



# River's Edge Via de Cristo Newsletter

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## CONTAINING COSTS FOR OUR WEEKENDS

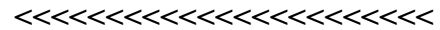
Where your home budget, and the REVDC budget are concerned, one thing is the same...things are costing more, and will continue to cost more. Your Secretariat is asking for God's guidance in deciding how to handle the REVDC budget for the future.

LaSalle, the most economically priced retreat center in the greater St. Louis area, continues to raise prices by 5% each year. Your Secretariat has decided that the cost of the weekend should not exceed \$150.00 for any weekender or team member.

So, what is the solution? While holding weekend cost at \$150.00, the Secretariat is going to apply for more matching grants through Thrivent. Financially, we can probably survive for the next 12 months if we have another successful "Gifts From the Heart" fundraiser in November 2008.

We discussed other fundraisers where people would have to donate a lot of time to help with an event that may only make a small amount of profit. The Secretariat feels it is easiest on everyone to just ask for donations from the whole REVDC Community in November. These dollars can multiply with the aid of Thrivent Matching Funds.

Budgets...they are difficult for all of us. Rest assured, your Secretariat is trying to do what is best for everyone in the Community and still keep our group financially sound.



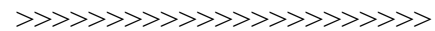
## NEXT ULTREYA

Sunday, April 13

3:00 – 6:00 pm

**Zion Lutheran Church**

**Ferguson, MO**



## **Weekenders...**

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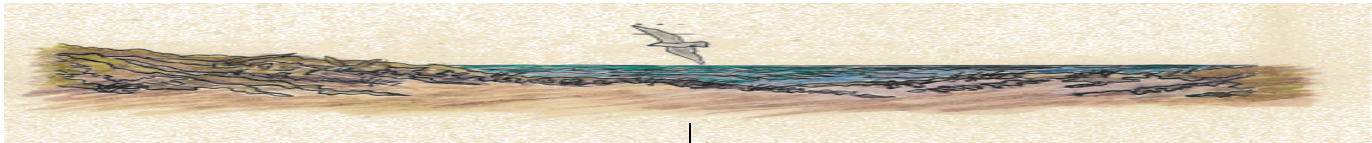
Tom Mengel

Kevin Wynn

Please pray for these men who have committed to attend the Men's Weekend #10 coming up May 1-4.

Obviously, we will need more men to make the weekend successful. Have you given thought to whom you can invite? Someone from your church, work, the gym, bowling team, golf friend...the possibilities can be endless. Just put on your thinking cap. We want to expand the community and the only way is to fill up each weekend. So, stop...take a minute...think about that special person...and give him a call.

**And, pray without ceasing...we need everyone to work together to have the very best weekend! Thanks!**



### 2008 Calendar...

April 13 – Ultreya, Zion, Ferguson, MO. Food for Fellowship: A-J Dessert, K-S Main Dish, T-Z Salad.

May 1-4 – Men’s Weekend #10 at LaSalle Retreat Center, Eureka, MO.

May 18 – Ultreya, Hilltop Manor, Eureka, MO. Food for Fellowship: A-J Main Dish, K-S Salad, T-Z Dessert.

August 24 – Ultreya, Zion, Ferguson, MO. Food for Fellowship: A-J Salad, K-S Dessert, T-Z Main Dish.

September 4-7 – Women’s Weekend #11 at LaSalle Retreat Center, Eureka, MO.

September 21 – Ultreya, Hilltop Manor, Eureka, MO

November 16 – Ultreya, Zion, Ferguson, MO

### 2009 Calendar...

January 11 -- Ultreya

April 30 – May 3 – Men’s Weekend #12 at LaSalle Retreat Center, Eureka, MO

October 29 – November 1 – Women’s Weekend #13 at LaSalle Retreat Center, Eureka, MO



*Our Lord has written the promise of the resurrection not in books alone, but in every leaf in springtime.*

*Martin Luther*

### REVDC Sponsors Orphan Boy

For over two years now, REVDC has sponsored Praveen, a young man who lives in an orphanage in India. At the orphanage, he is taught about Jesus, his regular studies and has a place to call home.

The Joy of Giving (J.O.G.) offerings that you give when attending Ultreyas go to pay for the \$30 per month sponsorship fee for Praveen.

Cindy Ball has written to Praveen at least three times and has sent pictures. Each time before she writes, she asks God for the right things to talk about in hopes that she will spark an interest in him to correspond. She is still waiting for a reply from Praveen.

Thank you for your faithful giving to J.O.G. You are a blessing to a young man in India.

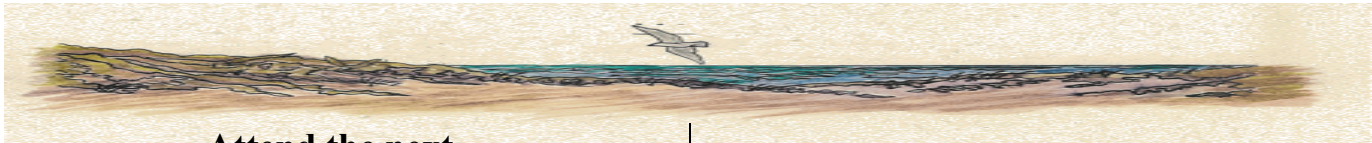
If you are not able to attend Ultreyas, but feel tugged at your heart to donate for this important and passionate cause, you may send your check to Wayne Ball, 1623 Timber Ridge Estates Drive, Wildwood, MO 63011. Thank you.



### Why Am I Here, Lord?

To participate in the Men’s Weekend #10. Everyone has a part...to be on the Team in one of several capacities...to Serenade...to attend the Closing...to Pray...to provide Palanca...to support the weekend from your heart...or, better yet, in person!





**Attend the next  
Ultreya  
Sunday, April 13**

Zion Lutheran Church Upper Rom  
Ferguson, MO  
3:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Food to Share: A-J Dessert, K-S Main Dish,  
T-Z Salad **(Note the change in letters)**

Bring: Pilgrim’s Guide, Name Tag, Plate,  
Napkin, Silverware, Drink, and  
Wear Your Cross

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**Our Theme is “The Seven Ups”**

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(Zion Lutheran Church is located at 123 Carson Road, Ferguson, MO. From the West: take Hwy 270 North to I-70 East. Exit 240 AB Florissant Road. Turn left on Florissant Road and travel approximately 1.7 miles. Look for the railroad track above Florissant Road and turn left on Carson Road right before the railroad track. Go one long block; turn right on Clark Street to Zion’s parking lot. From Illinois: take I-270 West. Exit 27 South. Turn left on Florissant Road and travel approximately 2 miles. Look for the railroad track make a right turn immediately under the track on Carson Road. Go one long block; turn right on Clark Street to Zion’s parking lot.)

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**Blessed is the one who is too busy  
to worry in the daytime and too  
sleepy to worry at night.**

*Do not be anxious about anything...*

*Philippians 4:6 NIV*

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**Applications for Men’s  
Weekend – May 1-4**

Applications may be found on line:  
[www.riversedgevdc.org](http://www.riversedgevdc.org) and submitted on line.

Or, contact Ellie Newton-Rivero for a copy:  
[erivero@hdp.com](mailto:erivero@hdp.com). Then sponsors may mail the  
completed applications and \$150 registration fee  
to Ellie.

**PLEASE NOTE:** We have a new procedure  
for processing paper applications. They are to  
be mailed to: Ellie Newton-Rivero at 711  
Broadridge Lane, St. Peters, MO 63376.

*How can there be so much  
difference between a day off...and  
an off day?*

This is the day that the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Psalm 118:24 NIV

**Men’s Weekend #10 is Just  
Around the Corner!**

**Questions? Want to volunteer?  
Suggestions?**

Contact Rector Wayne Ball, 1623 Timber Ridge  
Estates Drive, Wildwood, MO 63011. Or call  
636-458-3222 or email [wball01@charter.net](mailto:wball01@charter.net).



# News From Your Secretariat

Much news is shared at the Secretariat Meetings. There are items brought to Secretariat and votes taken. We'd like to share this information with you each month.

## **Bring your children to Ultreya.**

Are you staying away from Ultreyas?

Don't know what to do with your children?

When a child reaches the age of 14, he/she may meet with the community for the Ultreya. All children under the age of 14 will stay with the babysitter during the Ultreya. Children who are 12 and 13 years of age may act as assistants for the babysitter. Parents must RSVP a minimum of 3 days in advance so that an ample number of sitters can be available. Contact Bob Wardenburg if you need babysitting...636-394-3422 or [r\\_wardenburg@sbcglobal.net](mailto:r_wardenburg@sbcglobal.net).

**PLAN TO ATTEND THE NEXT  
ULTREYA!!**

The Secretariat would like everyone to know that equipment and items that are the property of REVDC may only be used during weekends, training meetings and at Ultreyas. These items are not for use by individual members of the REVDC Community.

## **Women Are Needed**

Even though it is the men's weekend, women can play a part, too.

Men's Weekend #10 is coming very soon. May 1-4 at LaSalle Retreat Center, Eureka.

## **Women Can Pray –**

Contact Lynn Schaege, Prayer List Coordinator to sign up to pray from 8:00 am Saturday, May 3 through 5:30 pm Sunday, May 4. Lynn may be reached at 636-537-4897 or [kev.lynschaeg@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kev.lynschaeg@sbcglobal.net).

Ruth Green may be called to sign up for 7:00 pm Thursday, May 1 through 7:00 am Saturday, May 3. Ruth may be reached at 314-381-7782.

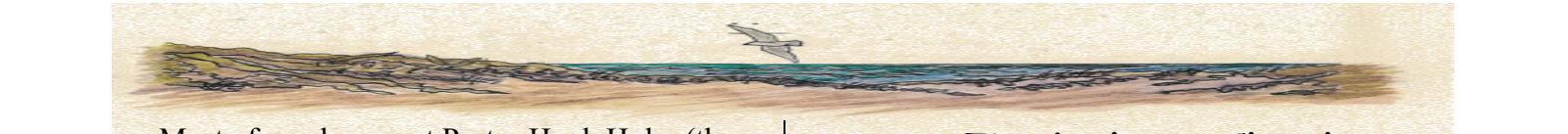
We need many, many prayer warriors!!

## **Call to Women...**

Don't forget the Serenade for Men's Weekend #10 on Saturday, May 3 and the Closing on Sunday, May 4. It is so important to have community support for these special events! Remember your weekend? Wasn't the serenade special? And, don't you remember how touching the closing is? Please plan to come. More details will follow - but, right now, mark your calendars!



**Good Luck, Pastor Hugh!**



Most of you have met Pastor Hugh Holm (the Sacraments Rollo) who served at Faith Lutheran Church in O'Fallon, IL. He served our River's Edge VDC Community faithfully for several years.

He took early retirement, in part because of health issues. Through some seemingly almost miraculous circumstances, he was nominated for a call. This led to an interview, leading worship and preaching for the call committee on Sunday, March 9, 2008. He received and has accepted a call from Water of Life Lutheran Church in Newcastle, Maine to be their pastor beginning in July 2008. Water of Life is a relatively small "family type" congregation (average attendance around 70) that has been vacant for two years. It has just one worship service on Sunday (and is not much more than 20 miles from our daughter and son-in-law and new granddaughter's home in Booth Bay, Maine). While he will be their full-time pastor, they do not require the level of demand or care that he had at Faith Lutheran Church. While they cannot afford a typical pastor of his experience, because he is receiving some retirement benefits, it all works together quite nicely to each of their benefits. He will be moving there when his home in O'Fallon sells or July 1<sup>st</sup>, whichever comes first.

He and his wife are excited about this new opportunity to grow and serve, but are definitely sad to leave so many of you with whom they have worked in O'Fallon, and in the Central Southern Illinois Synod, Metro Coalition, and REVDC.

Good Luck, Pastor Hugh!

**See you at Ultreya!**

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**Is the Best Community!!**

Let's work together to make the Men's  
Weekend #10 fantastic!!

How will you help?

**Remember, God Loves You...**

**And So Do I!!**