



# River's Edge Via de Cristo

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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**Let everything  
that has breath  
praise the Lord.  
Praise ye the  
Lord.**

~Psalm 150:6

## Lay Director's Message

*John 10:27 "My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me."*

This verse was part of the gospel reading for April 17th. The children were asked to identify the voice of their parent or grandparent from the voices of others. Of course, it was easy for the children to identify which voice was that of their loved one. Each child has heard that voice many times and has a deep and loving relationship with that person.

How about you? Can you identify the voice of Jesus? Jesus speaks to us in various ways....in the Word, Sacraments, and through Christian friends. You can be the voice of Jesus when you invite someone to a weekend retreat. It's all in God's time but pilgrims cannot come unless they have been invited.

Will you be the voice of Jesus inviting your friend? Read more about our upcoming weekend! Pray that the Holy Spirit would guide you to invite those who desire a deeper relationship with their Savior. Hmm....doesn't that sound like piety??

God loves you and so do I!

~Gail Voss, Lay Director

# National Message

It blows me away to think about how far God's plan has come since He put Edwardo Bonnine in contact with **people**; and in a **place** that required a special **project** to get his work done. When the Lord pulls these things together He is just waiting for us to respond with, "*I hear you God. Use me!*". It's my prayer for each of you that you take time to think about **people, places, and projects** God has placed before you. As you do so, please ask yourself, "Was this more than a coincidence or is God trying to use me in some way?"

God loves you and so do I,

~Steve Gielda, President, National Lutheran Secretariat

# National Gathering



The gathering will be held July 21-24 at Lourdes University in Sylvania, OH. The gathering is hosted by Good News VdC and VdC of Ohio. We need a volunteer to serve as a lay delegate for the meeting. Gail Voss and Carolynn Henning are going and other Lay and Clergy are also welcome to attend. Participation in a National Gathering will give you a bigger picture of this ministry and give you opportunities to worship and witness God at work. It's not too late! Want to join us? Contact Gail Voss at [gv.revdc@yahoo.com](mailto:gv.revdc@yahoo.com) or call 314-522-3842.

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## Rivers Edge Via de Cristo

Rivers Edge Via de Cristo is the local secretariat serving residents of eastern Missouri and western Illinois. Come join us in our walk with Christ!

Website: [www.riversedgevdc.org](http://www.riversedgevdc.org)

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Please join our closed group Facebook Page: [Rivers Edge VdC](#)

Are you Grouping?

Are you sharing  
Christ's love?

Are you serving in  
your church?

Remember, Christ is  
counting on you!



## Other Weekends to Pray

Date	Type	Secretariat
04/21	W 92	Gold Coast VdC
04/21	C 5	Heart of Illinois VdC
04/21	C 14	VdC of Western Washington
4/28	C 30	Atlanta Lutheran VdC
5/12	M 66	Sonbeam VdC
5/19	W 66	Sonbeam VdC
5/19	MX 42	Western North Carolina VdC
6/9	M 636	Minnesota VdC-Metro MN
6/16	W 637	Minnesota VdC-Metro MN

Lord God, You have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us: through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen. LCMC-LW pg 262





But they that  
wait upon the  
Lord shall  
renew their  
strength; they  
shall mount up  
with wings as  
eagles; they  
shall run, and  
not be weary;  
and they shall  
walk, and not  
faint.

~Isaiah 40:31

# Weekend #25 Update

Please be praying for who to ask to attend the weekend. We have a few pilgrims already signed up. We need to be diligent and humble in our prayers to ask God to lead us.

It's not too late to ask someone to attend a weekend that could truly change their life! The application is on the website: [www.riversedgevdc.com](http://www.riversedgevdc.com). Look for men to invite. Wouldn't it be great to have as many men as women attend the weekend?

## Rectora's Message

*Scripture Verse for the weekend:*

***Ephesians 6:11 "Put on all the armor that God gives you, so that you will be able to stand up against the devil's evil tricks."***

If your heart is telling you that you may like to serve, please contact me at (314) 438-8523. We still have team positions open on the team! Or you could commit to coming to the Serenade on Saturday or the Closing Service on Sunday.

The first training session is Saturday, April 30th at Zion Lutheran Church from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM. The second training session is on May 21st. Please consider joining us for this amazing opportunity to minister to fellow brothers and sisters in Christ.

~Kathy Carr, Rectora, Weekend #25

## IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

"Weekend #26 is Being Planned as a Women's Weekend"  
February 23-26, 2017 at All God's Children Camp in High Ridge.  
Mark your calendars and start inviting now! It's never too early!



# 2016 Calendar of Events

- April 30 - Training #1 for Weekend #24 9:00am-3:00pm at **Zion**
- May 21 - Training #2 for Weekend #24 9:00am-3:00pm at **LCLC**
- June 9-12 - VdC Weekend #24 CO-ED at **AGCC**
- June 25 - Family Summer Picnic 12:00pm-4:00pm at **LCLC**
- July 21-24 - Via de Cristo National Gathering at Lourdes University, Sylvania, OH
- September 18 - Ultreya 3:00pm-6:00pm at **Hilltop**  
A-J Dessert K-S Main Dish T-Z Salad/Side Dish
- November 13 - Ultreya 3:00pm-6:00pm at **Calvary**  
A-J Main Dish K-S Salad/Side Dish T-Z Dessert

## Location Key

**AGCC**-All God's Children Camp, 5919 Antire Rd.; High Ridge, MO

**Calvary**-Calvary Lutheran Church, 6606 West Main St.; Belleville, IL

**CCv'S**-Congregation Chai v'Shalom, 6327 Clayton Ave.; St. Louis, MO

**Hilltop**-Hilltop Manor, 11 Hilltop Village Center Dr.; Eureka, MO

**LCLC**-Lutheran Church of the Living Christ, 2725 Concord Dr.; Florissant, MO

**TBD**-To Be Determined

**Zion**-Zion Lutheran Church, 123 Carson Rd.; Ferguson, MO



## Family Picnic

# Family Summer Picnic

Our third annual Family Summer Picnic is right after Weekend #25 on June 25th. What better way could we have to welcome our new pilgrims and their families to our River's Edge community? Last year we gathered for creative games with friendly competition, fantastic food, and fabulous fellowship. Don't miss being part of it!