



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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SECRETARIAT MEMBERS

Lay Director

Gail Voss

Spiritual Director

Pr. Krista Stokke

Secretary

Jennifer Krupp

Treasurer

Sandy Schuette

Music Director

Michelle Whitener

Weekend Director

Diane Maertens

Communications Director

Elizabeth Evans

Palanca Director

Carol Maertons

Physical Arrangements Dir.

Kathy Carr

Fourteen Is My Number

I was *blessed* to attend the 2014 National Via de Cristo Gathering in Baltimore, MD July 24-27. The theme verse was Exodus 33:14 "God said, 'My presence will go with you. I'll see the journey to the end.' Blessed indeed!

I went with a sense of discouragement and came away with a broadened sense of what the ministry of Via de Cristo is all about. I met committed Christians from all around the country, from various denominations, with hearts for following Jesus. Some shared how their lives were transformed by attending a weekend; some shared how others were being introduced to the love of God through them. The worship was uplifting, with music I've never heard, as well as old favorites including Holden Evening Prayer. Scripture, homilies, communion, forums, small groups were used by God and shared with members of the larger community. It won't be the last National Gathering for me!

So why is 14 my number?

- 2014 - the year of my first national gathering
- 14 - the number of the table I was assigned for small group discussion
- 2014 - the year of my serving as rectora for weekend #22
- 14 - the number of talks on a weekend
- 14 - the number of weekenders we will have on #22!
- 14 - the number of volunteers from River's Edge who will go to next year's national gathering in Rock Island, IL!

So, let's think BIG! God promised to see the journey to the end! Are you ready to follow?

**Before they call
I will answer,
while they are
yet speaking
I will hear.**

~Isaiah 65:24

~Gail Voss, Lay Director

Weekend #22

Here are the names to pray for, for Weekend #22

Weekenders

Pam Tate - Laura Hulsey - Don Hulsey - Cecelia Lee

Team

Rectora - Gail Voss

Head Cha - Elizabeth Evans

Inside Cha - Diane Maertens

Outside Chas - Pam Statler & Kelly Casey

4th Day Chas - Paul Twillmann & Chuck Dachroeden

4th Day Team - Kevin Schaeg - Art Kluegel

Palanca Chapel Cha - Sue Dhunham

Palanca Chapel Team - Laurie Hensley - Christine Devaisher - Lynn Schaeg

Music Cha - Michelle Whitener

Music Team - Jennifer Krupp - Kathy Ziebol - Kathy Gilbert

Spiritual Directors - Pastor Krista Stokke - Pastor Ron Schuette

Silent Professors - Valerie Parker - Kathy Shemwell - Paul Ziebol

Ideal - Kathy Carr

Laity - Carol Maertens

Piety - Paul Twillmann

Study - Kelly Casey

Apostolic Action - Wayne Ball

Leaders - Paul Ziebol

Environment - Laurie Hensley

Community - Art Kluegel

Total Security - Gail Voss

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

It has been decided that there will be no Serenade for Weekend #22. We will still need helpers to set up and clean up the Agape Dinner Saturday evening, as well as escorts/servers for the dinner. We would like to bring the community focus to the closing on Sunday for this weekend. Please contact Elizabeth Evans if you would like to arrange a carpool from your area. Let's fill the church to overflowing and welcome our new weekenders to the community!



ULTREYA PICNIC

August 24 , 2014

3:00pm - ????

6 Paulette Dr.

Belleville, IL 62226



As each has
received a gift,
use it to serve
one another,
as good
stewards of
God's varied
grace

~1 Peter 4:10

Calendar of Events

- September 20, 2014 Second Training for Weekend #22 at Zion Lutheran Church in Ferguson, MO
- October 16-19, 2014 VdC Weekend #22 All of God's Children Camp in High Ridge, MO
- November 9, 2014 Ultreya Calvary Lutheran, Belleville, IL
A-J Dessert K-S Main Dish T-Z Salad/Side Dish
- June 18-21, 2015 VdC Weekend #23 All of God's Children Camp in High Ridge, MO

Secretariat Elections

We will be holding our election of officers later this year. We will need to elect the following for two year terms:

- Lay Director
- Treasurer
- Weekend Director
- Palanca Director

Sandy Schuette has faithfully served her term as treasurer and is declining a second term. Gail Voss is our current lay director and has agreed to run for a second term. Diane Maertens is serving as weekend director and Carol Maertens as palanca. Carol was elected to fill the position for one year and is eligible to run again.

Kathy Shemwell and Valerie Parker have graciously agreed to be on our nominating committee and we are looking for a third member of this team. Please contact either of them or Gail Voss if you are interested in joining the nominating committee or serving on Secretariat.

Listen for God's voice!

Is He calling you to serve our community through the Secretariat?

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?**

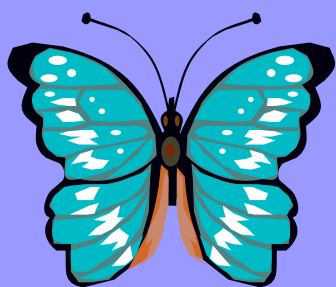
**Are you serving in
your church?**

**Remember, Christ is
counting on you!**



Other Weekends to Pray For

Date	Type	Secretariat
09/02/14	C 2	Oregon VdC
09/18/14	M 59	Sonshine North VdC FL
09/18/14	M 59	Atlanta Lutheran VdC GA
09/25/14	M 89	Gold Coast VdC FL
09/25/14	W 59	Sonshine North VdC FL
09/25/14	MX 39	Western North Carolina VdC
09/25/14	MX 17	Notes of Grace VdC TN
10/02/14	W 611	Minnesota VdC - Metro MN
10/09/14	C 33	A-OK VdC AR/OK
10/09/14	W 89	Gold Coast VdC FL
10/09/14	M 55	Good News VdC MI
10/09/14	M 612	Minnesota VdC - Northern MN
10/09/14	W 73	Western North Carolina VdC
10/09/14	M 63	Utah VdC
10/09/14	W 64	Utah VdC
10/16/14	M 34	Southern Arizona Lutheran VdC
10/16/14	W 55	Good News VdC MI
10/16/14	W 613	Minnesota VdC Northern MN
10/16/14	C 91	Texas Lutheran VdC
10/23/14	C 12	VdC of Western Washington
10/23/14	M 89	Wisconsin Sunrise VdC
10/30/14	W 90	Wisconsin Sunrise VdC
11/06/14	W 35	Southern Arizona Lutheran VdC
11/06/14	W 17	Prairie Sonshine VdC of Central IL
11/06/14	C 9	Journey in Faith VdC PA/DE
11/06/14	M 30	Northern Light VdC of WI and Upper MI
11/06/14	W 31	Northern Light VdC of WI and Upper MI
11/13/14	C 614	Minnesota VdC Southern MN



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your heart about

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candidate?

Print out an
application from our
website.

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So are you thinking of who to invite to Weekend #22, October 16-19? Let's first consider to what are you inviting them? A retreat? Some people think a retreat is time to get away and relax...maybe do their own thing. That's not a description of our weekend.

Remember last year when we held the Rediscover/Recommit event? I learned *"It's not about the weekend!"* A Via de Cristo weekend is an opportunity to get away from our busy lives to participate with other Christians in a short course reflecting on God's grace and deepening our relationship with him. We sing, worship, pray, listen to talks, reflect, eat, commune, laugh, pray some more, cry, celebrate.....

At the conclusion, we are invited to continue our 4th Day with others who will support us and hold us accountable through reunion groups and ultreyas. *"It's not about the weekend!"* It's so much more!

Who is waiting to be asked by you? Applications are available at the website.

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 esevans@murphy-stl.com.

Pictures From the Picnic



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