

Via de Cristo

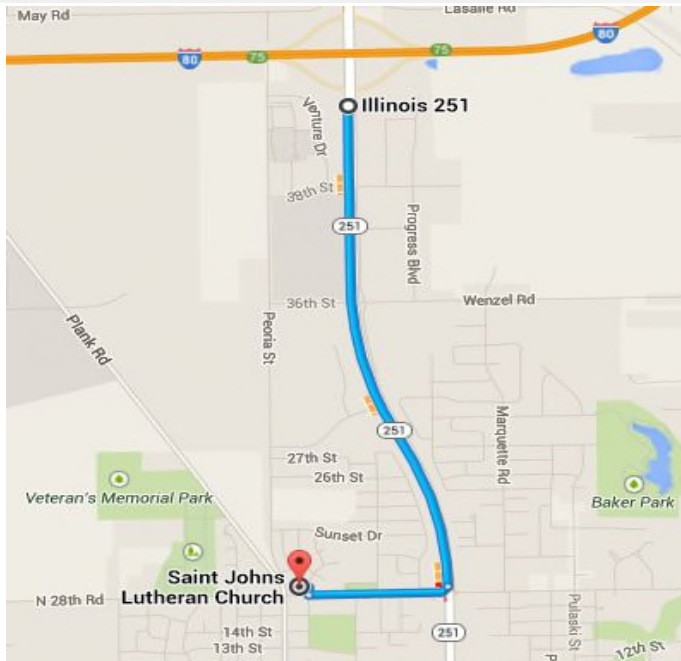
Come to the
Living Water



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March – April 2014.

Ultreya!



Saturday, April 5th, 2014
5:30pm

St. Johns Lutheran

2000 Luther Drive
Peru, IL 61354
815-223-1144

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 75 then head North (.3 mi). Turn Right onto IL-251 S (1.8 mi). Turn right onto Shooting Park Rd (.4 mi). Turn right onto Luther Dr (141 ft).

Church is on left



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

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

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 Blessings!

The Secretariat had decided to keep the cost of the Spring 2014 Weekends unchanged at \$135.00 per team member and candidate, the same as the last couple of years. We are still discussing this cost issue for the Fall 2014 Weekend.

The Secretariat took a final look at the Rediscover and Recommit workshop results. To summarize, LWVDC does a lot of good and we can be proud of this. We can do a better job on 1) emphasizing the 4th day during Weekends, 2) helping new pilgrims find a reunion group, attending Ultreyas, and encouraging them to work on future teams; part of these responsibilities rely on follow-through by the sponsors, and part on encouragement by the LWVDC community, and 3) thanking and encouraging our Pastors and Spiritual directors; they are truly a blessing to LWVDC.

There is a list of current reunion groups in the Jan-Feb 2014 newsletter. If you see any information that needs to be updated, please contact Carol Ann Noble, the Secretariat post-weekend chair. 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 help them find a reunion group. They will thank you for it!

The Secretariat is again looking at guidelines for the Prayers email distribution list. We hope to have this finalized soon.

Weekend #49 will be starting very soon. Please keep Rector Denny Martin and Rectora Margie Olson, and the team members, and the candidates in your prayers.

Thanks.
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Greg Johnson
Lay Director, LWVDC

From Spiritual Director

SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT

In my Pastor's report for First Lutheran, Ohio this year, I talked about how prayer has been an integral part of our ministry together. One of the first things I implemented when I was called here in 2007 was a "Pastor Prayer Team" that prays with me before each worship service. Sound familiar. Those of you who have been called on to give a rollo know the power of lifting up prayer being lifted up for you as you are about to engage people with God's message to them. It's like being lifted up with wings like eagles (Isaiah 40:31). I do not like to preach without having others pray with me and for me. As my report ended, I encouraged the congregation to continue to pray in all circumstances, that God would continue to show us where our kingdom mission is and to give us the strength and the courage to step forward in faith upon God's urging.

What about Living Waters Via de Cristo? Do we believe in the power of prayer outside of the 72 hour weekends? I would hope so. I would urge each and everyone of you to pray each and every day that God would open the eyes of your heart to see those people around you who would benefit from seeing God's grace so copiously lavished on them, as what happens on a VdC weekend and to see those that are ready to grow in Christ, that they may be more effective witnesses to God's love at home, at work, in their neighborhood and in their home congregations. What if we prayed and really expected results? Let your prayers be the lever that helps move others to make a leap of faith, to say "yes" to attending a LW Via de Cristo weekend. God has put together 2 marvelous teams for weekend #49.

God loves you, and so do I.

Pastor Gene Vincent, Spiritual Director, Living Waters VdC
LwVdC #18, Table of Paul

From the Rectora

In everything you do, put God first, and he will direct you and crown your efforts with success. Proverbs 3:6 (The Living Bible)

By the time you read this, we will have held the last team meeting and we are waiting patiently, anticipating the beginning of the Weekends #49. We have two awesome teams, with servant hearts, ready and willing to serve the Lord. Things have not always gone the way we had planned, but we have persevered and are ready.

It takes more than the teams for a successful Weekend. It also takes the community's involvement. There is Sendoff at 7:00 pm on Thursday night, where you get to meet the new pilgrims as they begin their journey, and joyfully wish them well. Then we have Saturday night when you may Serenade the pilgrims. This provides them with an experience they will never forget. Finally, attending the Clausura where you can welcome our new sisters and brothers and hear how God has spoken to them during the Weekend. It is better than Downton Abby. But most of all you have the opportunity to pray during the Weekend. Consider signing up for the Prayer Scroll. Remember how it felt to see all of those names of people praying for you, some you knew, but most who were strangers. Don't miss these opportunities, they only come twice a year.

The teams are ready and you are ready, but what if no one comes to our Weekends?.....God has chosen pilgrims for our Weekends, but have you asked those God has placed on your heart? Who is He calling? Are they friends, neighbors, co-workers, family? Ask God to show you who you should ask, ask God to give you that perfect opportunity and then ask. You know that person who has been asked two, three, four times, well maybe the fifth time is the right time and they will say yes. It took five tries to get me here.

Mark these dates on your calendar. I'll be looking for you!

Men's Weekend #49

March 20-23, 2014

Send-off - March 20, 2014

Serenade – March 22, 2014

Clausura – March 23, 2014

Women's Weekend #49

March 27-30, 2014

Send-off - March 27, 2014

Serenade – March 29, 2014

Clausura – March 30, 2014

In the meantime, may God richly bless you,

Margie Olson

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

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 Palanca

God Bless you and thank you to all who signed up for the prayer vigils for Living Water Via de Cristo Men's and Women's Weekends #49. The prayer scroll is such an important part of the weekend for both the candidates and the team members. We can remember how in awe we were on our own weekend journey when we realized how many Christians were praying for us, seeing to our needs and blessing us in so many ways. Thank you for being one of those Christians.

As we near the end of our term as Palanca Chairmen, we pray one of you will step forward and take over this element of the weekends. It is a blessing to be a part of the prayer scroll process, and we will guide you as you assume this important task.

Jim and Patty Turner

Palanca Chairmen

From Rector

Ephesians 2:10 "For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."

From the Rector.....

It's hard to believe just one more team meeting before Men's weekend #49!! Please keep the team in your prayers and be praying about and asking those people on your heart to attend weekend 49. The weekend is March 20-23 at Camp Menno Haven near Tiskilwa, IL. I am confident that the team will be ready to go on March 23rd and we look forward to welcoming many candidates to the weekend. If you haven't already done so please sign up for the prayer vigil. I have enclosed the team roster to use in your prayers and we hope to see many of you at the sendoff on Thursday evening March 20th.

GOD LOVES YOU AND SO DO I

Denny Martin, Rector Men's
Weekend #49

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