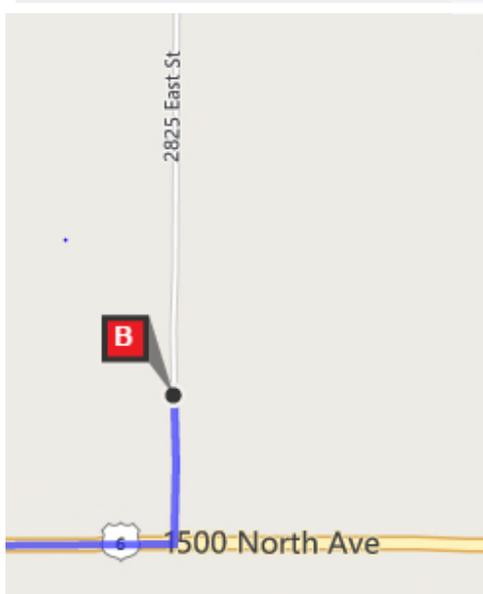


Ultreya!



Saturday, December 6, 2014
5:00 p.m.

St. John's Lutheran Church
"Church on the Hill"
15199 2825E St.
Princeton, IL 61356

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 five.

Directions:

From Interstate 80 take exit 61, take ramp for I-180 South toward Hennepin. Take ramp right for US-6 toward Princeton / Spring Valley. Turn left onto US-6 / 1550 Ave N Turn left onto 2825 East St. Arrive at St. John Evangelical Lutheran "Church on the Hill" on the left

Thank you to everyone that helped with the Kids Against Hunger Mission Project prior to the October Ultreya.

This was a first for Via de Cristo and we have had really positive feedback from the project. We all learned about the impact that hunger has on children in the areas Kids Against Hunger reaches. It was wonderful to see the improvement that children show after receiving the meals. We had lots of people to help and we were able to pack 4,000 dried food kits! That number will feed over 24,000 school kids in underdeveloped countries and locally. If you missed out but would be interested in having the program at your church, workplace, or youth event, please visit <http://kidsagainsthunger.org>.

Kids Against Hunger[®]
Feeding families around the world... and around the corner

From the Lay Director

Greetings and Blessings to the new candidates from Weekend #50, and welcome to the LWVDC community! I hope you are off to a great start on your 4th 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, inviting them to Ultreyas, and keeping them in your prayers. There is a list of current reunion groups in the Sep-Oct 2014 newsletter.

The Kids Against Hunger event held just before the October Ultreya was a success, and a lot of fun. We had about 25 VDC volunteers fill and seal enough packets of food to provide 4,000 meals! These meal packets will be distributed to underprivileged people in Haiti and Honduras. We had to pay for the food ingredients, but the costs were covered by Thrivent funds and a generous donor. Thanks to all who helped.

As previously reported, Living Water VDC conducted a Rediscover and Recommit VDC workshop back in August 2013. To summarize the results, 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.

However, attendance at this R&R event was small, so we are planning to conduct another workshop around March 2015. More information will be provided in upcoming newsletters.

The plans for hosting the 2015 National Secretariat are progressing nicely. Information about this event will be communicated by Pam and Gary Gross. Several volunteers will be needed during the last week of July 2015. Save the date!

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

Thanks.
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Greg Johnson
Lay Director, LWVDC

From Spiritual Director

Autumn is the favorite season of year for many people, including myself. The beauty of God's creations shown brightly in the changing colors, the feel and the smell of the cool, crisp air and the sound of rustling leaves makes me think of eating fresh, crisp apples and the smell of an apple pie resting on the counter, readying itself for the coming meal. I was sharing with Lisa that as I walked down the driveway to my vehicle one morning, the feel of the air and the sounds around me took me back to my pre-teen days getting ready to go to junior football on Saturday mornings. But wait; it's not all going to be roses (or apple pie and ice cream). Winter soon comes, slaps our cheeks, freezes our fingers and our toes and pulls the breath right out of our lungs. I hate winter. But winter has its purpose also. It's a time for nature to rest; a time for certain undesirables (pollen, bacteria, other pests) to die off and give us a respite from their attacks on our systems.

The writer of Ecclesiastes tells us that "there is a season for everything and a time for every matter under heaven" (Eccl. 3:1). It seems that just when things are going great in our lives and we feel like we couldn't be happier, we experience a season of winter. Just when we are enjoying life more than we ever have before, a frigid wind sweeps over us and our lives enter into a standstill. Our first reaction is to curse the cold, that event which pulled the rug out from under our lives. Yet this season of winter, which seems way to cold and harsh, way to long; is probably exactly what was needed in our lives. Perhaps we needed to hibernate, to step back from our lives of "achievement". Maybe there were certain parts of our lives that needed to be chilled down so as not to overtake us and crowd out what is really important. God encourages us to use this season of winter to "Be still, and know that I am God" (Ps. 46:10a). Please use this winter season to renew your relationship with the one who made you; the one who loves you so much to have sent the Son to die for you, immortality exchanged for mortality, life for death that we who are born into mortality would be able to take on immortality and life eternal through Jesus the Christ.

Soon the robins will be hopping around, chirping; soon the crocus will poke their heads up through the ground (and sometimes through the snow); soon the grass will turn green and the breeze will warm us up instead of chill us to the bone. Yes, the season of growth will soon arrive.

God loves you and so do I.

Pastor Gene Vincent
LWVdC #18

From Post Weekend

From Palanca

Leader's School (AKA Continuing Education)

So you have reflected on your weekend experience and feel called to serve others as you were served? Would you like to learn more about the history and the dynamics of a Via de Cristo weekend? New Pilgrims, we invite you to consider serving on an upcoming weekend team. Attending Leader's School is required to serve on the fall team.

Old hands, come and refresh your understanding of traditions and practices that are part of the weekend experience. A Leader School will be held from 3:00 to 5:00 PM immediately before the December 6 Ultreya at St. John's On the Hill Church in Princeton. Follow the directions for the Ultreya, and join us. No reservations, only a servant's heart required.

Greetings community Via de Cristo,

I like to thank everyone who partake in signing up on the prayer vigil for Weekend #50. If you could only see my face every time I get on line. Am like a little kid with a gift in my hand. My eyes widen every time I open the list and to see how it is filled with prayers and my heart fills with joy and excitement.

There are still some openings for the weekend. Not much, but some. Please open your hearts and think on spreading your blessings on the team. Here's the link www.3dayol.org/Vigil/GetVigil.phtml?pvid=10026&commid=575 And there is still time for Palanca letters as well.

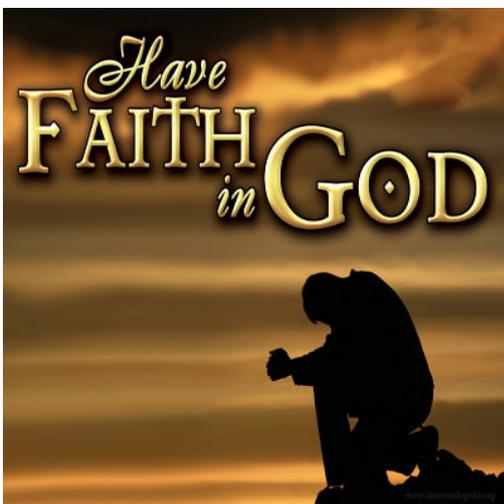
Again thank you for your love and prayers.

Dios te ama y yo tambien

Elaine (Elana) Gauden

Weekend #40

Your Palanca Chair



Please Keep the team of weekend #50 in your prayers. Candidate information will be sent out through the prayer list.

Living Water Team # 50						
Position	Last Name	First Name		Position	Last Name	First Name
Spiritual Director	Lovick	Brenda		Head Kitchen Cha	Wray	Barb
Spiritual Director	Langholf	Rev Frank		Kitchen Cha	Whalen	Jeff
Rectora	Oloffson	Theresa		Kitchen Cha	Laingen	Jill
Rector	Oloffson	Tim		Kitchen Cha	Gauden	George
Head Cha	Jaques	Jeff		Kitchen Cha		
Ideal Rollista	Bush	Kim		Kitchen Cha	Jesiolowski	Charisse
Laity Rollista	Guardia	Kimberly		Kitchen Cha	Langholf	Kathi
Piety Rollista	Anderson	Jim		Head Chapel Cha	Berry	Linda
Study Rollista	Fritz	Sue		Chapel Cha	Frank	Mark
Action Rollista	Moreland	Ken		Chapel Cha	Ploch	Carol
Leaders Rollista	Rose	Sandy		Head Dorm Cha (W)	VonHolten	Donna
Environment Rollista	Dorsch	Dick		Head Dorm Cha (M)	Bence	Peter
CCIA Rollista	Ploch	Tim		Dorm Cha	Frank	Gerri
Silent men	VonHolten	Dennis		Dorm Cha	Bush	David
Silent women	Krabbenhoft	Nyla		4th Day Speakers	Whitten	Jim & Stacy
Head Music Cha	Dallgas-Frey	Paul		Prayer Warrior	Groene	Bob
Music Cha	Schlindwein	Teri		Prayer Warrior	Briscoe	Marilyn
Music Cha	Morse	Garry		Prayer Warrior	Sauter	Vickie
Head Rollo Room Cha	Gustafson	Charlotte		Prayer Warrior	Vincent	Gene
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Rollo room Cha	Little	Duane		Prayer Warrior	Case	Jim & Debbie
Rollo room Cha	Daniel	Bruce				
Rollo room Cha	Turner	Mike				
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Palanca Cha	Mack	Leslye				
Palanca Cha	Winckler	Tom				

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

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