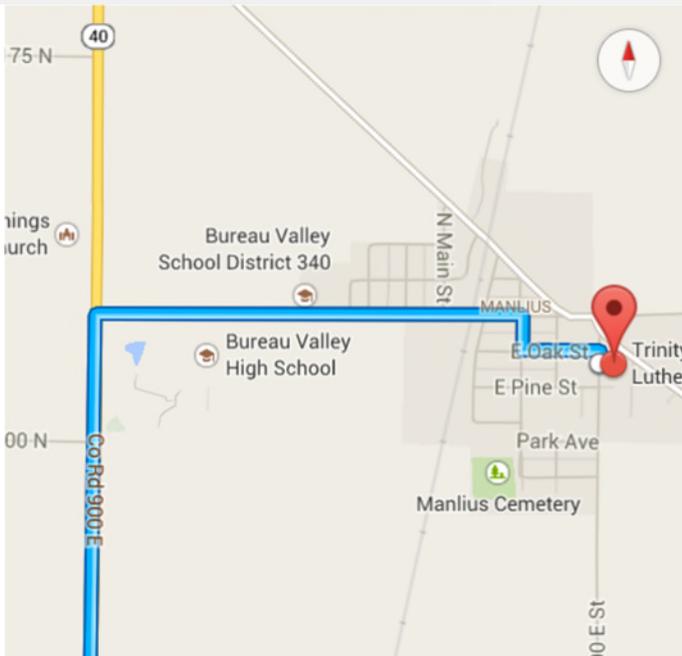




## Ultreya!



Saturday, February 1, 2014  
5:30pm

### Trinity Lutheran

202 S 4<sup>th</sup> Street  
Manlius, IL 61338  
815-445-2073

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-80 take Exit 45 then head North (4.9 mi). Turn Right onto Co Road 2125 (.8 mi). Turn right onto N 2<sup>nd</sup> Steet (350 ft). Turn left onto E Oak St. (.2 mi). Church is on the corner of E Oak St and 1000 E Street



## Via di Cristo Reunion Group Mission Trip



### July 17 – July 27

#### Basic itinerary

Thursday, July 17:	Depart Hometown, USA in morning
Friday, July 18:	Arrive in Bucharest, drive to destination
Sat. July 19 – July 25:	Perform VBS and ministry work with children
Saturday, July 26:	Return from ministry site to Bucharest, w/sightseeing along the way
Sunday, July 27:	Depart Bucharest, Romania & arrive Hometown, USA in PM

#### Trip Details

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<b>Maximum # of people</b>	15
<b>Approx. land costs- double</b>	\$1,350 Land costs are all-inclusive: all meals, lodging (based on occupancy), in-country transportation, insurance, sightseeing, etc.
<b>Airfare-</b>	\$1450 ACF arranges airfare travel; cost confirmed at time of booking
<b>Approximate total cost-</b>	\$2800
<b>Payment schedule-</b>	\$350 deposit- upon completion of application \$1250 payment 90 days prior to departure (April 17) Balance due 30 days prior to departure (June 17)

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#### Trip Focus

The team will be taking 35 kids from the area group homes (formerly from the Zau Orphanage) to the Harghita Christian camp in the mountains of Romania. The children will once again be going to Camp Harghita for a week of exploration of their faith. This will be ACF's 8th year doing a VBS styled experience with these children. Being the most established of all the camp experiences, the ACF team will build on these relationships and the budding faith of the children. The team will have the privilege of planting seeds of hope into their lives that will reap a harvest in the whole Roma community. Everyone will have the pleasure of ministering to at-risk children in this serene and peaceful setting in the beautiful Carpathian Mountains.

For More Information contact our Mission's office  
@ 815.303.1725

## From the Lay Director

Greetings and welcome to 2014. From the Secretariat to all of the LDVDC community -- Happy New Year!

I mentioned previously 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. With help from the Trivia night and from the Birdies for Charity, the costs of holding the Fall Weekend at Camp Mennohaven were covered. We will re-look at this cost issue within the next month or two.

The Secretariat still intends to take another look at the Rediscover and Recommit workshop results in the upcoming months, and I will report in a future newsletter.

If you are looking for an existing reunion group, there is a good list in the previous newsletter. Please look at the November-December 2013 newsletter on the LWVDC website under Newsletter Archives. As many of us in the community know, participating in a reunion group is a huge and rewarding part of our 4th day walks. If you have sponsored someone lately, please encourage them to join a reunion group. They will thank you for it!

Team selection for Men's and Women's Weekends #49 is underway (as I am writing this) and the first team meeting will soon occur (as you are reading this). Please keep Rector Denny Martin and Rectora Margie Olson, and the team members, in your prayers.

Thanks.

GLYASDI  
Greg Johnson

## From Spiritual Director

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As I sit down to collect my thoughts, the sun shining in, glistening on the snow, some of it even melting a bit. And I am always hopeful when I see the sun warming things up. It is also just a few short days 'til Christmas, even shorter 'til the last Sunday of Advent.

Advent is a season of hope, yet by time you read this even Christmas day will be a memory. But hope knows no season - we have our hope in Christ Jesus. We have our hope in a God that loved us so much that God came down to be with us here on this earth - to walk with us in our joys and sorrows.

We have our hope in our baptismal promises - that we will be washed clean of sin and made new.

And so - that is my wish and prayer for all of you - that you abound in hope - that for you hope knows no season - that the hope that is the promise of the risen Christ be with you every day.

Regardless of our individual circumstances, we all have much to be thankful for - and much to be hopeful about. We have Immanuel - God with us.

May the Son shine on you.....

Blessings to you all and may hope abound every day.....

GLYASDI

Pr. Vicki Sauter  
Spiritual Director  
LWVdC #27

## Find a Reunion Group

### **Sisters In Faith**

Meets 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> 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

### **Calvary 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 Rectora

**Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise the Lord.**

Psalms 150:6

Dear Christian Travelers,

This was my devotion for today and as I read the footnotes, decided it was appropriate for this letter to the community. Psalms parallels our spiritual journey through life. We are presented with two roads – the way to life and the way to death.

If you choose God's way to life, we still face both blessings and troubles, joy and grief, success and obstacles, but we know God is walking through all of it with us. God is at our side guiding, encouraging, comforting and caring. Knowing this we praise God for leading us in the right direction. The one that leads us to the place He has prepared for us in His perfect kingdom.

Because of God's love for us, we desire to give in return and have found Via de Cristo offers us the opportunity to do just that. Men and women weekend teams are being formed and will continue to be formed until we actually begin the weekends. If you would like to be involved, please contact Denny Martin 309-789-0190 (Men's weekend March 20-23) or Margie Olson 309-582-7885 (Women's weekend March 27-30). Please pray for these teams.

And that brings us to those God has chosen to attend these weekends. Who is He calling? Are they our friends, neighbors, co-workers? Ask God to tell you and then ask them to attend. We have two wonderful teams forming, but they are of little value without candidates, with whom we can share God's truths and grace. Pray, and then ask.

God's blessings and joy. God loves you and so do I, Margie Olson, Rectora #49

## From Rector

We've just finished experiencing the Christmas season, for many a joyous and festive time where things got happily chaotic and for some a time that brought sadness and even depression. I pray that it was a time of joyous and organized chaos for you and that you had time to reflect, worship and study about the true reason for the season, the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus!

By the time you read this the men and women's #49 teams will be formed and ready to begin team training for the men's weekend from March 20-23 and the women's weekend from March 27-30. Please keep the teams in your prayers and be praying about who you can invite on the weekend. Once again we have the opportunity to extend the Christian love of the VDC community to each other as well as those God will call as candidates.

As the apostle Paul wrote to the Christians at Ephesus... "For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." Eph 2:10

GLYASDI

Denny Martin  
Rector VDC #49

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