

# River's Edge Via de Cristo Newsletter

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## An Excerpt from the National VDC Newsletter

Closings are an essential part of the weekend, because it is the real "send off" back into the world. Our Via de Cristo movement touches the whole church and inspires leaders all across the nation. It is encouraging to me to know that so many are prepared to enter their 4<sup>th</sup> day equipped to serve our Lord. Can I challenge you to think on the meaning and purpose of the 4<sup>th</sup> day? And how continuing to be equipped is critical not only to your personal life, but to the life of the movement? What is it you are doing in your 4<sup>th</sup> day? What tools and techniques did you learn on your weekend that you are carrying on?

Remember, the only purpose of the Weekend is to prepare for 4<sup>th</sup> day living. We all know that when we focus on the Weekends the entire movement suffers. I remember reading in our Essential Manual how difficult it can be to get new participants to focus on 4<sup>th</sup> day rather than the Weekend. Everyone is so excited by the weekend that they want everyone they love to have the experience (focus on weekend). They sponsor family and friends to attend (focus on the weekend). But unless they get actively involved in changing their personal environments (focus on the 4<sup>th</sup> day) and get active in Reunion and Ultreya (focus on 4<sup>th</sup> day), the enthusiasm can too quickly fade and Via de Cristo becomes just another thing to do. Then

very little happens to promote growth within Christ's Church. (Let us beware that this does not happen in the River's Edge VDC Community.)

Bob Wardenburg

Community Lay Director



## Weekend #11 – Women

September 4-7, 2008

LaSalle Retreat Center, Eureka, MO

Have you talked to Rectora Pam Statler (314-921-8077) or [pstatler@charter.net](mailto:pstatler@charter.net) to commit to be on the Team?

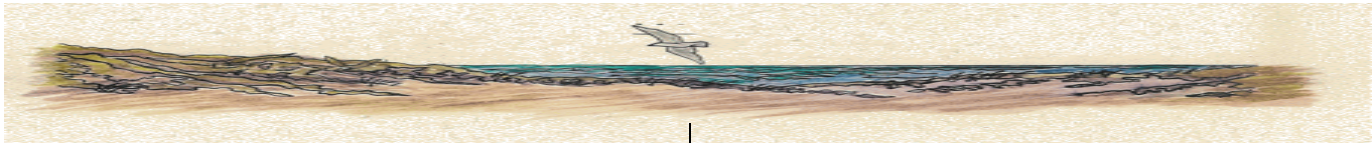
Can you give a talk?

4<sup>th</sup> Day Team still needs a few ladies.

Can you work 4<sup>th</sup> Day? It's fun!!

And, remember if you can't work the whole weekend, we need you for Serenade, Escorts and to attend the Closura. Mark your calendar.

Have you invited someone to attend the weekend? Now is the time!!



### 2008 Calendar...

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

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

September 28 – Ultreya, Hilltop Manor, Eureka, MO **(NOTE: Date Change)**. Food for Fellowship: A-J Dessert, K-S Main Dish, T-Z Salad.

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

### 2009 Calendar...

January 11 -- Ultreya

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

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

### 2010 Calendar...

April 29 – May 2 – Weekend #14 – Men’s – at LaSalle Retreat Center, Eureka, MO

September 30 – October 3 – Weekend #15 – Women’s – at LaSalle Retreat Center, Eureka, MO



**Next Ultreya**  
**Sunday, August 24**  
**3-6 p.m. – Zion/Ferguson**

Summer is a fun time to look up new recipes and give them a try. How about this one?

### Recipe for a Happy Home

1 can of cheerfulness

1 pt. of respect

1 box of humility

The milk of human kindness

Several lbs. of affection

1 bottle of ambition

1 can of pure thoughtfulness

Mix thoroughly and sprinkle with awareness. Never keep in hot water. Garnish with patience, smiles and kisses. Sprinkle with sense of humor. Wrap in love and bake in a steady fire of devotion. Turn out onto platter of unselfishness. Garnish with tears and laughter. In generous portions, serve God, community, and world.

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*Rectora Pam says:*

*“I challenge everyone to invite a lady for the Weekend!!”*

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Or, contact Ellie Newton-Rivero for a copy: [enewton99@charter.net](mailto:enewton99@charter.net). Then sponsors may mail the completed applications and \$150 registration fee to Ellie, 127-D Park Charles Blvd. South, St. Peters, MO 63376.