



## 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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### Always Thank My God For You

Grace to you, fellow 4th day-ers!

The first co-ed weekend was a success, and I'm praying God will bless our October 17-20, 2013 co-ed weekend with the same grace. Please start inviting your weekenders and making plans for their attendance, letters, etc. The sponsor and weekender applications are available on the website: [riversedgevdc.org](http://riversedgevdc.org).

The Bible verse for this weekend is I Corinthians 1:4, "I always thank my God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus" (NIV).

If you wish to serve on the weekend and haven't received a call from me yet, please reach out to me at 314-662-0517 or [amiablejak@gmail.com](mailto:amiablejak@gmail.com).

If you cannot be there the whole weekend, be sure to carve out time for the prayer vigil, serenade and/or the closura. I'm sure you remember how important those were for you.

In God's Grace and Love,

Jennifer Krupp

Weekend #21 Rectora

### You're Invited!

The Bridge Lutheran Church in Washington, MO would like to invite you to the Ultreya on September 29, 2013 from 3-6PM. We are a new church, a little over 3 years old with Andy Yount as our pastor. As many of you who attended the ordination may remember, Andy was ordained one year ago. We are growing with a focus on discipleship and have attendance between 125 - 140 on Sundays. We have 17 VdC'ers at The Bridge. We are looking forward to seeing you on the 29th. If you have any questions call Clarence Schaege cell 314-277-6675 or home 636-283-5020.

Blessings,

Clarence

In Missouri take 44 West to exit 251 to Hwy 100 West toward Washington. Turn right onto Hwy 100 west continue 11 miles. Turn left onto Hwy A drive 0.9 mi. The church building is on the left.

In Illinois, take 255 South to 44 West to exit 251 and follow directions in the previous paragraph.

What to bring? Your cross, name tag, Pilgrim's guide, lots of hugs to share, your plate, silverware, drink, and...

If your last name starts with:

**A-J - Dessert K-S - Main Dish T-Z - Salad to share.**

Hope to see all your smiling faces there!

### Calendar

**Mark your calendars for the following dates:**

October 17-20 VdC weekend #21 All Of God's Children Camp High Ridge, MO

November 10 Ultreya at Calvary in Belleville, IL  
A-J Main Dish K-S Salad T-Z Dessert

January 26, 2014 Ultreya at Zion in Ferguson

A-J Salad K-S Dessert T-Z Main Dish

March 2014 Ultreya Date and location TBA

May 1-4, 2014 VdC weekend #22 All Of God's Children Camp High Ridge, MO

May 18, 2014 Ultreya Location TBA

October 16-19, 2014 VdC weekend #23 All Of God's Children Camp High Ridge, MO

## **Blessed Be the Tie That Binds**

On August 14<sup>th</sup> just a few days before our Rediscover-Recommit Workshop, Gail received email greetings from Deanna and Deidre Anderson. Ten years ago Deidre was the first lay director of our newly formed River's Edge Via de Cristo Community and Deanna was the treasurer. They sent their congratulations for our 10<sup>th</sup> year anniversary and gave thanks to "God as He continues to develop the seeds that were scattered amongst those of you who were called to be involved in this ministry."

They moved to Texas six years ago. In her email Deanna shared that she suffered a near fatal stroke on Good Friday, 2011 and as a result is no longer able to live independently. She lives with Deidre who serves in the Army and was recently transferred to Georgia from Florida. Their current address is 1537 Boulder Walk Drive S.E., Atlanta, GA 30316. Email for Deanna: [deannalanderson@comcast.net](mailto:deannalanderson@comcast.net); Deidre: [DMANDERSON243@comcast.net](mailto:DMANDERSON243@comcast.net).

They closed with this blessing, "May God continue to bless you and the 4<sup>th</sup> Day Community as you grow in your servant hood for Christ!"

## **River's Edge Secretariat News**

### **Rediscover-Recommit Workshop Success**

On August, 17<sup>th</sup>, 22 members of our community and 7 members of the Secretariat (elected members of the governing board) met at Zion, Ferguson to examine who we are as the River's Edge Via de Cristo Community and where God is calling us to go. Dick and Loretta Volker, from Princeton, IL were our able facilitators. Discussion at each table was lively as we worked together to discover our strengths and identify areas that need tending so that we may continue to be a vibrant community of believers living out God's promises in our 4<sup>th</sup> Day Journeys. Each attendee had the opportunity to identify three action steps that we should consider. The three general areas identified are 1) the community (reconnecting the members who have attended weekends, growing into new churches and expanding clergy participation), 2) improving communication, and 3) training.

We can't be together without enjoying the fellowship of Christian friends and, of course, food goes with fellowship! We thank Elizabeth Evans and Gail Voss for organizing the lunch and thank all who brought beverages to share. A generous free will offering helped cover the cost of lunch.

Evaluations from the community indicated the day was well spent. When we are together for Ultreyas and for weekends our agenda is planned. The Rediscover-Recommit Workshop gave us the opportunity to talk about topics such as leadership training outside of the weekends, communication, sponsorship, reaching out to other churches and more.

The Secretariat will consider which action steps to address first. The meetings follow every Ultreya. If you would like to have a topic placed on the agenda, please contact Gail Voss, Lay Director, at [gv.revdc@yahoo.com](mailto:gv.revdc@yahoo.com) or talk to any secretariat member: Elizabeth Evans, Diane Maertens, Valerie Parker, Sandy Schuette, Pr. Ron Schuette, Michelle Whitener, Silas Whitener, and Kathy Ziebol.

Thank you for your prayers and participation in this very successful workshop.

## **Prayers for Community Members**

Valerie Parker, the Communications Director of our Secretariat, is happy to receive prayer requests for members of River's Edge, their friends and family members. Her email address is: [dashdixie7747@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dashdixie7747@sbcglobal.net). Don't forget to let Valerie know how God has answered! Please continue to hold in prayer those whose needs are made known. God is faithful; we know God hears and answers.

Prayer is exhaling the spirit of man and inhaling the spirit of God. ~Edwin Keith

Don't pray when it rains if you don't pray when the sun shines. ~Satchel Paige, 1974

Prayer is not merely an occasional impulse to which we respond when we are in trouble: prayer is a life attitude. ~Walter A. Mueller

When you pray, rather let your heart be without words than your words without heart. ~John Bunyan

