



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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Welcome to the newest members of the River's Edge Via de Cristo family:

**Robert Kies, Beverly Lewis, Stacey Miller
Ed Semlor, Pastor Krista Stokke**

Rector Chuck Dachroeden chose "With God all things are possible." as the theme for Weekend #20, the first co-ed weekend.

An Ultreya was held at Hilltop Manor on May 5th. Cindy Ball gave an excellent fourth day talk.

The next Ultreya will be held on September 29 3-6PM at The Bridge in Washington, MO. 2226 Hwy A.

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!

Gracias! Merci! Danke Schoen! Grazie!

Thank you to Wayne Ball who served as web servant and who has now turned over that job to Paul Hummel. Thank you, Wayne, for your years of service and thank you, Paul, for agreeing to serve.

RIVERS EDGE CELEBRATES 10 YEARS WITH REDISCOVER - RECOMMIT

By the Grace of God our Rivers Edge Via de Cristo has reached its 10th anniversary! This is a perfect time to examine who we are as a community and where we want to go. Rediscover - Recommit is a nationwide Via de Cristo workshop designed to help all of us Rediscover what we felt immediately after our weekend and Recommit to the promise we made at the close of our weekend when we received our crosses. Dick and Loretta Volker from the Chicago area will be our facilitators. They will help us identify the blessings we enjoy and the challenges our community faces. This workshop will help us in our personal relationships with Jesus and help us build an action plan to strengthen the Rivers Edge Community.

If you don't want your weekend to simply be a fond memory, join us at Zion in Ferguson on Saturday, August 17th from 10 am to 3 pm. Your lunch will be provided. We ask that you bring your own beverage with enough to share with others. There will be a free will offering for the lunch. To assist the Secretariat with planning please RSVP by Sunday August 11th to Gail Voss at 314-522-3842 or gailvoss@yahoo.com.

Invite your friends, invite your sponsor, invite the weekenders you sponsored, make plans to share a ride. Don't leave anyone from our community at home! Come feed your spirit and recommit to serving God in the way you are called.

I look forward to hearing from each of you!

Calendar

Mark your calendars for the following dates:

August 11 Secretariat members meeting at the Schuette's at 5PM

August 17 10AM-3PM Rediscover-Recommit program at Zion in Ferguson.

September 29 3-6PM Ultreya at The Bridge Washington, MO

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 Ultreya Date and location TBA

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

May 18 Ultreya Location TBA

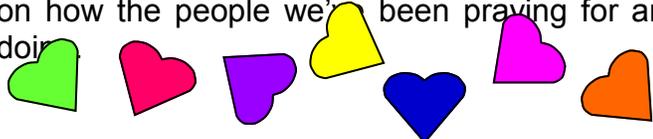
October 16-19, 2014 VdC weekend #23 All Of God's Children Camp High Ridge, MO

All of God's Children Camp Update

During the VdC weekend in October 2012, Carlene's mom and Sister Darlene were involved in a serious accident. Her mom is home and doing well, her sister Darlene is still recovering, and lots of prayers are needed as Jack has been diagnosed with lung cancer. Please continue to keep them all in prayer. Their address is 2828 All God's Children Dr., High Ridge, MO 63049, if you'd like to send a card.

Please also continue to keep Carol Maertens in prayer as she continues chemotherapy. Her address is 6 Paulette Dr. Belleville, IL 62226.

If you have prayer requests you may email them to Valerie at: dashdixie7747@sbcglobal.net. It would also be great if you would send updates on how the people we've been praying for are doing.



River's Edge Secretariat News

The River's Edge VdC Secretariat has decided that all weekends will now be co-ed beginning with the weekend #20 this past April.

Start praying for God to send the right people to be weekenders for the October weekend.

Who will you ask?

Jennifer Krupp will be the Rectora for weekend #21. Please think and pray about if God is calling you to serve on the team for the weekend.

The team application can be found on the River's Edge website, riversedgevdc.org and can either be filled out online or you can print out a paper copy and fill it out.

Jennifer's email is: amiablejak@gmail.com. Her street address is: 410 Jehling Dr., Ferguson, MO 63235

NLSAM

The National Lutheran Secretariat Annual Meeting will be held July 25-28 in West Palm Beach, Florida. This year's theme is "Streams of Living Water". Go to viadecristo.org to learn more about the national organization. Palanca is needed for this weekend. The contact is Tedd Smith: mrtedd7777@aol.com. Our delegate is Pr. Krista Stokke who attended Weekend #20. Pray for her and ask God to bless her travels and to bless her in worship, fellowship, serving, and learning. Our dear friend, Ro Fesser, from Fort Collins, CO will also be attending so Pr. Krista will know someone there! Rivers Edge pays the registration for our delegates. If you feel moved to help with Pr. Krista's travel expenses, please send a check made payable to Rivers Edge Via de Cristo and send it to our treasurer, Sandy Schuette at 564 Hilltop Townes Drive, Eureka, MO 63025. Thank you for your prayers and generosity.



What Is Palanca?

I have come to realize the power and importance of prayer. In fact, when I go to churches and tell them what the prison congregation is doing and solicit their support of this ministry, I tell them that we need their prayer, their attendance at worship, gifts, prayer, their support by putting us on their congregation's budget and prayer. We are told, in the New Testament, that "the prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective" (James 5:16b). To be a righteous person is to obey God, who in His earthly form commanded us to love and pray for each other.

Prayer is the power behind palanca, the lever. Palanca is prayer. Palanca is not something written on a piece of paper. Palanca is not a trinket or knick-knack or any other item no matter how lovingly made. Palanca is prayer. It is the actual taking time out at times that may be entirely "inconvenient" to pray for all who are attending the weekend. Palanca is not even intended to be directed at individuals. Palanca is meant for the entire weekend community. Some time ago, Dr. Randy Byrd, a staff cardiologist at the San Francisco General Hospital, conducted his own ten-month experiment with prayer. Of 393 patients to the coronary care unit of the hospital, he assigned 192 of them to Roman Catholic, Protestant and Jewish congregations, giving these people the names and a brief description of their condition, and asking them to pray for the patients daily. The other 201 were not prayed for. No one in that hospital except Dr. Byrd knew who was being prayed for, not even the patients. The results were startling. None of those prayed for needed breathing tubes, for instance, and the prayed-for group fared far better than the not prayed for group. Prayer has a strong effect, even when you are not aware you're being prayed for. Recently I noted one or two movements touting the fact that to receive palanca from their movement, all one has to do is log on to their website and download it. People of the Via de Cristo or any movement based on the Cursillo© movement, I call you back to the basic premise of palanca. Give up something significant while you pray; assume an uncomfortable position as you pray; lay face

and pray; stand on your head and pray; get up at 11pm, 12am, 2am 4am to pray; pray instead of lunch; get together with several others each day to pray for the weekend; spend a solid hour in prayer, anything that is a sacrifice while praying. Tell the people on the weekend what you plan to do, and then do it; but, don't just send a poster, trinket or letter and forget about prayer and sacrifice.

— Rev. Carroll Lang

Article found at viadecristo.org/palanca/whatispalanca1.php



History of River's Edge Via de Cristo

The River's Edge Via de Cristo began meeting in May 2002. It became incorporated by the State of MO, and a member of the National Lutheran Secretariat in July 2003.

Since members of our community live in both Illinois and Missouri, the word "river" was chosen to express our commonality as well as the remembrance of Jesus' being baptized in a river.

With effort and determination on the part of a small group of people living in St. Louis who had attended weekends, the first weekend was presented for eight men and the following weekend for 8 women in November 2003, with the help of the Heart of Illinois VdC Community.

According to River's Edge Via de Cristo, Inc.'s incorporation documents the first officers were:
Deidre Anderson, President
Pastor Kathy Waltz, Spiritual Director
Pastor Bill Zanton, Spiritual Director
Linda Zanton, Secretary
Deanna Anderson, Treasurer

**When you have come to the edge
Faith is knowing you will be taught to fly.**

