



# River's Edge Via de Cristo Newsletter

**Mission Statement:** By grace, with the Holy Spirit, we challenge leaders to discover and achieve their personal calling, assisting them to influence their environments with the Gospel.

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## **Weekend #19**

### **Women's Team is Announced**

**Rectora:** Valerie Parker

**Head Cha:** Norma Wolz

**Inside Cha:** Gail Voss

**Outside Cha:** Pam Schaefer

#### **Rollistas:**

Ideal: Kelly Casey

Laity: Lisa Whitener

Piety: Laurie Dunnette

Study: Diane Maertens

Apostolic Action: Ellie Newton

Leaders: Laurie Hensley

Environment: Elizabeth Day

Christian Community: Jennifer Krupp

Total Security: Valerie Parker

#### **Silent Professors:**

Yvonne Bingham-Twillmann

Linda Ortmann

Carol Maertens

Pam Statler

Kathy Ziebol

#### **Palanca Chapel:**

Marilyn Wardenburg, Cha

Sue Dunham

Ronda Daehnke

Dorothy Kaiser

Sandy Schuette

#### **4<sup>th</sup> Day Team:**

Kathy Carr, Cha

Pamela Moon

Lynn Schaeg

Barbara Watz

Stacey Koeller, part-time

#### **Music Team:**

Michelle Whitener, Cha

Pam Dake

Kathy Gilbert

JoAnn Haynes

Wanda Panic

Clare Zhao

#### **Spiritual Directors:**

Pastor MaryEtta Skinner

Pastor Ron Schuette

Pastor Andy Yount

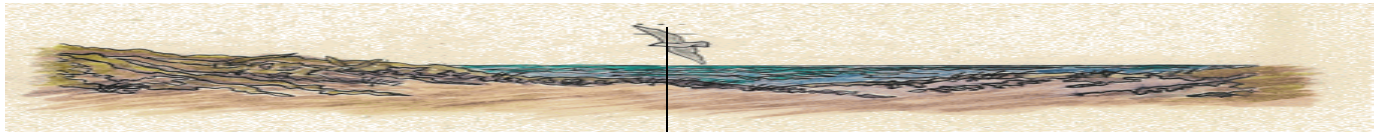
Pastor Bill Zanton

Ro Fesser, Diaconal Minister

Please pray for these ladies as they prepare for the Women's Weekend. Give them wisdom and strength to present an awesome weekend!

#### **Weekend #19 Theme Verse:**

*"Dear Children, do not love with words and tongue, but with actions and in truth." 1 John 3:18*



## 2012 Calendar

**September 30** – Ultreya – Our Lord's, Maryville, IL. Food for Fellowship: A-J Main Dist, K-S Salad, T-Z Dessert.

**October 18-21** – Weekend #19 – Women's – All of God's Children Camp, High Ridge, MO.

**November 11** – Ultreya – Hilltop Manor, Eureka, MO. Food for Fellowship: A-J Salad, K-S Dessert, T-Z Main Dish.

## 2013 Calendar

**Jan. 27** – Ultreya – Calvary Lutheran – Belleville, IL. Food for Fellowship: A-J Dessert, K-S Main Dish, T-Z Salad.

**April 18-21** – Weekend #20 – Men's – All of God's Children Camp, High Ridge, MO.

**October 17-20** – Weekend #21 – Women's – All of God's Children Camp, High Ridge, MO.

## 2012 National Lutheran Secretariat Annual Meeting

It was the morning of Wednesday, July 25, 2012 and a jet plane left St. Louis, Missouri for Denver Colorado. Along with me on that plane were three of my sisters in Christ: Carol Maertens, Sue Dunham, and Pam Statler as we embarked for the National Lutheran Secretariat Meeting. It was a glorious morning and the Spirit had an awesome experience awaiting us. Upon our arrival in Denver, the Colorado Via de Cristo team welcomed us with open arms and provided transportation (including totally accessible arrangements for Carol!) to Regis University. Wednesday was a day of acclimating ourselves to the Mile High City, meeting many of the participants who were arriving, and spending some wonderful time with Ro Fesser. National Lutheran Secretariat Mtg – Continued

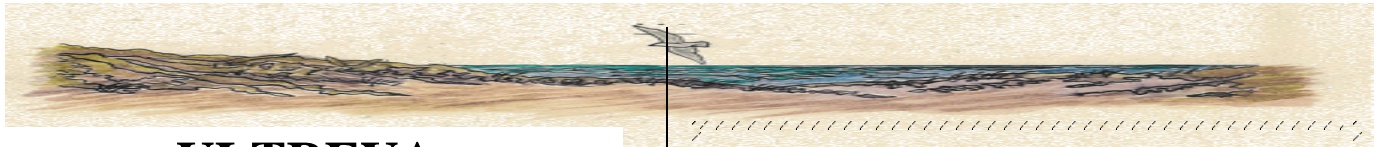
The Annual Meeting began on Thursday morning with an orientation followed by opening worship. All of the worship services throughout the weekend were filled with joyous praise, inspirational sermons, and a living breathing spirit of community that stirred our hearts and souls. Following the opening worship, Rev. Joe Nilsen gave the keynote address. The theme was: *It's not about the experience, it's about the journey.* Joe offered a challenge to all of us: "Refocus the energy from the weekend to the Fourth Day. We will not taste the full bounty of God's grace until we do the Fourth day as well as we do the weekend."

Three business meetings were held throughout the weekend that were very informative. It was a true honor to be the delegate for River's Edge and I had a great experience meeting so many people throughout the country and from our own region.

Three forums took place throughout the weekend: *Why Weekend Dynamics Work, Engaging Pastors, and Strengthening the 4<sup>th</sup> Day.* The regional meetings that were held provided great opportunities to be with others in our region and learn about their weekends, and also hear about their many triumphs and challenges. Every evening ended with vespers as we gathered to center ourselves once again on our gracious God and creator.

The Colorado Committee did an awesome job in hosting this event. I will forever remember this experience as it will continue to live on in my heart. I thank all of you for this opportunity. God loves you and so do I.

Peace,  
Diane Maertens



~~~ **ULTREYA** ~~~

**Sunday, September 30, 2012  
3:00 – 6:00 p.m.**

Everyone is invited – please come!!

Ultreya is a great way to meet and see friends in the Via de Cristo community

**Come help us continue to celebrate our 10 year anniversary!**

**Our Lord's Lutheran Church  
150 Wilma Drive  
Maryville, IL 62062  
(618) 345-5692**

We will end the day enjoying a potluck dinner. What will you bring?

If your last name begins with A-J bring Main Dish; K-S bring Salad; T-Z bring Dessert.

**From North St. Louis County:** Take Interstate 270 East into Illinois. Exit at IL-159 (Exit 12) and go RIGHT (South) toward Maryville approximately 3 miles. Turn RIGHT on Town Center Drive. Take 1st LEFT on Wilma Drive. Church will be on the Left. 150 Wilma Drive.

**From West or South St. Louis County:** Take Interstate 70 East into Illinois. Exit at IL-159 (Exit 15B) and go LEFT (North) toward Maryville approximately ½ mile. Turn LEFT on Town Center Drive. Take 1st LEFT on Wilma Drive. Church will be on the Left – 150 Wilma Drive.



**Keep Asking Women to go to the upcoming Weekend #19  
Pray, Ask, Pray again!  
Follow up with those you haven't heard back from!!**

**So far we have four weekender applications:**

**Sandy Glatz  
Kathleen Hyndman  
Sheilah Schoolcraft  
Christine Swan**

**Happy 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
River's Edge Via de Cristo!!**

