

River's Edge Via de Cristo Newsletter

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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Weekend #17 – Women is Over!

Seven wonderful women were welcomed into the River's Edge Via de Cristo community:

Ronda Daehnke

Pam Dake

Angela (Angie) Hausmann

Linda Johnson

Pamela Moon

Wanda Panick

Janet Schaper



Ultreya is This Sunday!!

November 6, 2011

3:00 – 6:00 pm

Zion Lutheran Church, Ferguson

Remember, ladies, the last talk of the weekend spoke about Ultreya. Let's review some of the things for you and the whole community:

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

Ultreya is 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 4th 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.

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

Everything else to bring and directions were on the earlier flier. Questions? Call Penny 314-229-9744.



Thanksgiving Blessings for 2011!

I hope you are thankful for River's Edge Via de Cristo. VDC has changed many lives...and changed many relationships with God...and others.

Will you take a moment and review your blessings in 2011? There have been some rough patches for many...but also, we've had many blessings. Jesus is one sure blessing that we have. Would you be willing to make a pledge for Jesus, our friend and savior? I thought you would!

This is our annual plea for donations to help our community...River's Edge Via de Cristo. Mid-North St. Louis County MO Chapter of Thrivent Financial will match up to \$640. Our goal is \$1280. There are always incidentals that are needed to make our weekends to very best and keep costs down. We depend on the greater community to help...besides costs on the weekend, there is insurance, music license, etc.

Pray about your Blessings...even simple Blessings...a kind word when you were upset, a better day at work, a hug...please dig as deep as

you can to help. You know, we have all received "The Gift of God's Grace."

Right now, we've collected \$210.

The middle of November is our deadline, so please take a minute to prayerfully consider a donation. Make your check to REVDC and mail to Penny Kammeier, 1209 Haley Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63121.



2011 Calendar...

November 6 – Ultreya, Zion Ferguson, MO.
Food for Fellowship: A-J Main Dish, K-S Salad, T-Z Dessert.

2012 Calendar...

January 15 – Ultreya, Hilltop Manor, Eureka, MO. Food for Fellowship: A-J Dessert, K-S Main Dish, T-Z Salad

April 19-22 – Weekend #18 – Men's – All of God's Children Camp, High Ridge, MO. **This is a change of date...the weekend will be after Easter. Change your calendar.**

October 18-21 – Weekend #19 – Women's – All of God's Children Camp, High Ridge, MO.

Why Am I Here, Lord?

I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?"

And I said "Here am I. Send me!"

Isaiah 6:8