

# River's Edge Via de Cristo Newsletter

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## Weekend #13 – Women’s

was an awesome weekend!!

The 11 women had many

life changing experiences!!

The 29 team members received  
so many blessings as we served!!

40 men and women serenaded

at the Agape Feast. WOW!

The Chapel was filled with  
Community and guests at Closura.

YEAH!



## Thanksgiving Blessings

*The deadline will soon be here for our Annual Fundraiser “Thanksgiving Blessings.” We will be able to receive \$800 free money if we collect \$1600 in donations. Stop and think for a minute about your blessings...and plan to make a donation to remember your blessings.*

*One huge blessing in Via de Cristo:*

### **The Gift of God’s Grace**

*“For by grace are you saved through faith;  
and not of yourselves; it is the gift of God.”*

*Ephesians 21:8*

## 2009 Calendar...

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

## It’s Not Too Early

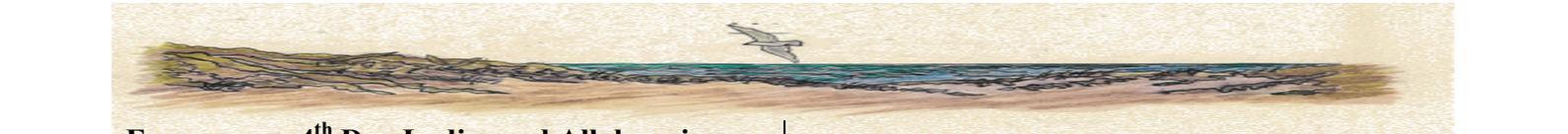
Check the dates above for the 2010 Men’s Weekend and Women’s Weekend. Some people must ask for vacation time for 2010 by the end of 2009. So think about whom you would like to invite on the weekend and plant that seed, so he/she can plan vacation time from work. We know how wonderful the weekend experience is, so plan to share that feeling!

## Blessings...Make a Pledge...

This weekend we had *The Warmth of Sunshine* as a blessing.

“From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same, the Lord’s name is to be praised.”

Psalm 133:13



For our new 4<sup>th</sup> Day Ladies and All, here is...

## ULTREYA!!!

The simplest description of our Ultreya is a meeting of Group Reunions, and others who have attended a Via de Cristo weekend, and guests.

The Ultreya carries out the spirit of Via de Cristo. It is a place where community can come together for revitalization by sharing with others. Ultreyas are where the new Cursillistas (weekenders) become part of the larger community. It's a place for growth in Christ for all of us; where blessings and successes can be multiplied and hurts and failures healed. You are among friends.

It's a cry of encouragement! We meet to encourage one another, to inspire one another in our endeavor to bring the world around us to Jesus Christ.

The entire Via de Cristo 4<sup>th</sup> Day is no more and no less than a model for normal Christian life, combining the elements of personal piety and spiritual guidance, a small group of Christian friends (better known as the Group Reunion), and a larger community for the support and encouragement of Christian life and witness in the world (the Ultreya).

At the Ultreya, you will reaffirm friendships you made on your weekend and meet new friends. The Ultreya gathering might be a way to seek out a Reunion Group. The Reunion Group is a meeting of friends who have experienced a Via de Cristo weekend (or other movement). The Reunion Group shares with one another their efforts to live and grow in union with Christ. It must include some piety, study and apostolic action.

A typical agenda for Ultreya is prayer and singing, usually a short talk given by one of the community. Then there might be a response by one of the community or spiritual leaders. Following will be time for sharing and discussion in small groups.

We are filled with a worship service and receive communion.

The day closes with food (a traditional pot luck) and fellowship.

Information for the next Ultreya follows:

**Sunday, November 15**

**Zion Lutheran Church**

**Ferguson, MO**

**3:00 – 6:00 p.m.**

**Wear your cross and name tag,  
bring your Pilgrim's Guide, your own table  
service and drink...and food to share.**

**If your last name begins with  
A-J bring Salad, K-S Dessert, T-Z Main Dish.**

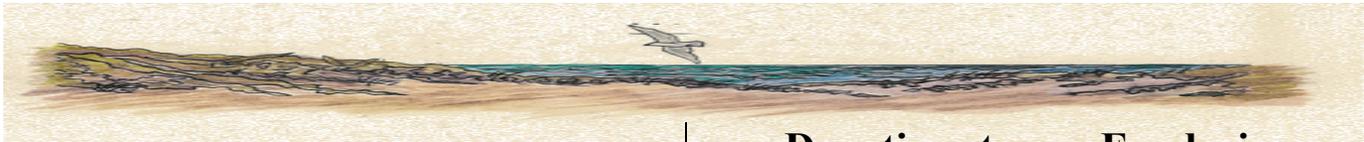
**Come, Enjoy Ultreya!!!**

**See you Sunday!**



## Directions to Zion, Ferguson

Zion Lutheran Church is located at 123 Carson Road, Ferguson, MO. From the West: take Hwy 270 North to I-70 East. Exit 240 AB Florissant Road. Turn left on Florissant Road and travel approximately 1.7 miles. Look for the railroad track above Florissant Road and turn left on Carson Road right before the railroad track. Go one long block; turn right on Clark Street to Zion's parking lot. From Illinois: take I-270 West. Exit 27 South. Turn left on Florissant Road and travel approximately 2 miles. Look for the railroad track make a right turn immediately under the track on Carson Road. Go one long block; turn right on Clark Street to Zion's parking lot.



## Another Blessing...

### Autumn Leaf Color

“To every thing there is a season,  
and a time to every purpose,  
under heaven.”  
Ecclesiastes 3:1

As you are raking leaves, think about your blessings in the yard. How fortunate you are to be able to watch the leaves turn colors and fall to the ground. Make a pledge to cover the leaves you rake up. It’s easy. Any amount will do.

You may bring your check to the Ultreya. Or mail to Penny Kammeier, 1209 Haley Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63121. Make your check to REVDC.



## Come to Ultreya...

and talk to the ladies from Weekend #13 – Women. Learn what each one liked about their weekend. It was such a super weekend! Heard at the Closura was the fact that REVDC should invest in Kleenix stocks!! Tears and laughter in abundance all weekend. Come to Ultreya to meet the new 4<sup>th</sup> Dayers. See you Sunday.

## Donations to our Fundraiser

This issue of the River’s Edge Via de Cristo Newsletter may seem like it is only about money. But, we need your donations in order to continue the quality weekends for men and women. It takes money to keep up with the necessary insurance, supplies for the weekends, extra costs from LaSalle, and more. This plea is not meant to be offensive to anyone; however, there are many different types of “blessings” listed in hope that you will connect with one. We do appreciate all you do for REVDC.

## More Blessings...

### Freedom of Worship

I will worship in thy holy temple, and praise thy holy name.

Psalm 138:2

### The Innocence of Children

But Jesus said, “Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me; for of such is the kingdom of heaven.”

Matthew 19:14

### Peaceful Sleep

I will both lay me down in peace and sleep; for thou, Lord, only make me dwell in safety.

Psalm 4:8

### Coffee (or Diet Coke) With a Friend

He that is of a merry heart has a continual feast!

Proverbs 15:15

### A New Day

This is the day which the Lord has made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.

Psalm 118:24