

El Tinterito, May 2009

Have You Heard?

Ultreya News

The Calvary-Richland Hills, King of Glory Ft. Worth, and the brand new St. Paul, Farmers Branch Ultreyas have begun meeting for supper and worship monthly. The St. Paul group will meet for the 1st time on June 20th. All 4th Dayers are welcome! The times and dates of these meeting are on our wonderful monthly calendar on the website - ntlis.org. All you other Ultreyas please share your activity news with us.

Small Grouping News

Calvary has announced that they will be starting up more small groups and all are welcome to participate. -- Small groups are "accountability" groups of 3-5 people that meet on a regular basis to encourage each other as we grow in our relationship with Christ through worship, study, service and sharing. If you are interested in joining a small group contact someone from the various Ultreyas or Cid Smith, our post weekend rep, at 214-676-0680 or email Cidcs@msn.com.

Report on the May 2nd Grande Ultreya

Neither rain, nor hail,, nor big STORMS could curtail the fun, fellowship, worship and singing at Calvary Lutheran we enjoyed so much all day and all evening!!

The day started off with the spring Staff Training School attended by ten people who will now join the list of those eligible to staff on a weekend. Another STS will be scheduled in August or September. Watch our website calendar for the time, place and date.

Then the decorating crew from Calvary set to work spinning VDC magic and the schoolroom became a grand dining hall. Many, many thanks to all who worked to make the day so perfect for all of us!!

The supper was delicious, the fellowship was great, and the witness talk by Patrick Hunt was superb. The next grande ultreya will be in the fall - watch for the date on our website.



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Curt Thompson is the new Logistics Rep. He would love to have a list of volunteers for some of or all of these jobs. Please help him by marking your preferences and emailing them to him at thomkmc@sbcglobal.net Come on, all you Ultreyas - get together, share the workload, and share the fun!!!!

I am interested in being part of the following teams:



Please check all applicable boxes.

Food: ** <input type="checkbox"/> Provide bottled water <input type="checkbox"/> Provide sodas <input type="checkbox"/> Provide baked goods <input type="checkbox"/> Provide veggies <input type="checkbox"/> Provide paper products (plates, napkins, etc.)		Music: <input type="checkbox"/> Music CHA on weekend <input type="checkbox"/> Play for wakeup <input type="checkbox"/> Play for Clausura <input type="checkbox"/> Set up equipment for weekend and / or Clausura	
Altar Guild: <input type="checkbox"/> Care for linens <input type="checkbox"/> Set up for Clausura <input type="checkbox"/> Make bread (for weekend & Clausura) <input type="checkbox"/> Provide individual cups for communion**		Setup / Take Down: <input type="checkbox"/> Wednesday night <input type="checkbox"/> Clausura setup <input type="checkbox"/> Take down	
Provide Supplies: ** <input type="checkbox"/> Art table <input type="checkbox"/> Comfort table		Ultreya Organization: <input type="checkbox"/> Will head Ultreya group in my congregation <input type="checkbox"/> Will make reminder calls for weekend duties <input type="checkbox"/> Help set up and take down Love Team chapel	
Palanca: <input type="checkbox"/> Help sort <input type="checkbox"/> Make gracemats <input type="checkbox"/> Make general palanca with Ultreya		Other: <input type="checkbox"/> Assemble Participant Crosses <input type="checkbox"/> Repair / Maintain Banners <input type="checkbox"/> Other: describe service below	

Name:		
Email:		
Telephone contacts:	Home:	
	Cell:	
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:

** All Provided items may be reimbursed or you may request a donation receipt.

WEEKEND #78 CAN BE A PERFECT VACATION

A Via de Cristo weekend is always the perfect time to send someone you love to spend a whole weekend walking and visiting with Jesus and the 4th Day family. It is especially true this summer when so many may have decided to vacation at home this year

Perhaps Weekend #78, coming up July 30-Aug. 2, is the right weekend for your friend or loved one to go to Via de Cristo and share in this special love.

The deadline for Weekend #78 registration is April 6, 2008. Registration forms and instructions for registering can be found on our website at <http://ntls.org>.

ON BEING CHRIST TO YOUR NEIGHBOR

Shared by Jon Krueger, Faith Lutheran, Wichita Falls

Well, it's been a while since Clausura for week-end #72. That week-end meant so much to me. When we left, my wife Sally and I couldn't stop talking about the experiences we had, the wonderful staff, the tear-jerking Palanca, the eye-opening Rollos, the overall good that came out of such a week-end, and the ways we could continue to participate, both at new week-ends and as members of an ever-growing 4th Day community. We are coming up on a year now, since driving away from Lake Sharon. At first, we beat feet to Reunions, and Ultreya meetings. We made darn sure to attend staff training, and I was privileged to staff as a Table Leader on week-end #74, then Sally was called and served as a Food Cha for week-end #75.

But, in the interim, a flurry of things happened. Jobs, hobbies, and \$4/gallon gas, raided our wallets, sapped our strength and devoured our week-ends, forcing us to miss Ultreyas and disabling our capability and ability to make time for any Reunion trips. We don't live in close proximity to the vast majority of our Via de Cristo family, so we are often separated by the sparse times we get to see each other.

At times, I have caught myself sitting at the dining room table with my Pilgrim's Guide, quietly sighing like an Alzheimer's victim, as I struggle to remember names of the staff that I fondly revered from week-end #72, and now, pathetically, cannot grasp. We used to laugh about my ability to "get lost in closet" while driving to Denton, missing exits and making wrong turns. Now, I frantically search the recesses of my mind trying to remember the path from Wichita Falls to Lake Sharon, brushing a tear aside, almost feeling like we've forgotten something much more important.

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But, we haven't. The little desk plate by my phone at work evokes Martin Luther's reminder, "It is the duty of every Christian to be Christ to his neighbor" and governs every part of my day. I cannot fathom the number of times it has directly influenced all with whom I come in contact. My hobby is theatre. Over the year, I have poured hours into rehearsals; hours that I thought could have been better spent in direct service to the Lord. But, I learned that laughter, the laughter I provided, truly was the best medicine for hundreds who saw our shows.

I also serve as a volunteer in our local Hospice-I don't evangelize, but I've been told just being there as a new partner in each patient's journey is a blessing, to the patients, their families, as well as to me. Sally works in the local school district and has taken to repairing and giving clothes to her students in need. She has told me how seeing the them preen themselves in their "new" clothes, and often hearing their thanks, or seeing their non-verbal gratitude, makes her heart melt.

Isn't that what the 4th day is all about? It's not about the celebrities you remember from your week-end, the number of week-end events, or which Rollo you get to give, or Reunions, or Ultreyas, or placemats (although Faith in Wichita Falls makes the best!). It's about being Christ to your neighbor all day on that 4th day!!

De Colores!

JON KRUEGER, VdC #72

Thank you Jon for sharing a part of your life journey with us, your VDC family!

To share your stories (of all types - funny, serious, informative, etc.) with all of us please email your news or stories to Nelia (Mom)Thorp at youreltinterito@aol.com . Please include your name and Weekend #. If you wish to remain anonymous indicate that, so that the editor will not include that information in the newsletter.

AN INVITATION FROM THE NATIONAL LUTHERAN SECRETARIAT

Come Holy Spirit -- Join Pilgrims from all walks of life --
Become ---"One in the Son" (John 17:21)---and share the blessings

At the National Lutheran Secretariat Annual Meeting

Barry University in South Florida

July 23 - 26, 2009

Register Today

Call Judy at 954-476-9022 or visit

www.viadecristo.org/annualmeeting/index.htm

Palanca doesn't have to end with your Weekend

Out of your *Love To Share, Your Health To Spare, and as Friends Who Care*
join our prayer chain and let God's power, strength, and joy bring
you and those you pray for His peace and joy.

FOR HEALING

Emily
Linda
Lilly
Mari
Laura
Ray
Kathy
Pat

FOR GUIDANCE and STRENGTH

Iris
Alice
Mom T.
Barb

FOR THANKSGIVING AND BLESSINGS

Many huge thanks and gratitude for new church building at Rejoice Lutheran Frisco!!

In order to keep the prayers current and applicable the list will be started anew with each edition of the El Tinterito. You need not go into great detail about the particulars of your request, but please give your name and weekend number. You will receive email notices of the deadlines for adding or renewing your name/s to this prayer list.

