



El Tinterito

A quick look at the Lutheran Via de Cristo of North Texas

2015 Via de Cristo Weekends

Weekend #94: August 13-16, 2015 at Briarwood

Weekend #95: November 5-8 at Briarwood

Living Hope That Springs Eternal

By Doug Guinn

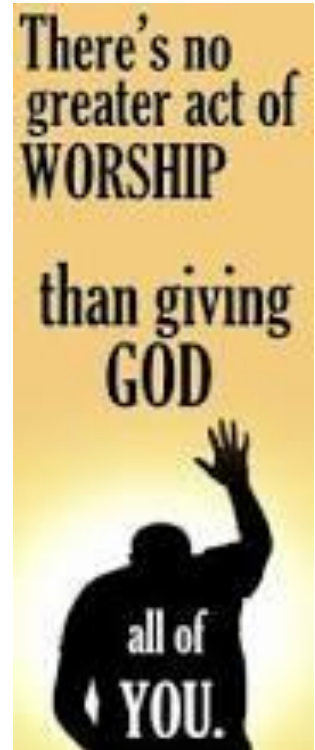
LVDCLay Director

A blessed Easter to you! Alleluia, He is risen! He is risen indeed, Alleluia! The colder winter days have finally given way to an extended, beautiful Spring here in North Texas. The flowers, both wild and tended are blooming in all their glory. The leaves on the trees are in full growth, and grasses are, for the most part, a lush green. The beauty and growth are encouraged by the Spring rainstorms. The recent rains have, for the most part, been welcome, where many parts of our state still face drought conditions, but the recent hail and tornadoes

that have sometimes accompanied them are not. The season is aptly named then, as everything from flowers to trees to storms, and even our Savior, "spring" forth! I am also reminded of the phrase "hope springs eternal." As Christians, we are born into a living hope.

1st Peter 1:3-9 reads: "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By His great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you who are being protected by the power of God through

faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith-being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire-may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls."



Indescribable and Glorious Joy

On the news this past week I saw pictures of rainbows that folks had sent in, even some full rainbows! Rainbows always remind me of God's promise of the gift of the new life we have in Christ. And, while we physically

cannot see this gift, it is a gift more precious than gold; a gift that brings "indescribable and glorious joy." As we walk in our 4th Day through the remainder of the Easter season and beyond, may we constantly be reminded of the promised

inheritance of life eternal that we have been freely given, but that was paid for at a precious price, with the blood of the Lamb of God, Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Blessings to you all.

---Doug Guinn---

(P.S. I hope to see all of you at the Grand Ultreya at Grace Lutheran Church in Carrollton, on May 16 beginning at 5pm!)

Secretary's Insights: Comfort in "Being Still"

By Helen Mayo
LVDCNT Secretary

I hope you all survived the uncharacteristic ice and snow season unscathed. Sometimes, life throws us a curve. I recently had an appendectomy-things went well and I'm healing up. At the time, I took comfort in the verse, "Be still and know that I am God" (Psalm 46:10). I had to look up the exact location later, but being able to recall the verse automatically reminded me of all the wonderful pastors and teachers I have been

privileged to know and learn from over the years. I especially send out kudos to the Spiritual Directors who have served Via de Cristo throughout the years. Your presence, prayers and advice have been invaluable. My heartfelt thanks to you all.

I pray that everyone had a wonderful Easter season and that you're looking forward to a great summer. As the year progresses, please continue to consider your participation in the 4th Day. We have a Grand Ultreya coming up on May 16th at Grace Lutheran

Church in Carrollton-hope you can make it. In other words – Ultreya!



Grand Ultreya is Happening May 16th!!

The Lutheran Via de Cristo of North Texas will be holding its next Grand Ultreya soon.
When? May 16th at 5-8PM.
Where?

Grace Lutheran Church
1200 East Hebron Pkwy
Carrollton, TX
How to get there? Follow this link online for a map.
<https://goo.gl/maps/CSGIS>

The Tentative Agenda:
5:00-5:30 – Gathering
5:30-6:30 – Potluck/Sm Groups
6:30-7:15 – Follow-up on the Rediscover + Recommit

Workshop, Other Announcements
7:15-8:00 – Worship

Please bring a potluck dish to share and join the fun!!!

The Grand Ultreya is
the meeting to remember!

ULTREYA!

Happening Soon – Weekend #94

Please pray that God blesses and guides Sharon Bartells, the Weekend #94 Rector with the ability to discern the right people as

she calls staff for this weekend. Pray also that those whom God has

chosen will remove all obstacles that would prevent them from serving, so they can clearly hear and respond to God's invitation.

Once complete, a staff list will be posted on the website and included in the next EI Tintero.

Save the Date! Via de Cristo #94: August 13-16, 2015

Each Weekend is another opportunity for your 4th Day light to shine. You can be a blessing in so many ways, and here is how:

Wed-Aug 12:

6:30pm – Setup. Palanca and Food drop-off

Thu-Aug 13:

6:45 – Pray for blessings as the Weekend begins

Sat-Aug 15:

12:40 – Arrive for Love Team Visitation

1:10 – Love Team Visitation

Sun-Aug 16 (Participants 4th Day!)

6:00am – Arrive for Wake-Up

6:30am – Wake-Up

Too early? That's okay!

Come later & help!

2:30pm – Setup for Clausura, or begin to take down the Rollo Room and the Living Room

But don't miss

the real treat!

3:30pm – Clausura begins



Staff School

Remember: Staff School is a requirement before you can serve on staff. It is a one-day event. The next Staff School will be held at Faith Lutheran in

Flower Mound. It will be in the Upper Room, Room

Staff Training School will be held on
Saturday, June 13th
From 9:30am to 3:00pm

200 of the Love to the Max Center, on, Saturday, June 13th from 9:30am to 3:00pm. See you there!!

Your Prayers are Needed...In More Ways Than One

Please pray about actively sponsoring participants for grace weekends. You can find the registration forms on our website www.vdcnorthtexas.org

After completing the entire registration form, including the pastor's, participant's, and the sponsor's signatures, please mail it to:

Linda Neal

Via de Cristo Registrar

3030 Old Mill Run

Grapevine, TX 76051



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“By the grace of God...”

What a blessing God’s grace is to us, and what a joy it was on our Via de Cristo Weekends to actually feel the weight of guilt and despair lifted from our hearts as we recognized that God granted us that grace. For many years we have waived the fee for participants so the opportunity for the Via de Cristo experience is truly a “Grace Weekend.”

But, did you know each Weekend costs us about \$8,000, with only a fraction covered by Staff and Love Team member fees. Sometimes a Sponsor will donate the full participant fee of \$155, but often it is fully absorbed by our treasury.

Maybe you aren’t sponsoring someone for this upcoming weekend, but you can make a contribution (fully tax deductible) to Lutheran Via de Cristo of North Texas to aid our mission to personally deliver the experience of God’s grace. Every \$155 donation counts as a full scholarship. Can’t afford the full amount? Every contribution helps to ensure that Weekends continue to be Grace Weekends for the participants, so even partial scholarships can be combined with other gifts to cover the expenses. Checks payable to “LVDCNT” or “Lutheran Via de Cristo of North Texas” or even “NTLS” can be placed in the offering at *Clausura*, or mailed at any time to:

Tim Talafuse, Treasurer
702 Tartan Trail
Highland Village, TX 75077

We’re on the Web!
www.vdcnorthtexas.org

My Weekend Was So Special! How Else Can I Serve?

By Jon Krueger
LVDCNT Communications

I am certain that you all remember the unique, poignant, stirring and thought provoking moments during your Weekend.

The experience is different for everyone. Maybe it was the music, or the rollos, the art projects, or the meditations that

tugged at your heart strings. Maybe it was the unexpected palanca showing you God’s love through family, friends and total strangers.

Or, perhaps it was the revelation of that glorious, anonymous group of people praying for you from the very first second of your Weekend.

The Love Team.

Perhaps, the more you pray about this upcoming Weekend, you are hearing God calling you to join the Love Team, serving others the way you were so gracefully served during your Weekend.

Think. Pray. Act.