



River's Edge Via de Cristo Newsletter

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November 2008 #1

ULTREYA

Sunday, November 16

Meet at Zion in Ferguson

3:00 – 6:00 p.m.

This is the last Ultreya for 2008.

Please come.

Doris McCall and Kathy Gilbert will present "The Perfect Prayer."

Bring your cross, Pilgrim's Guide, nametag and food to share.

What will you bring?

A-J – Main Dish, K-S – Salad, T-Z – Dessert. Also bring a plate, silverware and something to drink.

See you there!



THANKFUL FOR

VIA DE CRISTO??????

Yes, I am thankful for Via de Cristo (VDC). VDC has changed my life and changed my relationship with God and with others. Perhaps you have similar feelings.

To show my thankfulness for VDC, I'm ready to set aside my VDC Thanksgiving offering. This offering will go toward the goal of raising \$1600.00 by December 1, 2008.

If River's Edge can raise the \$1600.00, Thrivent will give us another \$800.00. That would mean that REVDC would have \$2400.00 to help pay for weekend expenses that are IN EXCESS of what each weekender and each team member pays.

In case you have forgotten, REVDC Secretariat voted that the maximum anyone would pay for a weekend would be \$150.00 each. In 2009 ACTUAL cost per person attending the weekend will be over \$160.00 each.

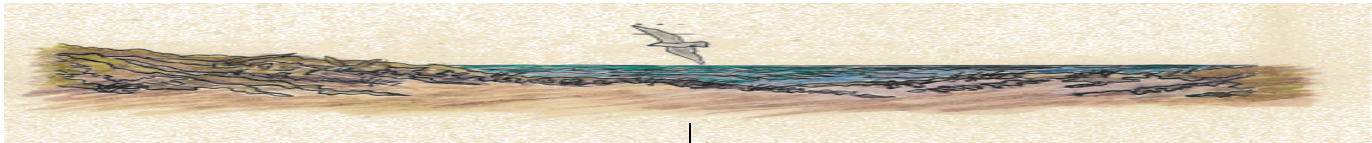
Your Thanksgiving contribution before December 1 will help to defray rising community costs for 2009 and succeeding years.

We have already received \$1350.00 toward the \$1600.00 goal. Please help out with a Thanksgiving donation. Let's exceed our goal!! Checks are tax deductible and should be made payable to: River's Edge VDC.

I realize extra dollars are scarce right now. Please ask God how you could help. If we all help just a little, we can reach or exceed our goal of \$1600.00 by December 1.

I am sure that you are thankful for Via de Cristo, just as I am. Please help with a Thanksgiving donation. You can give at the Ultreya on November 16, or you can mail a check to: Wayne Ball, 1623 Timber Ridge Estate Drive, Wildwood, MO 63011.

Bob Wardenburg, Community Lay Director



2008 Calendar...

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



2009 Calendar...

January 11 – Ultreya, Zion, Ferguson, MO.
Food for Fellowship: A-J Salad, K-S Dessert, T-Z Main Dish.

March 1 – Ultreya, Hilltop Manor, Eureka, MO.
Food for Fellowship: A-J Dessert, K-S, Main Dish, T-Z Salad.

April 5 – Ultreya, Zion, Ferguson, MO. Food for Fellowship: A-J, Main Dish, K-S Salad, T-Z Dessert.

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

May 17 – Ultreya, Hilltop Manor, Eureka, MO.
Food for Fellowship: A-J Salad, K-S Dessert, T-Z Main Dish.

August 23 – Ultreya, Zion, Ferguson, MO.
Food for Fellowship: A-J Dessert, K-S Main Dish, T-Z Salad.

October 11 – Ultreya, Hilltop Manor, Eureka, MO. Food for Fellowship: A-J Main Dish, K-S Salad, T-Z Dessert.

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

November 15 – Ultreya, Zion, Ferguson, MO.
Food for Fellowship: A-J Salad, K-S Dessert, T-Z Main Dish.



2010 Calendar...

January 10 – Ultreya, Hilltop Manor, Eureka, MO.

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

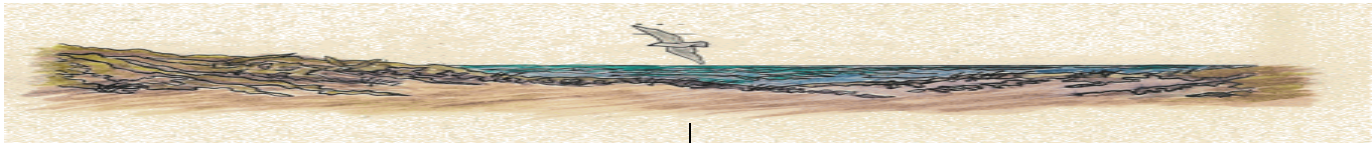


2009 VDC National Meeting Planned

The theme for our 2009 National Lutheran Secretariat Annual Meeting is “*That all of them may be one, Father...*” (John 17:21). Now that we have had the gifts of God fanned into flames at the 2008 NLSAM in Arizona, the Florida team is hard at work preparing a celebration of our unity in Christ at our next NLSAM, July 23 to 26, 2009. We look forward to being united as one in worship, praise, music, fellowship, and the National Via de Cristo business.

It is truly exciting to have the NLSAM return to Florida where the beautiful Cor Jesu Chapel will welcome you to Barry University. This historic campus is situated in beautiful, historic campus is situated in beautiful, sub-tropical Miami Shores and is easily accessed from both Miami International and Ft. Lauderdale International airports. For those who drive, it is convenient to Florida’s Turnpike and I-95.

Plan to come early or stay afterwards and enjoy all that Florida has to offer from the Florida Keys in the south, to the panhandle in the north, and numerous points in between.



Did You Know?????

River's Edge VDC
is one of 47 different VDC groups
in America.

Over 92,000 people
have attended a VDC weekend.

Praise the Lord!!

Weekend #11 – Women's

The weekend was AWESOME!!! It was so terrific to watch and to feel the excitement of the sixteen weekenders from Thursday evening to Sunday evening. WOW!!

Welcome to community: Terry Biglin, Joyce Crowter, Lisa Deterding, Penny Dummitt, Dorothy Kaiser, Jan Keale, Skeeter Kelly, Jane Maule, Jean Meyers, Ruth Rhodes, Laurel Richards, Patty Schaeg, Debbie Spinks, Audrey Tegethoff, Annis Tucker, and Sandy Wynn.

Did You Know?

In 2007 there were 146 VDC weekends conducted in America. River's Edge presented two of those.

In 2008 that number was exceeded.

Praise the Lord for bringing people closer to Him. The prayers of God's people are responsible for these successes!

Speaking of Weekends and Prayers

Lynn Schaeg has agreed to be the Prayer Vigil coordinator for River's Edge Via de Cristo for the years 2009 and 2010.

Thank you, Lynn. Praise be to God!

Secretariat Elections

It's that time again...the nominating committee is presenting the following ballot:

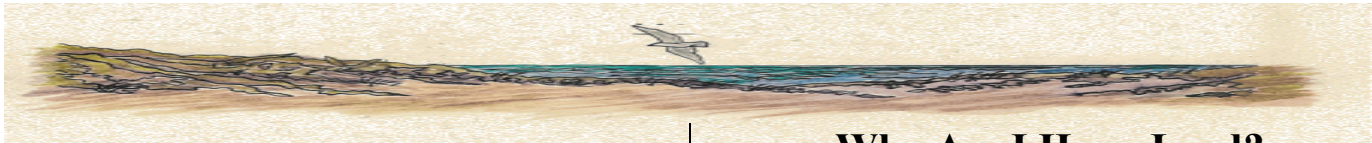
Lay Director:	Pam Statler
Treasurer:	Penny Kammeier
Palanca Director:	Laurie Dunnette
Weekend Director:	Sandy Schuette Michelle Whitener
Spiritual Director:	Pastor Kevin Parviz Pastor MaryEtta Skinner

Wayne Ball has an electronic ballot on the internet. You should have received information on how to vote in a message November 3.

If you do not want to vote on the internet, you may mail your ballot to Pastor MaryEtta Skinner at 3438 Russell Blvd. #401, St. Louis, MO 63104. Or call her at 314-773-1347. Or, you may email Pastor Mary Etta at maryetta72@att.net. We've made it easy for you. Please cast your ballot for each of the five positions.

Pastor MaryEtta will mail ballots to those REVDC Community without email.

Deadline to vote: November 15, 2008.



Our love for God is best evident by our love to others.

Jesus said, "By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

John 13:35

Next Ultreya

Sunday, November 16

3-6 p.m. – Zion/Ferguson

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Would you like to help with an Ultreya?

Or lead an Ultreya?

Ultreya are fun and easy to do.

Contact Norma Wolz

314-867-6348 to volunteer.



Material for Palanca Bags...

Someone at the last Women's Weekend offered to donate some material to make Palanca Bags. Whoops – we forgot who! Please make yourself known to Doris McCall at 314-521-8349 or momqlts@hotmail.com or to Kathy Gilbert at 314-837-4361 or angelicmom@sbcglobal.net. Thank you.

Why Am I Here, Lord?

To support River's Edge Via de Cristo in every way I can. Sometimes by helping on weekends. Sometimes coming to Ultreyas. By joining a Reunion Group. And, NOW, with my Thanksgiving offering. Please pray on this; please help with a check of any denomination.

...Reunion Groups...

Do you need help finding a Reunion Group? Contact Bob Wardenburg at 636-394-3422 or r_wardenburg@yahoo.com.

Reunion Groups are great fun and provide a huge opportunity to pray together and be accountable to each other.

Don't Forget...

Decide today about how much your Thanksgiving donation will be...remember Thrivent will donate \$800 if we reach \$1600 or more...this will go a long way to help out in 2009.

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Joy is like a boomerang: the moment you fling it, it returns.

Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap.

Luke 6:38