Via de Cristo Come to the Living Water



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Taco Dinner Benefit

for Lelan Bailey

Saturday, November 23, 2013 1:00-6:00pm

Leisure Time Billiards

845 Ave of the Cities, East Moline, IL 61244 (309) 752-9559

Lelan was diagnosed at birth with the non-curable disease Tuberous Sclerosis Complex (TSC). He currently has tumors on his heart and brain. Since about 23 weeks into their

pregnancy, Phil and Courtney Bailey have been making weekly trips to Iowa City for testing and doctor appointments. Lelan was born at the end of August and rushed to the NICU where he underwent a multitude of tests. He still has many more tests and appointments ahead of him. All of the money raised will go to help Phil, Courtney, and Lelan's 3 big brothers offset the cost of the medical bills, travel expenses, and missed work.

Tacos 3 for \$5.00 Basket Raffle Bake Sale Raffle Tickets \$1 Each 1st Prize - \$250 2nd Prize - \$100 3rd Prize - \$50

"We'll Give everything. But up."



Ultreya!



Saturday, December 7, 2013

5:30pm

Continuing Education: 3:00-

5:00pm

Calvary Lutheran

2900 Avenue of the Cities Moline, IL 61244 309-762-5423

Potluck supper begins at 5:30 PM

Couples bring one dish to pass, families please bring two. Coffee, water and ice are provided by the host church, but any other drinks will need to be brought by the community. Babysitting will be available for children up to 5.

Directions:

From I-74 take Ave of the Cities exit then head east. Church is on the corner of Ave of the Cities and 29th Street.



From the Lay Director

To the new candidates from Weekend #48, welcome to the LWVDC community! I hope you are off to a great start on your 4^{th} Day!

To the rest of the community, and especially their sponsors, please remember to support the new candidates in any way you can, such as helping them to find reunion groups, and inviting them to Ultreyas, and keeping them in prayer.

I mentioned in the last article that the Secretariat had decided to keep the cost of the Fall Weekend unchanged at \$135.00 per team member and candidate, even though this amount does not quite cover the costs, and that we would use the proceeds from the Trivia night to help offset the Weekend costs. The Trivia night was a huge success for LWVDC and we netted \$1,665.00, which will go toward the weekend expenses, and \$299.00 toward the expenses for hosting the National Secretariat in 2015. I want to give a special thank-you to Cindy Hart, for leading a group of people putting on the Trivia event. She did a tremendous job! We will re-look at this cost issue after this Fall Weekend.

Our Birdies for Charity proceeds, from the many people who had their pledges marked for LWVDC, netted \$1,714.92. This amount includes the amount pledged and paid, plus a 10% bonus from the golf tournament sponsor. This money will be applied to current and future expenses. Many thanks to all who pledged.

Lastly, I want to say something about the Rediscover and Recommit workshop that was held August 31st. One of the points brought out in the workshop, which was developed by the National Secretariat, was that some VDC groups may place too much emphasis on the actual Weekends and not enough our 4th Days.

However, the Weekends stress Piety, Study, and Action, the importance of belonging to reunion groups, attending Ultreyas, and being active in our own churches. The effort placed on running the Weekends, and the effort within the Weekends helps prepare us for our 4th Days. As long as we remember all of this and take appropriate action, our 4th Days will be God-led and Spirit-filled.

The Secretariat will take another look at the workshop results in the upcoming months, and I will report in future newsletters.

Thanks.

GLYASDI Greg Johnson

From Spiritual Director

Grace and peace to you.

At the Closura of the Living Waters Via de Cristo Weekend #48 at St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in Princeton on November 10th we heard about the healing that had taken place in some of the candidates' hearts and in our (the team members') hearts. This was a healing that came from a better understanding, many for the first time in their lives, of God's unconditional love for them and of God's grace that rains/reigns on and over their lives. The spirit of God's love was present at Camp Menno Haven over those three days, gently caressing the hearts that had become jagged and broken by the world opposed to God's reign of grace and softening those hard edges, providing healing and giving hope, as only the Creator who became incarnate could do. So, as Greg Hart noted in his rollo, a question that is often asked of leaders, "What do we do now?"

To you that have been struggling with your self-identity, your self-worth, with the inability to accept God's freely given grace and love - Continue to use the practices of Piety, pray to God, listen to God, and Study the Scriptures and take in what God has revealed to us about Godly love, a love that is lavished copiously (it's an engineering term) upon you with no conditions, no strings attached. Know and believe that Jesus came for us who are broken in mind, body and/or spirit as He proclaimed in Luke, Chapter 2, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor".

To those who feel that they have a good understanding of God's love for them - continue in your 4th Day Walk with the practices of Piety and Study to be reaffirmed and to grow in God's love. Then understand that you too have been anointed, i.e., sent by Jesus Christ. Practice Apostolic Action, reach out to those who are in need; share with others the healing Living Waters freely gushing forth from your hearts. And indeed God will accomplish those purposes for which you and I have been sent (Isaiah 55:10-11), to be "Little Christs" to a hurting world. God's Work, Our Hands-and our hearts.

Look up and hear the Good News: "God loves you, and so do I"

Pastor Gene Living Waters VdC # 18 Co-Spiritual Director

Find a Reunion Group

Sisters In Faith

Meets 2nd, 4th, and 5th Mondays at Panera in Moline at 5pm Debbie Case – Group contact and organizer 309-787-4895

Lazarus Reunion Group

Meets every Monday at St. John's Lutheran Church in East Moline at 6:00pm Duane Little – Group Contact and Organizer 563-349-6814

Calvery Lutheran Church, 2900 Ave of the Cities, Moline on Tuesdays at 6:30pm Greg Johnson Group Contact 309-236-3394

Perry Memorial Hospital Chapel - Two groups Womens at 4pm on Mondays contact Dianne Men's at 7pm Mondays contact Jim

Hyvee Rock Island Cafeteria - Fridays at 7:00 am Bob Frank, Dennis Miller, Gary Allen, Myron Yoeckel, Dan Tollerud, Doug Hoffman, Pr. Randy Willers

McDonalds - Ave of the Cities Moline on Wednesday at 12:30 Luncheon Barb Geerts 563-940-4933 Group Contacting

Calvary Lutheran Church - 2900 Ave of the Cities Moline- Ladies Group Saturdays at 7:00 am Pam Gross 309-797-5561

Grieff's Auto Tech - Princeton IL- Thursdays at Noon Greg Grieff, Phil Kaufmann, Tom Nelson

LALIC Group - Meeting fluctuate
Jim and Stacy Whitten 1-815-894-9315

Others to contact for group information

Tim Oloffson- 815-303-1725- Big Apple Resturant in Princeton on Wednesday at 8:00am Linda Berry- 815-878-9567- St. Matthews in Princeton on Mondays at 6:30pm Kim Bush- 309-714-0085- Panera Bread in Moline on Wednesdays at 5:00pm Linda Storm- 309-944-3317- Barneys in Geneseo on Thursday at noon Victoria Manor in Geneseo on Tuesday at 8:15 am Jeff Whalen- 815-674-7722- St. John's Lutheran in Peru Wednesday at 5:30pm Mike Goer- 309-231-4221- Evangelical Covenant in Princeton Tuesday at 6:30pm John Verworn- 309-441-6585- Township Hall on Wolf Rd Geneseo, Thursday at 6:30am Carol Ploch- 815-202-3338- St. John's Lutheran in Peru Tuesday at 9:00 am

From Palanca

Thank you to all who signed up for the Weekend #48 Prayer Vigil. This means so much to those attending the weekend. They are always moved by seeing the names of people the recognize. So, a big thank you to you all. Please keep all the new pilgrims in your prayers.

De Colores, Jim and Patty Turner

From Communications

Hello everyone!

Well another weekend has come and gone and it was wonderful! To the Team of weekend #48 thank you for your service it was wonderful serving with you. Thank you to Jeff and Lori for making it a great weekend! We had beautiful weather and beautiful fall colors. We were so very blessed.

To the new pilgrims, Adam and I would like to personally welcome you to the community! Now that you're 4th has begun take a second and reflect on your weekend re-read your letters and remember that it doesn't end when the weekend ends it's just the beginning! Jeremiah 29:11 "For I know the plans I have for you," says the Lord. "They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope." The Lord has great plans for you all. We really hope that this weekend was inspirational for all of you as it was for all of us.

Don't forget about the ultreya in December. I hope to see you all there. Come for the food and fellowship it's a great time.

Remember if there is anything anyone needs don't hesitate to call or email. Thank you for letting us serve you and God as your communications team! GLYASDW!

Adam and Amanda McMillin #36

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