

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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Greetings to the River's Edge VDC Community!!

I just wanted to let you know that I attended the 2010 National Lutheran Secretariat Annual Meeting in St. Paul, Minnesota from Thursday, July 22nd through Sunday, July 25th. It was graciously hosted by the Minnesota VdC communities.

I want to tell you it was an amazing and uplifting experience! There were almost 200 people in attendance and 37 individual communities were represented. It was a lot of fun to meet and share with people who are serving in their VdC communities all over the country. There were breakout sessions and small group times during the weekend that allowed the sharing of ideas. There were also two regional meetings so I got to meet with people from VdC communities in Illinois, Indiana and Kentucky which was very informative. We talked about having a regional "Grand" Ultreya where all of the Midwest communities would meet together for an Ultreya. We also talked about helping each other by serving on weekend teams for other communities and sharing prayer vigil information.

In addition to the breakout session, small groups, and regional meetings, there was worship twice each day, a keynote speaker (Bishop Herbert Chilstrom), two 4th Day talks, Stations of the Cross, an Agape Meal, and oh yes, the Annual Meeting for the National Lutheran Secretariat (NLS) which included electing new officers. Check out the NLS

website if you'd like to see the daily newsletter they produced and handed out during the weekend.

<http://www.viadecristo.org/default.htm>. I gained a true appreciation for all the volunteer work being done at the national level for Via de Cristo. Our community is truly supported by many more people than we see or hear about.

I wholeheartedly encourage everyone to consider going to a National Lutheran Secretariat Annual Meeting sometime. It is truly an informative and fun experience. Next year the meeting will be July 28th-31st, 2011 in Charlotte, NC. Anyone is invited to attend.

Pam Statler, Lay Director

ULTREYA

Sunday, September 12

3:00 – 6:00 pm

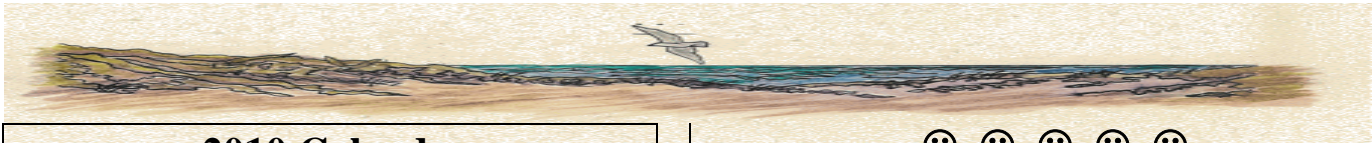
Hilltop Manor, Eureka, MO

What will you bring?

**A-J Main Dish, K-S Salad, T-Z Dessert
Your Pilgrim's Guide, Name Tag, Drink,
Plate and Silverware and Napkin.**

Join Community...Enjoy Ultreya!

See you September 12!!



2010 Calendar...

September 12 – Ultreya, Hilltop Manor, Eureka, MO. Food for Fellowship: A-J Main Dish, K-S Salad, T-Z Dessert.

October 17 – Ultreya, Zion, Ferguson, MO. Food for Fellowship: A-J Salad, K-S Dessert, T-Z Main Dish.

November 4-7 – Weekend #15 – Women’s – at All of God’s Children Camp, High Ridge, MO. * NOTE CHANGE *****

November 21 – Ultreya, Hilltop Manor, Eureka, MO. Food for Fellowship: A-J Dessert, K-S Main Dish, T-Z Salad.



2011 Calendar...

January 16 – Ultreya, Zion, Ferguson, MO. Food for Fellowship: A-J Main Dish, K-S Salad, T-Z Dessert.

March 10-13 – Weekend #16 – Men’s – All of God’s Children Camp, High Ridge, MO.

October 13-16 – Weekend #17 – Women’s – All of God’s Children Camp, High Ridge, MO.

This is the day
which the Lord has made;
We will rejoice and
be glad in it.
Psalm 118:24

Weekend #15 – Women’s

is fast approaching. How would you like to serve on the weekend? Contact Penny Kammeier 314-229-9744.

Weekend #15 – Women’s will be the maiden voyage at All of God’s Children Camp. Join us!



CHANGE FOR ALL THE RIVER’S EDGE VdC WEEKENDS

All of God’s Children Camp

will be the new location.

The camp is located at

5919 Antire Road

High Ridge, MO 63049

The facility is about three years old, state of the art. The building is in the shape of a cross, very cool. Completely handicap accessible, YEAH! This is a very exciting move, an adjustment to be sure, but exciting! The cost is \$150 per person for the weekend. Specific directions will be coming later. Their website is WWW.ALLOGODSCHILDRENCAMP.ORG. Check it out!! It’s awesome with the presence of the Holy Spirit everywhere! WOW!



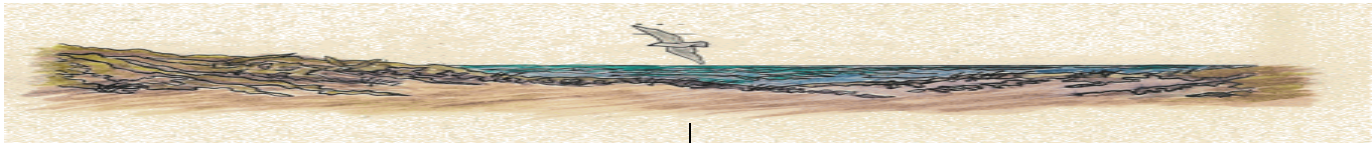
“For me, the Bible isn’t a book of rules; it’s a voyage of self-discovery.”

Channing Frye, professional basketball player

Prayer Requests

When you have a prayer request, you may now send it to Valerie Parker, our Communications Director. Her email is dashdixie7747@sbcglobal.net.





Thanksgiving Blessings for 2010!

Mid North St. Louis County MO Chapter of Thrivent Financial has already approved an \$800 match for River's Edge Via de Cristo 2010 Thanksgiving Blessings Fund Raiser. You may begin making donations for the River's Edge Via de Cristo Thanksgiving Blessings now. Mark the legend on your check "Thanksgiving Blessings" and bring to an Ultreya or mail to Penny Kammeier, 1209 Haley Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63121.

The Thanksgiving Blessings fund raiser must be completed by the middle of November so paperwork may be processed in a timely fashion. We need to raise \$1600 in order to receive the \$800 match.

Dig deep into your heart and checkbook and make a pledge to help REVDC. Thanks!

Ultreya...
The next Ultreya will be
Sunday, September 12



Women Needed...

Applications are available for the Women's Weekend:

www.riversedgevdc.org

or from Lay Director Pam Statler @ 314-921-8077 or pstatler@charter.net.

WE WILL BE NEEDING WOMEN FOR THE WEEKEND. WHO WILL YOU ASK TO ATTEND? BEGIN PRAYING FOR JUST THE RIGHT WOMEN TO ATTEND THE WEEKEND.

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A Little History of Via de Cristo

The movement originated as "Cursillo" in the late 1940's in the Spanish Catholic church and moved to America in the late 1950's. It began in the Lutheran church when laymen and clergy attended a Catholic Cursillo in 1971, both in Iowa and in Florida. The first Lutheran sponsored weekends were held in 1972 in both Iowa and Florida and have now been held in over 15 states and some foreign countries. Via de Cristo is the Lutheran expression of the Cursillo method which is currently being used in many denominations including Episcopal, Methodist, Presbyterian, and Reformed churches.

The name "Via de Cristo" was adopted by the Lutheran Community in February 1986.

"God has unlimited anytime minutes."
Seen on a church sign in Smithfield,
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