

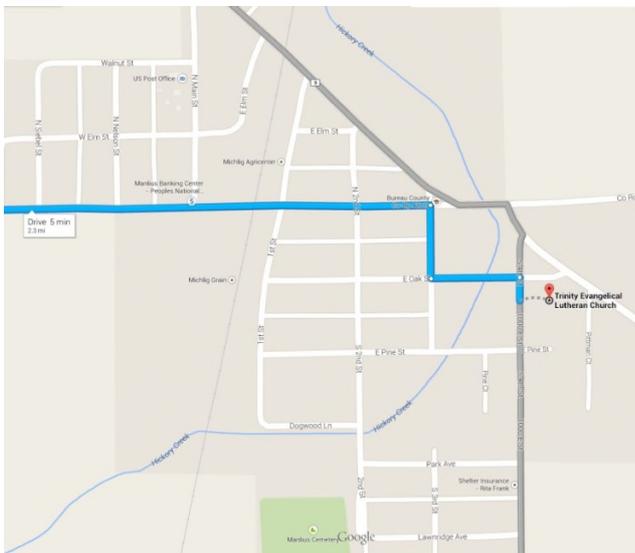
Via de Cristo
Come to the
Living Water



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May – June 2014.

Ultreya!



Saturday, June 7th, 2014

5:30pm

Trinity Lutheran

202 S 4th 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 (.8mi). Turn right onto N 2nd Street (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

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

Birdies for Charity

After a successful partnership in 2012 and 2013, Living Water Via de Cristo will again be participating in the Birdies for Charity program. Held in conjunction with the John Deere Classic PGA tour event, Birdies has helped area charitable groups raise more than \$50 million for their organizations over the last several years -- and \$6.3 million last year alone. Donors are asked to pledge an amount per birdie made at the Classic (held July 7-13 at TPC at Deere Run in the Quad-Cities), or simply donate a flat amount. Birdies for Charity helps those pledge dollars grow by donating an additional percentage of the tourney's profits to the participating groups. Last year, we were able to raise more than \$1,600, which helped us provide scholarships and handle expenses not covered in the weekend fees for our retreats. In addition, donors may choose to participate (or not) in the "Guess the Number of Birdies" Contest, with a chance at winning some great prizes. Every penny of your tax-deductible donation goes directly to Living Water; Birdies for Charity shoulders all the costs for operating the program.

We plan to have pledge cards available to give out at the June 7th Ultreya at Trinity Lutheran in Manlius, IL. We are hoping that a representative from each church can pick up some pledge cards to distribute among their congregations. We will also have pledge forms available by mail. If you want to be mailed pledge cards, please contact Barb and Joe Geerts at (563) 940-4933. They are graciously helping again this year.

We appreciate all the ways our Community supports Living Water. With your help, we can continue to offer weekend spiritual retreats at an affordable cost.

The Living Water Secretariat

Gather at the River – Centered in Christ

National Lutheran Secretariat Annual Gathering at Augustana College

July 23-26, 2015 Hosted by LWVdC

We are so excited to be able to host this Gathering and hope you will want to be a part of. The host committee has started their planning. Some of us are attending this year's Gathering in Baltimore (July 24 – 27) and you are invited also. Just go to the NLS site (viadecristo.org) to print off a registration form and attend as a visitor. We will be making a presentation at this event to invite the community to Augustana next year. Also, it will be great to have people see what happens at the gathering to help with our hosting next year. We are looking for people to volunteer for cha positions in 2015 and we can use everybody. Mark your calendar for next year to help out for the full 3 days or just for a day or evening, whatever you can do. Send us an email or give us a call and let us know how you want to help out. It will be an exciting time for the community of Living Water!

Gary and Pam Gross
309-797-5561
ggross@qconline.com

LWVDC community --

our Secretariat has adopted a policy for how the prayer email distribution list should be used. We think this policy is fair and makes sense.

The prayer communications email is to be used first and foremost for prayer requests, both concerns and joys. We want to send out prayer requests to the community for health concerns, job concerns, etc., and we also want to share how God has answered these prayers.

Also, the prayer list will be used to share any information from the Secretariat concerning LWVDC business or announcements, and about events such as Weekends, Ultreyas, etc.

Also, the prayer list can be used for information coming from the Rector or Rectora, about the upcoming Weekends.

The prayer list will continue to include prayer requests from other VDC movements, such as what we currently get from Taste of Grace, where the subject line contains the words 'Taste of Grace'.

There may be occasions where other communications from the community members will be allowed.

We are asking that every prayer request contain the submitter's name and weekend number and/or city and state, but prayer requests without the submitter's name will still be sent out.

We will also include the sender's email address, so members of the community can respond directly to the sender of the prayer request. If you would prefer not to have your email address included, please state so. (Many times the communications person gets emails from the community asking to pass back emails to the sender. This will streamline this process.)

Thanks and God Bless!

Greg Johnson, Lay director

From the Lay Director

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Greetings and Blessings!

The Secretariat had decided to keep the cost of the Fall 2014 Weekends unchanged at \$135.00 per team member and candidate, the same as the last few years. The reality is that the camp charges us a set price for each weekend, rather than a price per attendee. The break-even point is about 53 paying attendees per men's, or women's, or mixed Weekend. We are going forward in faith that the community will respond with candidates and/or extra donations to help fund these Weekends.

Speaking of the Weekends, Weekend #50 is set for November 6-9, 2014. It is not too soon to be praying for which candidates to ask to attend. Also, keep Rector and Rectora Tim and Theresa Oloffson in your prayers as they will soon start selecting the team.

Another method of providing funds to LWVDC the last couple of years has been the Birdies for Charity program, as part of the John Deere Classic golf tournament. We will do this again this year. There is also a chance to win a car and other prizes. More information is included within this newsletter. This is another way which helps us to provide Weekend costs at reasonable rates, and scholarships as needed.

The Secretariat has created guidelines for the Prayers email distribution list. This has been distributed via the Email list and it is included separately within this newsletter. This policy should help avoid confusion as to the usage of the Email list.

As always, please contact me, or any Secretariat member, with any questions or comments.

Thanks.
GLYASDI

Greg Johnson
Lay Director, LWVDC

From Spiritual Director

Dears Sisters and brothers in Christ,

By the time you read this, Easter day will be a foggy memory. The Easter basket grass will have been thrown away, candy wrappers too. Maybe there will still be some jelly beans laying around - but certainly not the chocolate! Easter, however, is not just one day; within the church it is a season. But it is also a way of life.

We proclaim that Jesus died so that our sins would be forgiven, He rose again so that we you have everlasting life in Him, with Him and through Him. That is not a one time event - but a daily dying and rising. And Jesus' resurrection is not just for some future time - but for now, today.

And so my invitation to all of us (ok, it really is a challenge!) is to pay attention to those resurrection moments that we do experience but maybe ignore - or brush off as not important. A brilliant sunrise, recovery from an illness, the smile on a baby's face, seeing an old friend after a long absence, an unexpected kindness - both received and given. The list is endless - those moments when we experience joy in the here and now.

We can't explain the mystery of why God does what God does - rational scientific knowledge is useless here - it is all about faith. Faith, trust, belief in the one who gave His life for us.

So in this Easter season, may you all experience the promise of Jesus' resurrection in your daily lives...

GLYASDI
Pr.Vicki Sauter
LWVdC #27

From Pre-Weekend Chair

Like the call for Spring we feel - our hearts waiting to be filled with warmth, gladness, and a fresh start, God calls to us for the same - to be closer to Him through praise, prayer, and service.

TEAM SERVICE:

Even as we write this the building of Team for LWVdC Weekend # 50 has begun. Our prayers are with Rector and Rectora -Tim and Theresa Oloffson, and Head Cha – Jeff Jacques, as they heed God's call while going through lists of names and applications of our Via de Cristo community to fill the Fall Team. **We encourage you to prayerfully consider becoming a part Weekend #50 by serving on team actively, as a prayer warrior, and/or filling a time space of the 72-hour prayer scroll.**

A team application may be found on this website, under the "Application" tab. There are two choices: "Digital Team Application" to fill out and email; and "Team Application" to print, fill out and mail via postal service. Both will go to Tim and Theresa Oloffson, 122 East 2nd Street, Box 207, Wyanet, IL 61379 / toloff@comcast.net

"We believe God has made us a people to invite other to follow Christ, to encourage on another to deeper commitment...to reconcile people to God through Word and deed..."

CANDIDATES / PILGRIMS:

And if you aren't already doing so, the time to begin praying for and considering those in your environment to attend as a Candidate for Weekend #50 is now! Possibly your Parents, or an Aunt; a brother or sister or cousin? Maybe your best friend, or how about the person you sit with at lunch every day? **Have faith in God's directives, be encouraged by your experiences during your weekend, pray for that person whose name keeps coming to mind, share with him/her what the weekend meant to you, and ask and encourage them to attend Weekend # 50!** You may be the answer they have been waiting for in their prayers!

We all know how swiftly time rushes by; in just weeks team meetings will begin, and in just a few more weeks we will be attending the send-off for LWVdC Weekend # 50. Ask your Candidates now. Applications to attend the weekend are on this website under the "Applications" tab – "Pilgrim Application." Please print out the 2-page application, have your candidate and their Pastor fill out their parts, you fill out your part, and mail it to Clyde & Barbee Wray, 609 S. Church St., Princeton, IL 61356. Questions? BarbeeSW@hotmail.com or text 815-488-1018.

Prayers and hugs!

Clyde and Barbee Wray, Secretariat Pre-Weekend Chair

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

Again we would like to thank everyone who signed up for the prayer vigils during the spring weekends. It means so much to the candidates and the team members.

Remember, you can sign up for the prayer vigils of other communities. We began adding the location of those who sign up for our vigils, because it is exciting to see the names of people in other states, and sometime countries, who are praying for Living Water Via de Cristo weekends. Because of time differences, you can help a community by signing up for early morning and late night slots, which are the most difficult to fill.

After four years, we will be leaving the secretariat. We thank all who have signed up for prayer vigils, taken the scrolls and posters to camp when we were unable to do so, and have complimented us on our efforts.

God Loves You and So Do We

Jim and Patty Turner

From Rector/Rectora

We feel so blessed to be asked to serve as the Rector and Rectora for Weekend #50 this fall. As scary as a feeling it was to be asked it felt so good to say YES! We realize now through the previous leaders we have talked with that God will be in control of the preparations, the team trainings, as well as the weekend itself. We owe a lot to our spiritual development to Ron & Kelly Nelson. They have been our spiritual mentors since before we were asked to go on weekend #21 in Pilgrim Park in Princeton, IL. As many of you know our dear friend Ron passed away last year and the entire Living Waters community misses him greatly. We will try to honor these Ron & Kelly by being the best servants we can be over the next 7 months.

We would like to have this weekend be really special for the pilgrims that God sends our way. Weekend #50 needs to be special. This is a significant milestone in the life of the Living Waters movement. Wouldn't it be nice if we had a full weekend! Does anyone even know how many people it takes to fill a weekend? Remember those days in which we had a waiting list? As a community of Faith I would like to see each of us challenge ourselves to find some people in our congregations to ask. So, we are going to ask everyone reading this article to think about possible weekend #50 pilgrims. Think of a least 2 names of people you asked or thought about asking in the past or wanted to ask. Then we want you to email us the first names of those people and our prayer warriors and we will begin praying for God to open doors for their participation on weekend #50.

A lot of work needs to be done and developing the team is a place where we will start. Do you want to serve on this weekend? Have you attended the mandatory training? The application process is an important part of team selection. So, please fill out the application on our website. We look forward to all of the challenges and joys that come with being selected as the leaders for weekend #50. Once again start thinking and praying NOW for those people and send us their first names so we can also pray for these people. Let's FILL UP weekend #50.

Sincerely,

Tim & Theresa Oloffson LWVDC weekend #21

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