



El Tintero

Lutheran Via de Cristo of North Texas
November, 2013

Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ!

Weekend #89 is fast approaching. I am sure every Rector feels like I do, that this is the best team yet! We will have a smaller, more intimate group and I know that it will be a special time of experiencing God's love.

I did not really have any feeling as far as choosing a Saint for the weekend but this verse is special to me and hope it blesses all:

"See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up,
do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness
and streams in the wasteland."

Isaiah 43:19

I appreciate the love and support of the 4th Day, you Rock!

Love to all,
Carol Welch

*Via de Cristo Weekend #89
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6th * Wed, 6:30 pm Setup
 Food & Palanca Drop Off
 7th *Thu, 6:45 pm VdC #89 Begins
 9th *Sat, 1:30 pm Love Team Visitation

10th Sun, 6:00 am Arrive For Wakeup
 10th Sun, 6:30 am Wakeup
 10th Sun, 2:45 pm Clausura Setup
 10th Sun, 3:30 pm Clausura Begins
 10th Sun, 6:00 pm Homecomings at Various Locations



Participant

Congregation

Sponsor

*Sara Elder
 Amy Gillespie
 Elizabeth Holschuh
 Kristen McConnell
 Bethann Vidmar
 Esther Wood*

*Faith Flower Mound
 Calvary Richland Hills
 Faith Flower Mound
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 Randolph Memorial Church
 Madison Heights, Virginia*

*Bob Johnson
 Carol Court
 Kathy Shugarman
 Keegan McConnell
 Laura Talafuse
 Sharon Bartells*



Weekend #89 Staff

Rector**Kathy Hunt
 OR**Helen Mayo
 S/D**Pastor Vicki Taylor
 S/D**Pastor Scott Zimmerer
 Rectors Cha**Kathy Shugarman
 Music Cha**Carey Newton
 Food Cha**Bob Johnson
 Food Cha**Elsie Kroussakis
 Palanca Cha**Kathy Shugarman
 Palanca Cha**Laurie Bell

Ideal/Table Leader**Berta McLemore
 Laity/Table Leader**Sybil Shuck
 Piety/Table Leader**Becky Clark
 Study/Table Leader*Wayne Shuck
 Action/Table Leader**Mark Fox
 Leaders/Table Leader**Jerry Gray
 Environment/Table Leader*Carol van Buskirk
 C.Community/Table Leader**Bob Vidmar
 Total Security/Table Leader**Lilly Gholston

Love Team Rector—Shelly Brennan

***** *From The Lay Director* *****

Greetings 4th Day Community,

Once again God is blessing us with a Via de Cristo weekend. He has called each and every one of us to use our special gifts to comfort and offer friendship to those we touch. He continually reminds us we are unique, we are special. We have something to offer. God has called us to give of ourselves, to show love and compassion. To show we truly care.

There is no limit to God's goodness. There is no limit to the gifts God will give us if we ask.

*It is one of the most beautiful compensations of this life that no man can sincerely try to help another without helping himself. **Ralph Waldo Emerson***

Matthew 13: 1-9 That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake. ² Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore. ³ Then he told them many things in parables, saying: "A farmer went out to sow his seed. ⁴ As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. ⁵ Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. ⁶ But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. ⁷ Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. ⁸ Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. ⁹ Whoever has ears, let them hear."

As Christians we are called to be good stewards of our resources so we can share with those in need and bring glory to God. Join us on Wednesday night setup. Join us at the Serenade on Saturday afternoons. Lift us up by attending Wake-up and Clausura on Sundays.

And after the Weekend how can we continue to connect ? AS we continue on our 4th day journey, we can give others the opportunity to experience God's continuing Grace by reaching out to them in our small groups and attending local Ultreyas. You can rekindle that wonderful feeling that you had on your Via de Cristo weekend. For me God's word lifted my Heart to heights I did not realize I could go.

Mark 1: 16-18 Now as Jesus was walking by the Sea of Galilee, He saw two brothers, Simon who was called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. And He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men." Immediately they left their nets and followed Him....

As we take this journey together, we need to help build up the Body of Christ in each of our lives.

Carpe Diem!

Gerald Stout

Lay Director-

Lutheran Via de Cristo of North Texas, LVDCNT

Here Is A
Surefire Way to Give and
Receive That Good Ole VdC Love"

Come Out To Briarwood, Support the
Weekends and Our VDC 4th Day Movement

Weekend #89 is almost upon us, so get busy being God's hands and feet by writing palanca, making gracemats, cooking up batches of brownies and cookies, and saying prayers for the staff and participants for the Weekend.

Remember the love you felt because of the love being given to you when you were a participant? Now it's your turn to give that love back - and receive a lot of love and hugs in the process. You always get back more love than you can ever give away!!!!

So come, share and receive this love once again and experience these mini retreats of peace and joy at Briarwood

On Saturday afternoon (Nov.9th) at 1:15 to serenade the Participants

Again on Sunday (Nov.10th) for Wake-Up at 6:00 AM and,

Last but not least Clausura Sunday afternoon at 3:30. **AND**

**Please call Curt Thompson at 1-800-845-7681
to volunteer to help in some or all
of the following ways:**

What kinds of palanca food and when will you be delivering to Briarwood?.

Will you volunteer to be on called to deliver items needed during the weekend?

Will you help at Wed, night set-up – 6 pm, November 14th?

Will you help with Clausura set-up – 2:45 pm Sunday, November 10th?

Will you help after Clausura with Take-Down?

This newsletter, the El Tintero is distributed by email only. If you know of 4th Dayers who do not receive or use email please print off a copy for them. If possible, please place a copy on your VdC bulletin board at your church.

"By the Grace of God...."

What a blessing is God's grace to us, and what a joy it is on our Via de Cristo Weekends to actually feel the weight of guilt and despair lifted from our hearts as we recognize that God has granted us that grace!

Our North Texas Via de Cristo community once charged a fee to Weekend registrants, but for some years now, we have waived the fee for participants so this blessing is not restricted to those with ready funds. We all believe strongly in making this opportunity a "Grace Weekend."

But did you know each Weekend costs us about \$8,000 in facility and food costs alone, of which only a little over half is covered by Staff and Love Team members' fees? Sometimes a Sponsor will donate the costs related to a participant, but often that \$155 payment is fully absorbed by our treasury. Maybe you aren't sponsoring someone for Weekend #89, but you can make a contribution (fully tax deductible) to Lutheran Via de Cristo of North Texas to aid us in our mission to personally deliver the experience of God's grace.

Every check for \$155 which is contributed is counted as a full sponsorship. Checks payable to "LVDCNT," or "Lutheran Via de Cristo of North Texas," or even "NTLS," can be placed in the offering at the #89 *Clausura*, or mailed to John Harris, Treasurer, 9519 Hillview Drive, Dallas, Texas 75231.

Make LVDCNT Your Thrivent Choice!

Thrivent Choice, the Thrivent Financial charitable giving program, allows eligible benefit members to participate in choosing where Thrivent distributes a portion of its charitable funds. Eligibility for Choice Dollars is based on a benefit member's involvement in Thrivent Financial, their level of product ownership (life insurance, health insurance, and annuities), and volunteer leadership.

Please make your choice Lutheran Via de Cristo of North Texas! To assign your Choice Dollars, go online and visit www.Thrivent.com or call 1-800-847-4836 and say 'Thrivent Choice.'

As your Choice Dollars recipient, this will help us continue our mission of providing Grace Weekends!

Reflecting God's Glory

**“Our faces, then, are not covered.
We all show the Lord's glory, and
we are being changed to be like him”
2 Corinthians 3:18 (NCV)**

The purpose of worship is to change the face of the worshiper. That is exactly what happened to Christ on the mountain. Jesus' appearance was changed: “His face became bright like the sun.” Matt 17:2.

The connection between the face and worship is more than coincidental. Our face is the most public part of our bodies, covered less than any other area. It is also the most recognizable part of our bodies. We see feet but rather with photos of faces.

God desires to take our faces, this exposed and memorable part of our bodies and use them to reflect his goodness.

Just Like Jesus
Max Lucado

A Point to Ponder:

DON'T GIVE UP ...



**Moses Was Once A
Basket Case**