



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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SECRETARIAT MEMBERS

Lay Director

Gail Voss

Spiritual Director

Pr. Krista Stokke

Secretary

Jennifer Krupp

Treasurer

Sue Dunham

Music Director

Michelle Whitener

Weekend Director

Diane Maertens

Communications Director

Elizabeth Evans

Palanca Director

Carol Maertens

Physical Arrangements Dir.

Kathy Carr

Secretariat Elections

Results of Secretariat elections were announced at the January Ultreya at Hilltop Manor in Eureka:

Lay Director: Gail Voss (2nd term)

Treasurer: Sue Dunham (1st term)

Weekend Director: Diane Maertens (2nd term)

Palanca Director: Carol Maertens (1st term)

Later this year the following positions will be open for election: Spiritual Director, Secretary, Music Director, Communications Director, and Physical Arrangements Director.

Is God calling you to serve the community by serving on the Secretariat? Listen for God's voice!

Lay Director's Message

Do you remember the "little green card" you received on your weekend? It is the "Balanced Weekly Plan for Growing in God's Grace". It helps us review our piety, study and action with our reunion group so that we continue to grow in God's grace.

When our group met recently we identified obstacles and then we challenged each other to do one thing. That one thing was to actually read the scripture verses given for our daily devotion. This isn't the focus verse printed at the top... this is the invitation to open the Bible and read it and spend some time letting God speak to us through those words. One of those verses is quoted to the left below.

As Lent has just begun, let it be an opportunity for you to give up time for one activity so that you can take on a new practice... do one thing... like spend time with the God who drew closer to you on your weekend. He wants you! He is your rock and salvation so that you will never be shaken!

~Gail Voss, Lay Director

**God alone is my
rock and my
salvation, my
stronghold, so
that I will never
be shaken.**

~Psalm 62:6

National Gathering



“The Living Water Via de Cristo is honored to be your host secretariat for the 2015 National Via de Cristo Secretariat Gathering in Rock Island, IL. We have secured the historic Augustana College on July 23-26 as the site of this event. Rock Island is part of a community known as the Quad Cities. Nestled along the banks of the Mississippi River,

this cozy cluster of Iowa and Illinois cities is centrally located in our nation’s Heartland making the Quad Cities an easy drive for many.

We have chosen “Gather at the River: Centered in Christ” as this year’s theme. The Mississippi River is the lifeblood of the Quad Cities and it’s here you’ll find the only east and west route along the river. We sincerely hope that you will join us in Christian community to be refreshed and rejuvenated. You’ll leave this year’s gathering equipped to evangelize your environment with God's grace and forgiveness.”

(from Conexiones: Official Publication of the National Lutheran Secretariat. VdC)

River’s Edge needs a lay delegate to attend the National Gathering! You will be blessed to represent us and your registration fees are paid by our secretariat. I was blessed in ways I didn’t anticipate. (But we aren’t supposed to anticipate... right?) To volunteer or to ask questions, please contact Gail Voss at gv.revdc@yahoo.com or 314-522-3842.

Did you recently move, get a new email address, cancel your home phone, or get a new cell phone number? Please let us know if you need to update any of your contact information. Communications Director Elizabeth Evans would be happy to take care of your changes. 314-306-4615 or esevans630@charter.net.

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

Prayer Request Email: prayer@riversedgevdc.org

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 For

Date	Type	Secretariat
02/25	M 91	Wisconsin Sunrise VdC
03/05	W 92	Wisconsin Sunrise VdC
03/19	M 90	Gold Coast VdC FL
03/19	M 46	Lighthouse VdC FL
03/19	C 23	Light in the Desert VdC NV
03/26	W46	Lighthouse VdC FL
04/09	C 34	A-OK VdC AR/OK
04/16	W 90	Gold Coast VdC FL
04/23	M 74	VdC of OH
04/23	MX 17	Notes of Grace VdC TN
04/23	C 13	VdC of Western Washington
04/30	M 620	Minnesota VdC-Northern MN
05/07	W 621	Minnesota VdC-Northern MN
05/14	M 64	Sonbeam VdC FL
05/14	W 78	VdC of Ohio
05/23	W 64	Sonbeam VdC FL
06/04	M 622	Minnesota VdC-Metro MN
06/11	W 623	Minnesota VdC-Metro MN
06/25	C 23	River's Edge VdC MO/IL
10/15	C 35	A-OK VdC AR/OK
10/15	C 36	S Arizona Lutheran VdC
10/15	C 24	Light in the Desert VdC NV
10/15	C 11	Wisconsin Sunrise VdC





The steadfast
love of the Lord
never stops, His
mercies never
come to an end;
they are new
every morning,
great is God's
faithfulness.
~Lamentations
3:22-23

Weekend #23 Update

God is faithful indeed!!! River's Edge ventured in faith to move the scheduled Spring 2015 co-ed weekend to its first Summer weekend. The only weekend available at All God's Children Camp was Father's Day weekend. We said, "YES", recognizing the challenges involved!

In January, Carlene from All God's Children Camp notified us that she had a cancellation and the weekend following Father's Day was available. Praise God!! He made a way where we couldn't see one!

Weekend #23 is now June 25-28, the week AFTER Father's Day.

EVERYONE who is interested in serving on team should complete a team application as soon as possible. You may submit the application at our website www.riversedgevdc.org or request a paper application from any secretariat member (see page 1 of newsletter for the names). Thank you to all those who have already submitted their applications!!

The verse I have chosen for Weekend #23 is John 15:5,

"I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."

Pray first, last, and always.

Please continue to pray for the entire leadership team as we work diligently to bring the team together.

And speaking of the weekend, let's give many people the gift of Via de Cristo and invite them to make a weekend. Applications for weekenders are also available at the website. **Who will you sponsor?**

~Elizabeth Evans, Rectora Weekend #23

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

"Fall Women's Weekend Planned"

Weekend #24 will be October 22-25, 2015 at All God's Children Camp in High Ridge and will be a women's weekend. Check your calendars and start inviting now! It's never too early! More information will follow.



2015 Calendar of Events

- March 7 - Secretariat Meeting 10:00am at CCv'S
- March 29 - Seder Meal 3:00pm-6:00pm at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 12345 Manchester Rd.; Des Peres, MO
- April 26 - Ultreya 3:00pm-6:00pm at **Zion**
A-J Salad/Side Dish K-S Dessert T-Z Main Dish
- May 30 - Training #1 for Weekend #23 9:00am-3:00pm at **LCLC**
- June 13 - Training #2 for Weekend #23 9:00am-3:00pm at **Calvary**
- June 25-28 - VdC Weekend #23 at **AGCC**
- July 11 - Ultreya Picnic Time & Location TBD
- July 23-26 - Via de Cristo National Gathering at Augustana College, 639 38th St.; Rock Island, IL
- August 30 - Ultreya 3:00pm-6:00pm at **Hilltop**
A-J Dessert K-S Main Dish T-Z Salad/Side Dish
- September 26 - Training #1 for Weekend #24 9:00am-3:00pm at **Calvary**
- October 10 - Training #2 for Weekend #24 9:00am-3:00pm at **Zion**
- October 22-25 - VdC Weekend #24 at **AGCC**
- November 8 - Ultreya 3:00pm-6:00pm Location TBD

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

Thanks for the Thanksgiving Offering

At the November 2014 Ultreya held at Calvary, Belleville the community was invited to give thanks for blessings we have received from God through Via de Cristo. At our January secretariat meeting outgoing treasurer, Sandy Schuette reported that River's Edge members generously responded with gifts totaling \$525.00. Additionally, Pastor Ron Schuette contacted a representative from Thrivent Financial and secured an Action Grant of \$400.00. These funds will permit us to send a lay delegate to the National Gathering and pay our dues (based on the number of weekends we hold) to National Lutheran Secretariat. Thank you River's Edge and thank you, Pastor Ron.