

El Tintero



November, 2010

Lutheran Via de Cristo of North Texas



So if you're serious about living this new resurrection life with Christ, act like it. Pursue the things over which Christ presides. Don't shuffle along, eyes to the ground, absorbed with the things right in front of you. Look up, and be alert to what is going on around Christ—that's where the action is.

See things from his perspective. Col 3: 1-2 (The Message)

LOVE REVOLUTION #82

De Colores dear brothers and sisters in Christ!

What do I mean by a love revolution? It's a complete change in how we see things. It's seeing the world through the eyes of God's love. I like to think of Via De Cristo as a Love Revolution because it opens our pilgrim's eyes to how much God truly loves them! This in turn lets them see things in a new perspective – Christ's.

I hope you will join me in praying for our 21 new pilgrims on Weekend #82 so that they experience a Love Revolution in their lives! We want them to return home with a renewed energy and strength in the Lord. We want them to fill revived with the power of Christian Community and a real hope they can make a change in their environments. We want them to stay connected in their 4th day with small groups and Ultreyas – so they keep the Revolution alive in their hearts and pass it on!

Our Saint for this weekend is St Patrick. St Patrick was a living breathing example of what a Love Revolution really can do. Patrick let God's love transform him and he devoted his life to sharing the Good News with his enemies – the Irish people who enslaved him as a youth. The staff has been praying St Patrick's Breastplate prayer while we prepare for the weekend:

- Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me,
- Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,
- Christ in eye of everyone who sees me,
- Christ in the ear of everyone who listens to me

What a wonderful prayer! What an awesome God we serve!

I am asking you to PLEASE be a part of Love Revolution #82 too! Let's show these new Pilgrims what a Christian Community in Action really looks like. WE NEED YOU TO BE CHRIST'S HANDS IN ACTION We need your palanca! We need your help with your Ultreya's homecoming. We need your assistance as we set-up and take down. **PLEASE come to wake up!** I know it's early – but the impact Wake-up has on our pilgrims is **BECAUSE** of the sacrifice that the 4th Day is making. **PLEASE come to Clausaura** and be a witness to all the miraculous things that will happen this weekend.

You are not only blessing us – but you become part of the blessings and your perspective is renewed when you join us. **PLEASE BE A PART OF LOVE REVOLUTION #82 !**

ULTREYA! Rectora Kathy

Via de Cristo Weekend 82

August

4th *Wed 6:30 pm Setup at Lake Sharon*
 Food and Palanca Drop Off
 5th *Thu 6:45 pm Via de Cristo #82 Begins
 6th *Sat 1:30 pm Love Team Visitation

August

7th Sun 6:00 am Arrive For Wakeup
 7th Sun 6:30 am Wakeup Begins
 7th Sun 2:45 pm Clausura Setup
 7th Sun 3:30 pm Clausura Begins
 7th Sun 6:00 pm Homecomings at
 Various Locations

Participant

Congregation

Sponsor

Jennifer Banks	Our Redeemer, Grand Prairie	Victoria Thalgott
Clinton B. Bronson	Community Fellowship, New Braunfels	Mike Eskew
Lisa de los Santos	St. Andrews Lutheran, Hurst	Debbie Dickey
Ashkey Duree	Our Redeemer, Grand Prairie	Victoria Thalgott
Jonas Duree	Our Redeemer, Grand Prairie	Victoria Thalgott
Derek Ellison	Our Redeemer, Grand Prairie	Mel Hammer
Janell Ford (Nell)	Our Redeemer, Grand Prairie	Larry Ford
Timothy Ford (Tim)	Our Redeemer, Grand Prairie	Larry Ford
Travis Garney	Franklin Baptist, Franklin, Texas	Susan Mathis
Jackie Hewett	Faith Lutheran, Flower Mound	Shelly & Terry Brennan
A. B. Jones	Preston Heights Baptist, Dallas	Rick Nyman
Bonnie Kaufman	Lord of Life Lutheran, Glen Heights	Jean Stewart
Joe Kraatz	Faith Lutheran, Ft. Worth	Janet Ktaatz
John Mathis	McKinney Fellowship, McKinney	Susan Mathis
Paul Moody	Calvary Lutheran, Richland Hills	Linda McMillan
Cindy Peebles	First United Methodist, Grapevine	Lisa Harrington
Whitney Reynolds	Franklin Methodist, Franklin, Texas	Susan Mathis
Rouse, Susan	Faith Lutheran, Ft. Worth	Janet Kraatz
Karen Snyder	Faith Lutheran, Flower Mound	Linda Neal
Della South	Grace, Ft. Worth	Kathy Hunt
Renee Swanjord	Our Redeemer, Grand Prairie	Mel & Hattie Hammer

Staff

Rector**Kathy Hunt
 O/R**Jim Bingaman
 S/D***Pastor Janet Kraatz
 S/D***Pastor Ryan Mills
 Rectors Cha**Cid Smith
 Music Cha**Viktor Andersson
 Food Cha**Susan Mathis
 Food Cha**Debi Gebhardt
 Palanca Cha**Pat Carr
 Palanca Cha**Debbie Dickey
 Tech Cha**Margaret Potter

Rollos/Table Leaders

Ideal/Table Leader**Rick Nyman
 Laity/Table Leader**Becky Clark
 Piety//Table Leader**Barb Guinn
 Study/Table Leader**Patrick Hunt
 Action/Table Leader**Laura Talafuse
 Leaders/Table Leader**Jerry Court
 Environments/Table Leader**Bob Johnson
 Christian Comm/Table Leader**Helen Mayo
 Fourth Day/Table Leader**Bob Mock
 Table Leader **Kim Nyman

Love Team Rector Mike Eskew

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

As I look forward to weekend #82 I am so excited to get to meet new members of this wonderful, spirit filled community we call Via de Cristo of North Texas. It is hard to believe the last three years have flown by so quickly. It has been my honor and privilege to serve God with you in this movement. (Not that I am going far, just changing hats.) I have been blessed by you, your support of and for Via de Cristo, by serving with you as we take what we learn on a weekend (whether as a participant, a staff person, as part of the Love Team or as a support person) back into our environment to be leaders there and spread God's amazing love with those around us.

As I have said so many times, Via de Cristo is not about the weekend, but about how we take what we receive in our participation and preparation of a weekend and use it in our world. When we go back into our "space" and introduce our friends to Jesus we plant that seed which God has given us to share. We are called in so many ways to be leaders, CHAs (Christ's Hands in Action), the laity working and living God's call in our environments. I hope you will never think your part is not important; God calls us each to serve in our own way and in our own capacity for service. No effort is too small when we plant what God has given us. Remember the story of the mustard seed? Matthew 17:20 "...for truly I say to you, if you have faith as a mustard seed, you shall say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there' and it shall move; and nothing shall be impossible to you"

I hope you will hear and answer God's call to be part of upcoming weekends; there can be no weekend without staff, set up / take down teams, Love teams, Secretariat members to make plans and direct the course and ones who provide all the essential elements for weekends (food palanca, etc.). When we share with others what we have found good and beneficial for our growth in Christ we are called to share it with others, Via de Cristo is one of those wonderful ways to do so. Please, find a way to be part.

Please attend staff school and encourage others who have not to attend as well. Be part of a small group, attend a monthly Ultreya and join in the fun of Grand Ultreyas. I must say the Ultreya just held at St Andrew in Hurst, October 23 was a very special event. Encourage someone who has not been active in the community to join you; things are much more fun when we do them together.

I look forward to seeing you at set up, Saturday visitation, Wake-up, take down AND Clausura next week! Yes, I said AND! I will be there --- I hope you will too!

Peace, Blessings and Joy always,
Alice Allison

This is a copy of the handwritten letter sent to St. Paul's for their most generous donation.



Lutheran
Via De Cristo
Of North Texas

October 25, 2010

Dear Members of St. Paul,

What a blessing to the Via de Cristo of North Texas your very generous financial gift will be. With this donation you have enabled over 100 people to attend a grace weekend of renewed and refreshed faith in God our Father, to work together with Christ through the Holy Spirit.

We, the Secretariat and the members of the 4th Day community, of which many of you are a part, thank you for your prayerful consideration OF including us in your benevolence. The lives you touch by this gift will far outnumber the amount of dollars given. Those 100 plus people will each touch others and your gift will multiple without end.

As each of you move into other congregations within our community you will become a blessing to those you worship and serve God with in your new environments. May you be blessed always.

Peace, Blessings and Joy,

*Alice Allison
Lay Director, NTLVdC*

Celebrating New Life

Part of the Via de Cristo method has to do with our spiritual cycle of sin/repentance/forgiveness/reconciliation. Of course, that takes time for self reflection and a desire to follow Jesus' way of being in the world.

The result is a life that is liberated from self, and the desire to share God's incredible grace with the world. Enthusiasm is contagious, and our excitement for what God is doing in the world is what attracts people to God's coming kingdom.

It seems to me, that when we begin to share ourselves with the world, that folks will naturally want to be our friends. Being a friend can be somewhat more challenging, but when we follow Jesus' way of genuine love, our friends will naturally be brought to Jesus. As we experience the spiritual cycle over again, our enthusiasm is rekindled and the whole process begins again.

In other words, let us thank God for this movement which jump starts our spiritual awareness. Let us Thank God for the person who invited us to experience a reconciling weekend. Let us thank God by following up with our covenant to stay involved with a small group, an ultreya, and a faithful life in a congregation.

Peace to you all,
Pr. Ernie +

Wake-up Renews You

Wake-up is contagious. While you are helping the participants discover their larger 4th Day family, you just can't help but be filled again with the fire of the Holy Spirit you experienced on your own weekend.

Our 4th Day activities are a way to remember our own weekends and renew our resolve to grow in piety, study, and action.

The participants are assured and you are reassured that this love and community can be replaced and continued in their own environments through their own small groups and active participation in their ultreyas. It doesn't have to be a one time experience -- it can go on and on just as God's love for us never ends.

The meditations and rollos have prepared the participants for the return to their environments. The participants turn to the lessons they have learned and, hopefully, will go forth with renewed vigor eager to serve God. Wake-up is chance to renew your vigor to go forth and serve where God calls you.

Tell Weekend Rep How You Plan To Help for Weekend # 82

The logistics plans for the weekend need to be committed to and reported to Curt by the Wednesday a week before the Weekend begins to insure that the Weekend will go smoothly..

Please call or email Curt at 817-267-7017 or thomkmc@sbcglobal.net

to help in some or all of the following ways:

What kinds of palanca food and when will you be delivering to the Retreat Center?.

If you will volunteer to be on call to deliver items needed during the weekend.

If you will help at Wednesday night set-up – 6 pm, November 3rd --Retreat Center

If you will help with Clausura set-up – 2:45 pm Sunday, November 7th

If you plan to help after Clausura with Take-Down

M-A-R-K – Y-O-U-R -- C-A-L-E-N-D-A-R-S – S-A-V-E – T-H-E – D-A-Y

***THE NEXT STAFF TRAINING SCHOOL
WILL BE HELD ON***

**Saturday, January 22, 2010-- 9:00am – 4 pm
King of Glory Lutheran Church—Dallas
6411 LBJ Freeway, Dallas, Texas 75240**

Registration Deadline: January 8, 2010

Note: The school will not meet unless 8 or more people have registered by the deadline, January 8, 2010.

Bring your own sack lunch

To register: fill out and copy this form and email to momtvdc@gmail.com

Your Name _____ Phone# _____

Home Address _____

Church Affiliation _____

Email address _____

VdC Weekend # _____ (if you attended elsewhere, give location and date – Ex. – FL.-1999) _____

When I Say, "I Am A Christian"...

Author unknown

When I say that 'I am a Christian', I am not shouting that I am clean living ---
I am whispering "I was lost, but now I'm found and forgiven."

When I say that 'I am a Christian' I don't speak of this with pride ---
I'm confessing that I stumble and need Christ to be my guide

When I say "I am a Christian" I'm not trying to be strong ---
I'm professing that I am weak and need His strength to carry on.

When I say 'I am a Christian' I'm not bragging of success ---
I'm admitting I have failed and need God to clean my mess.

When I say 'I am a Christian' I'm not claiming to be perfect ---
My flaws are far too visible, but God believes I am worth it.

When I say 'I am a Christian' I still feel the sting of pain ---
I have my share of heartaches, so I call upon His name.

When I say 'I am a Christian' I'm not holier than thou ---
I'm just a simple sinner who received God's good grace, somehow!