

# River's Edge Via de Cristo Newsletter

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## *Ultreya!*

The Ultreya is a wonderful time of fellowship and sharing with family members of our River's Edge Via de Cristo community. We laugh together, sing together, and share prayer concerns with each other. We study God's Word and feel open to share with each other what that word means to us and in our lives.

At the January Ultreya, we talked about the New Year and New Beginnings. We discussed what it meant to start anew with Jesus as our Light, *the Light of the World*. Following is a list of thoughts that we shared with each other as we lit a candle for each. You may want to use this in your time of meditation, daily devotion, or an addition to your prayer list.

- Light of the Lord -- "*...bring clear oil of pressed olives for the light so that the lamps may be kept burning. ...keep the lamps burning before the Lord from evening to morning as a lasting ordinance...for generations to come.*" Ex 27:20-21

*"Through Him all things were made...In Him was life, and that life was the light of men."* John 1"3-4

- Light of Faith – "*In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.*" Matthew 5:16

- Light of Direction – "*Whoever loves his brother lives in the light, and there is nothing in him to make him stumble.*" 1 John 2:10
- Light for Purpose/Intention – "*Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.*" Colossians 4:5-6
- Light of Fire Under the People – "*When God brings His firstborn into the world, He says, 'Let all God's angels worship Him.' In speaking of the angels He says, 'He makes His angels winds, and His servants flames of fire.'*" Hebrews 1:6-7
- Light for Peace/Harmony – "*Peacemakers who sow in peace raise a harvest of righteousness.*" James 3:18

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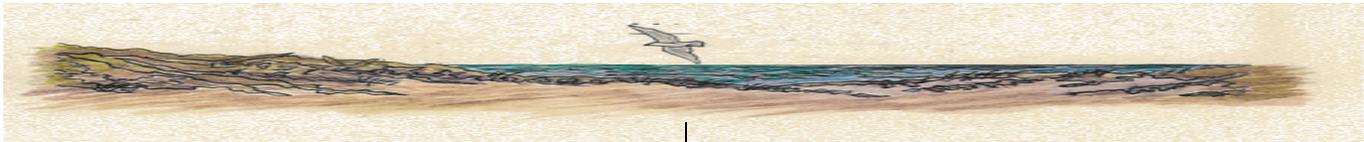
## **NEXT ULTREYA**

Sunday, March 9

3:00 – 6:00 pm

Hilltop Manor

Eureka, MO



## 2008 Calendar...

March 9 – Ultreya, Hilltop Manor, Eureka, MO. Food for Fellowship: A-J Salad, K-S Dessert, T-Z Main Dish. **(Note the change in letters.)**

March 28-29 – Training weekend for Men’s Weekend #10. Hilltop Manor Multipurpose Room, Eureka, MO

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



## The Big Picture

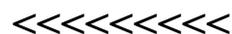
Ever wonder how many Secretariats and Via de Cristo communities there are in the USA?

Well, not every state has a VDC community and some have two or more. Take a look at the list published by the National Via de Cristo office.

The following states have one Secretariat: Arkansas/Oklahoma combined, Colorado, Georgia, Indiana/Kentucky combined, Iowa, Kansas, Louisiana, Maryland, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nevada, New York, Ohio, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Utah, Virginia, Washington, and Wisconsin.

And, these states boast more than one Secretariat: Arizona (2), California (3), Florida (7), Illinois (5), Michigan (2), North Carolina (2), and Texas (2).

Members of the VDC communities from all of these states will meet at the **2008 National VDC Meeting held in Phoenix from July 24-27 at Grand Canyon University**. An air-conditioned room, lodging, and meals are \$170.00 per person based on double occupancy. This year’s theme is “A Servanthood to Our Lord, Jesus Christ.” Consider attending. Applications are available from: [rwardenburg@sbcglobal.net](mailto:rwardenburg@sbcglobal.net).

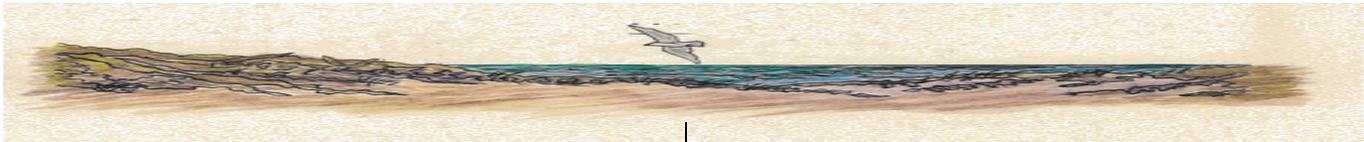


## Why Am I Here, Lord?

To pray for the overall success of Men’s Weekend #10. To pray for meaningful rollos. To pray for Rector Wayne Ball and the Team. To pray for men to come to the Weekend.



**May your Lenten Journey be steady these 40 days to Easter and Jesus Christ’s Resurrection.**



**Attend the next  
Ultreya  
Sunday, March 9**

Hill Top Manor Multi-Purpose Room  
Eureka, MO  
3:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Food to Share: A-J Salad, K-S Dessert,  
T-Z Main Dish **(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 Cross”**

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**To Hilltop Manor Apartments**

**Directions for Non Handicapped Folks:**

I-270 to I-44 West. Exit #264 (Highway 109/Eureka Exit). As you exit get in the SECOND line from the right (5<sup>th</sup> Street). Turn RIGHT (you will be in the 5<sup>th</sup> Street LEFT TURN lane). After turning LEFT on 5<sup>th</sup> Street, go 5/10 miles. At the second stop light, turn RIGHT on Meramac (a divided street). Continue until you see ST. MARK’S LUTHERAN on your LEFT. PARK on the far left side of St. Mark’s parking lot. See Via de Cristo SIGN. Follow sidewalk down the hill to Hilltop Manor Apartment Complex. Enter through back door.

**Directions for Limited Mobility Folks:**

I-270 to I-44 West. Exit #264 (Highway 109/Eureka Exit). As you exit get in the SECOND line from the right (5<sup>th</sup> Street). Turn RIGHT (you will be in the 5<sup>th</sup> Street LEFT TURN lane). After turning LEFT on 5<sup>th</sup> Street, go 7/10 miles (going through 2 stop lights).

Turn RIGHT into the McDonald’s Parking lot. Drive straight ahead through Center Drive and pull into the lot of Hilltop Manor Apartments. Keep to the RIGHT of the building and go around back. Park in the “employee parking” area. Enter through the back door.

**Men’s Weekend #10  
Servant Team Status**

22 Men are committed to the Servant Team as of February 23, 2008! Praise God!! We still need a couple of Rollistas to complete our needs. Please pray that God will provide the additional needed help ... as well as weekenders!

**Men’s Weekend #10 Training**

Training will be Friday evening, March 28 and Saturday, March 29, 2008. It will be held at the Hilltop Manor Multi-Purpose Room in Eureka, MO. (Directions elsewhere in this newsletter.) All team members should plan to attend. Details will be sent out by the end of February.

Can you help with the training lunch on Saturday? Call Cindy Ball @ 636-458-3222 to volunteer. Can you bring something to eat? How about help with set up or clean up?

Everyone in community is asked to keep the team in prayer during the training that God will guide the men with just the right words to share in rollos and enthusiasm for the whole team!

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**I thank my God every time I  
remember you. Philippians 1:3 NIV**

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## Applications for Men's Weekend

The Men's Weekend is not far off – 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 \$145 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.

## Questions for Men's Weekend? Or to volunteer...

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).

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*And this is the testimony:*

*God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God so that you may know that you have eternal life.*

*1 John 5:11-13 NIV*  
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# 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.

A new Power Point projector was purchased with funds from the Thanksgiving 2007 Matching Campaign Funds. The remaining funds of the \$1500 raised were used as a deposit for LaSalle for the #10 Men's Weekend. (LaSalle has raised their deposit from \$500 to \$600 per weekend.)

Discussions were centered around growing River's Edge VDC Community and ways to curb weekenders from becoming inactive. No conclusions were reached. Discussion will be continued.

**See you at Ultreya!  
Hilltop Manor - Eureka**

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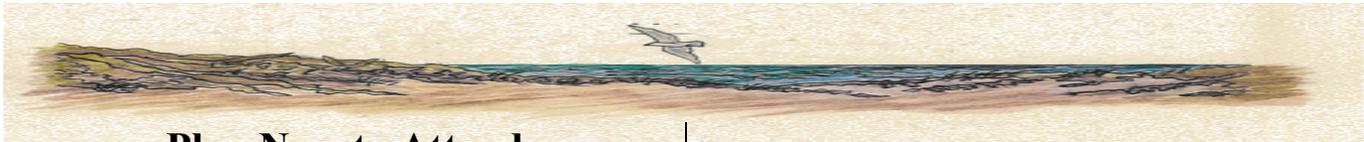
**" The Cross "**

**Food to Share:**

**A-J Salad**

**K-S Dessert**

**T-Z Main Dish**



## Plan Now to Attend

### The National Ultreya

The Cursillistas of the Lutheran Cursillo Movement of Arizona and Southern Arizona Via de Cristo invite you to attend the National Lutheran Secretariat Annual Meeting at Grand Canyon University in Phoenix, **July 24-27, 2008**. Explore with us the gift of God as our spiritual leaders develop the theme verse, 2 Timothy 6:1, during our morning and evening worship services. Attend seminars planned by the National Secretariat to expand your leadership skills, along with region to region sessions designed to share resources and information. Relax in the evenings as local Christian bands share Christ's love through song. Enjoy the fun and merriment as the puppets seen during last summer's invitational skit show their cute little food faces, along with a few new puppet faces throughout the weekend.

At Grand Canyon, a small, centrally located University about twenty five minutes from Sky Harbor Airport, you will find all the comforts of a four star hotel. The double occupancy, air conditioned, dorm rooms share a bath and sitting room suite. Bring your swimsuit, and relax in the campus pool at the days end! Do you like to work out? Well, you can do that in our Student Union's fitness center which has state of the art treadmills, and other work out equipment. Catch up with the national news on the fitness center's overhead TV's while you work out. Then, stop off next door and unwind at the Student Union's coffee shop which is open into the late evening hours. Check your email anytime during the day from our computer lab which will be open to all. While there, you can check out local tourist websites and plan your after meeting site seeing excursions.

Payment and Fees include:

Meals, Housing, NLS Annual Meeting materials from Thursday noon through Sunday 11:00 am.

**\$170.00 Registration per person for NLS Annual Meeting 2008.**

Double Room Registration – Roommate requested \_\_\_\_\_

Single Room: Additional \$60 (\$20 per day).  
Extra night Wednesday: double \$15, single \$30.

Extra dinner Wednesday: add \$10. Dining Hall closes at 6:30 pm.

Extra breakfast Thursday only: add \$5.  
Dining Hall hours 7:30 – 9:30 am.

T-Shirt: Specify size and color.

*Late fee of \$25.00 if postmarked after June 1, 2008.*

Make all checks payable to **LCMA 2008**

You may download a registration form at:

<http://www.viadecristo.org/newsletter/2008/vol26-1.pdf>

