows who will attend each weekend before we do; all we have to do is go to Him in prayer, listen for His answer and put His plan into action by asking the friend, co-worker or family member He has placed on our heart to attend.

Each candidate will come seeking a closer relationship with our Lord and Savior, and with your prayers and the help of the Holy Spirit, through words spoken and actions shown by team 43, they will be able to say, "through the grace of God I have freely received what I came seeking."

Blessed be **His** glorious name,
Lisa Vincent, Rectora #43

COMMUNICATIONS...

E-mails for prayer requests, joys and thanksgivings to be shared with the community can be emailed to either: prayers@livingwaterviade Cristo.org or gcharts@sbcglobal.net

Or call: 309-792-9030

Check out our website: www.livingwaterviade Cristo.org

In His service,
Cindy Hart
Communications Chair

**Application for the Lutheran Spiritual Renewal Movement
Affiliated with the Illowa Lutheran Coalition**

I. Applicant Information *(Please print. Return application to sponsor when completed.)*

Full name _____ Age (18 minimum) _____ Male _____
Female _____

Name or nickname you would like on name tag _____ Home phone () _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Occupation _____ Work phone () _____ E-mail _____

Home church _____ Denomination _____

Church address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Church phone () _____ Pastor's name _____

Contact person (*other than spouse*): Name _____ Phone () _____

Tell us about your current church involvement - activities, positions held, etc. *(Attach sheet if needed.)*

Please note any special medical or dietary needs, physical limitations, or sleeping arrangements needed:

Marital Status: Single _____ Divorced _____ Widowed _____ Married _____ Spouse's name _____

If married, spouse: has _____, will _____, will not _____, attend(ed) a Via de Cristo or similar weekend
(Spouses are encouraged to attend consecutive weekends.)

Weekend you wish to attend _____ Would you be available on short notice if a cancellation occurs? _____

Applicant's signature _____ Date _____

II. Pastor's Signature *(See information on back.)*

As the applicant's pastor, I offer my support and prayers for my parishioner's participation in this opportunity for growth as a Christian leader.

Signed _____

III. Sponsor's Information *(To be filled in by sponsor.)*

Sponsor's name _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home phone () _____ Work () _____ Are you involved in a reunion group? _____

Date & location of your VdC or other weekend _____ Weekend number _____

Note to the applicant's pastor:

This member from your congregation has applied to attend an upcoming Via de Cristo weekend sponsored by the Illowa Lutheran Coalition. These weekends are designed to provide faith renewal for Christians by grounding them more fully in God's grace and in the disciplines of prayer, study and service. It is our hope that participants in the weekend will return to their home parishes renewed and better equipped to serve their church as leaders. Therefore we expect participants in the weekend to be active members of their church. Like Marriage Encounter, which seeks to strengthen healthy marriages rather than heal troubled ones, Via de Cristo is designed to strengthen faith rather than provide spiritual conversion for a struggling Christian. In addition, it is our hope that married persons will be able to attend consecutive weekends so that they can share the experience together. This can be a very positive thing. If one partner is unable to do this, but could at a later date, we encourage the couple to wait. If one partner simply doesn't want to attend a weekend and is unlikely to ever do so in the future, then we wish to know whether or not you as their pastor have any concerns about the impact of the weekend on their marriage.

If you do not have any concerns about your parishioner's involvement in this weekend, we ask for your signature of support. If you have any apprehension, we would appreciate hearing from you in writing. If you wish to talk further to one of our spiritual directors concerning Via de Cristo, please call Pastor Randy Willers at 309-764-5614. Thank you for taking this under consideration.

Sponsor's Checklist:

- _____ The applicant's portion of the application (Part I) is complete.
- _____ The applicant's check is attached.
- _____ The applicant's pastor has signed the application (Part II).
- _____ I believe this applicant will benefit from a Via de Cristo weekend.
- _____ I have read the responsibilities of the sponsor and agree to abide by them.

Sponsor's signature _____ Date _____

Please return the completed application, along with a non-refundable deposit of \$25 (make checks payable to Living Water Via de Cristo), to the Pre-Weekend Chairs:

Jerry and Krista Hanson
1624 S Main St
Princeton, IL 61356-2629
815-875-2359

The deposit will be applied to the suggested contribution of \$110.00. Financial assistance is available when needed. **Applications should be sent at least five weeks prior to the weekend.**

Thank you for helping to expand the reach of the VdC movement.

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 Rock Island, IL 61201

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