

# El Tinterito - September 2012

## Weekends

Weekend #86: Nov. 15-18, 2012 at Briarwood, Rector Bob Mock

Weekend #87: Mar. 14-17, 2013 at Briarwood

Weekend #88: Nov. 7-10, 2013 at Briarwood

## Grande Ultreya

Oct. 20, 2012    Calvary Lutheran Church    5:00 p.m.  
7620 Baker Blvd.  
Richland Hills, TX 76118

## Time to Gather Together Again For Our

Annual Business Meeting  
Election of Secretariat Officers

Lots of hugs and meeting good friends  
A great covered dish supper, worship  
and singing our all favorite VdC songs.

## !!! Important Notice: Registrar Change for #68 !!!

**Our current Registrar, Valerie von Bergen, is leaving us and going to spend time with her family in Switzerland for an indefinite period of time. We will miss you Valerie. Bon Voyage!**

**Our new official registrar for #68 is now Linda Neal. Please send all registration forms to her at:**

**Linda Neal  
Via de Cristo Registrar  
3030 Old Mill Run  
Grapevine, TX 76051**

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## Sponsorship Is One of God's Methods FOR Calling Participants to HIS VdC Weekends

It's not too early to be on the lookout for participants for Weekend 86 at Briarwood. Fall is just the perfect time of the year to walk a little closer with God and thank Him for all our blessings. It's also the perfect time to send someone you love to spend a whole weekend walking and visiting with Jesus and the 4th Day family.

**Let's all become God's agents (sponsors) and get busy and "fill up the house" for #86. Registration forms can be found on our website at [www.vdcnorthtexas.org](http://www.vdcnorthtexas.org).**

## Another Easy Method Is To Help Finance HIS Weekends

Our Via de Cristo community is one of just two or three or so groups that are blessed with the ability, will, and love to send all our participants to VDC weekends for free. However, these weekends are not free. The costs for a weekend include the retreat site, supplies, food and the individual expenses of our 4<sup>th</sup> Dayers for Palanca, and run somewhere between \$155 and \$200 per person. Empty reserved beds cost just as much filled ones – what a poor way to spend God's money!

You can help keep this precious gift of grace alive and well by contributing to the "Grace Weekend Fund". Perhaps you cannot pay for the cost of a whole registration fee but you could send just a little – that's great!!! Imagine that if even just 500 of our some 1500 4<sup>th</sup> Dayers sent a check for \$10 or \$15 once a year we would have enough to continue to cover our "Grace Weekend" expenses. No telling what we could do with even more donations!!!!

Make checks payable to North Texas Lutheran Via de Cristo, marked 'Grace Weekend Fund' and  
**send your donations to our treasurer:**  
**John Harris, 9519 Hillview Drive, Dallas, TX 75231**

**What a great way to spend your money- helping God's people grow spiritually!!**

## Your Participation in the 4<sup>TH</sup> Day Weekend Activities Helps To Affirm and Make HIS Love and Grace More Visible

### Ways to Serve:

#### For the weekend

Be a sponsor  
Pray for staff and participants  
Prepare palanca  
Go to setup on Wed. night  
Go to Saturday serenade  
Go to Wakeup  
Go help with Clausura setup  
Serve on Love Team  
Go to Closura

#### Other Ways To Serve

Attend Staff School  
Be a member of a committee  
Participate in your Ultreya  
Belong to a small group  
Attend Grande Ultreya  
Tell others about VDC

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## More Good News -- A New Way to Give

Your Secretariat members have been working hard updating manuals, applying to Thrivent, scheduling Weekends for 2013 and other projects decided upon at their annual planning retreat last February. Fruits of their labor are beginning to come to pass, i.e. our acceptance into the Thrivent Choice program. We would be remiss if we didn't give John extra thanks for his tremendous tenacity in acquiring this grant. Thank you, John!!

**From:** Thrivent Financial for Lutherans [<mailto:mail@thrivent.com>]

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 22, 2012 10:15 AM

**To:** John W. Harris

**Subject:** Welcome to Thrivent Choice - You are now enrolled in Choice Dollars



### **Thank you for applying to participate in the Thrivent Choice® program.**

We are pleased to inform you that Lutheran Via De Cristo of North Texas has been enrolled as a participating organization in Thrivent Choice.

Thrivent Choice is a charitable grant program that allows eligible members to recommend where Thrivent Financial distributes part of its charitable outreach grant funds each year. Lutheran Via De Cristo of North Texas will be listed in the program's searchable [online catalog](#). When eligible Thrivent Financial members direct Choice Dollars<sup>SM</sup> to your organization in a particular month, you will receive an electronic contribution from Thrivent Financial at the end of that month. Those funds may be used to carry out the religious, charitable or educational purposes of your organization.

When it's time to promote your organization to members who may be eligible to direct Choice Dollars, select from a range of free [tools and resources](#), including Thrivent Choice web text and banners.

If you have any questions about Thrivent Choice, please call 1-800-THRIVENT (800-847-4836) and say "Thrivent Choice" at the prompt or email [mail@thrivent.com](mailto:mail@thrivent.com).

Does your organization have a Facebook Page? Remember to LIKE [Thrivent Financial on Facebook](#) and encourage your friends and fans to do the same!

Directing Choice Dollars and receiving Choice Dollars grant funds are subject to the Terms and Conditions of the Thrivent Choice program. See [Terms and Conditions](#).

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## **Two Horses (Author Unknown)**

*Just up the road from my home is a field, with two horses in it.  
From a distance, each horse looks like any other horse.  
But if you stop your car, or are walking by,  
you will notice something quite amazing....*

*Looking into the eyes of one horse will disclose that he is blind.  
His owner has chosen not to have him put down, but has made a good home for him.*

*This alone is amazing. If you stand nearby and listen,  
you will hear the sound of a bell. Looking around for the source of the sound,  
you will see that it comes from the smaller horse in the field.*

*Attached to the horse's halter is a small bell.  
It lets the blind friend know where the other horse is, so he can follow.*

*As you stand and watch these two friends,  
you'll see that the horse with the bell is always checking on the blind horse,  
and that the blind horse will listen for the bell  
and then slowly walk to where the other horse is,  
trusting that he will not be led astray.*

*When the horse with the bell returns to the shelter of the barn each evening,  
it stops occasionally and looks back,  
Making sure that the blind friend isn't too far behind to hear the bell.*

*Like the owners of these two horses,  
God does not throw us away just because we are not perfect  
or because we have problems or challenges.  
He watches over us and even brings others into our lives  
To help us when we are in need..*

*Sometimes we are the blind horse being guided by the  
little ringing bell of those who God places in our lives.  
Other times we are the guide horse,  
helping others to find their way....*

*Good friends are like that.. You may not always see them,  
but you know they are always there..*

*Please listen for my bell and I'll listen for yours,  
and remember...*

*Be kinder than necessary-  
Everyone you meet is fighting  
some kind of battle.*

*Live simply,  
Love generously,  
Care deeply,  
Speak kindly....*

**FOR WE WALK BY FAITH AND NOT BY SIGHT**