



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

Our first ever summer weekend is just weeks away, June 25-28, at All of God's Children Camp in High Ridge. The Holy Spirit has been at work! Elizabeth Evans is our rectora, 29 team members have answered God's call to serve and will have their first training on Saturday, May 30th at Living Christ in Florissant. The second training is on Saturday, June 13th at Calvary in Belleville. Below is the list of team members including several who just experienced their weekend last fall! Please keep all the team in your prayers! ~Gail Voss, Lay Director

Rectora - Elizabeth Evans

Head Cha - Diane Maertens

Inside Cha - Kathy Carr

Outside Chas - Pam Statler & Sue Dunham

Music Cha - Michelle Whitener

Music Team - Cecelia Lee, Kathy Ziebol, Jennifer Krupp

Palanca Chapel Cha - Linda Zanton

Palanca Chapel Team - Lee Ann Beck, Carolyn Henning, Gail Voss

4th Day Cha - Paul Twillmann

4th Day Team - Kevin Schaeg, Stacey Miller, Art Kluegel

Silent Professors - Laurie Dunnette, Brian Dunnette, Bob Oliver,
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Ideal - Sue Dunham

Piety - Paul Twillmann

Action - Carol Maertens

Environment - Kelly Casey

Total Security - Elizabeth Evans

Laity - Michelle Whitener

Study - Bill Beck

Leaders - Paul Ziebol

Community - Jennifer Krupp

Spiritual Directors

Pastor Krista Stokke

Pastor Bill Zanton

Pastor Ron Schuette

Deacon Ro Fesser

National Message

Ed Broesti, President of the National Lutheran Secretariat, recently wrote, "...we are not unintentional bystanders on the stage of life. God gives each of us the privilege of being on the stage in the exact spot where we find ourselves to tell of God's unbelievable grace, peace, mercy, and love for all of creation." YOU get to share this news and someone is waiting to be asked by you to come and experience a Via de Cristo weekend. Where else does one get to disengage from the busyness and demands of life to come away to explore with other Christian sisters and brothers the grace and mercy of our generous and loving God?

National Gathering

The gathering will be held July 23-26 at Augustana College in Rock Island, IL. Carolyn Henning, weekend #22, volunteered to serve as our lay delegate. She will be driving with Sue Dunham and Gail Voss who are volunteering in whatever way they can. 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 or call 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
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
08/13	C94	Lutheran VdC of North Texas
09/17	M 60	Atlanta Lutheran VdC
09/24	W 60	Atlanta Lutheran VdC
10/01	49	VdC of S CA and Central Valley
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 93	Texas Lutheran VdC
10/15	C 11	Wisconsin Sunrise VdC
10/29	C 94	Texas Lutheran VdC
11/05	C 95	Lutheran VdC of North Texas
11/05	M 35	Wisconsin Northern Lights VdC
11/06	W 36	Wisconsin Northern Lights VdC

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 #23 Update

Pilgrims? At our recent secretariat meeting, it was decided to change “Weekender” to “Pilgrim” since it conveys the idea of a journey rather than a short-term weekend. We know that God journeys with us for a lifetime and we are blessed to be on the journey with others.

Applications have been received for: Johnnie Bradley Tucker, Kristen Kinney, Mark and Emily Endres. Applications are pending for Gloria Broderick, Fannie Cole, and Linda Johnson.

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. Please keep these pilgrims and other potential pilgrims in your prayers! Look for men to invite. Wouldn’t it be so fine to have as many men as women attend the weekend?

Rectora’s Message

The verse 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.”

Please continue to pray for the entire team as we begin our trainings.

~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

- 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 - Family Summer Picnic 12:00pm-4:00pm at **LCLC**
- 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 11 - Ultreya 3:00pm-6:00pm at **Calvary**
A-J Main Dish K-S Salad/Side Dish T-Z Desert

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 first event following Weekend #23 is our Family Summer Picnic. 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! Details to follow.