



El Tinterito

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

Weekends

Via de Cristo Weekend #91: August 14-17, 2014 at Briarwood

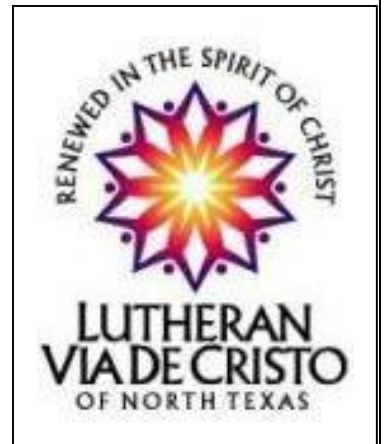
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Serving

There are many ways to serve for a weekend besides being called to a staff position. Please consider: Being a sponsor, praying for staff and participants, preparing palanca, setting up on Wednesday nights, participating in Saturday Serenade, going to wake-up, helping with Clausura setup, serving on the Love Team, and going to Clausura.

Weekend #91

Please pray that God blesses and guides the Weekend #91 Rector Bob Johnson with the ability to discern the right people as he 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 El Tintero.



Via de Cristo Staff School

In order to be considered to serve on a staff, you must attend staff school! The next staff school will be held from 9am to 3pm on June 7th, at King of Glory, in Dallas. If you want to attend, please send the following information, by May 23rd to: Dori Weir doriww@yahoo.com

Name:

Weekend Attended:

Home Congregation:

Email Address:

Phone Number:



Reminder

Please pray about actively sponsoring participants for grace weekends.

Registration forms should be sent to:

Linda Neal

Via de Cristo Registrar

3030 Old Mill Run

Grapevine, TX 76051.

The deadline for applications for Weekend #91 is August 4th, 5PM!

LIVING HOPE THAT SPRINGS ETERNAL

By: Doug Guinn. LVDCNT Lay Director

A blessed Easter season to you! Alleluia, He is risen! He is risen indeed, Alleluia! The colder winter days have finally given way to the brief, but beautiful spring weather here in North Texas. The flowers, both wild and tended are blooming in all their glory. Many of the trees and grasses are that bright shade of green of new tender leaves and shoots sprouting forth. The beauty and growth are encouraged by the spring rainstorms. The rain is usually welcome, especially in Texas, where many parts of our state still face drought conditions, but the hail and tornadoes that sometimes accompany it 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. One of the lessons from the Lectionary this week, 1 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.”

At least twice this spring I have seen full, double rainbows. Rainbows always remind me of God’s promise of the gift of the new life we have in Christ. And while we cannot physically see this gift, it is a gift more precious than gold, a gift that brings “*indescribable and glorious joy*”.

As we each walk in our 4th Day through the remainder of this 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!

(P.S. Please keep your Secretariat in prayer as we seek God’s will in the decisions we make on behalf of the LVDCNT community. May all we do be to the glory of God.)

Please remember to attend the Grand Ultreya on 17 May 2014, from 5-7pm at Faith Lutheran Church in Flower Mound, Texas!

More Great Ways to Serve

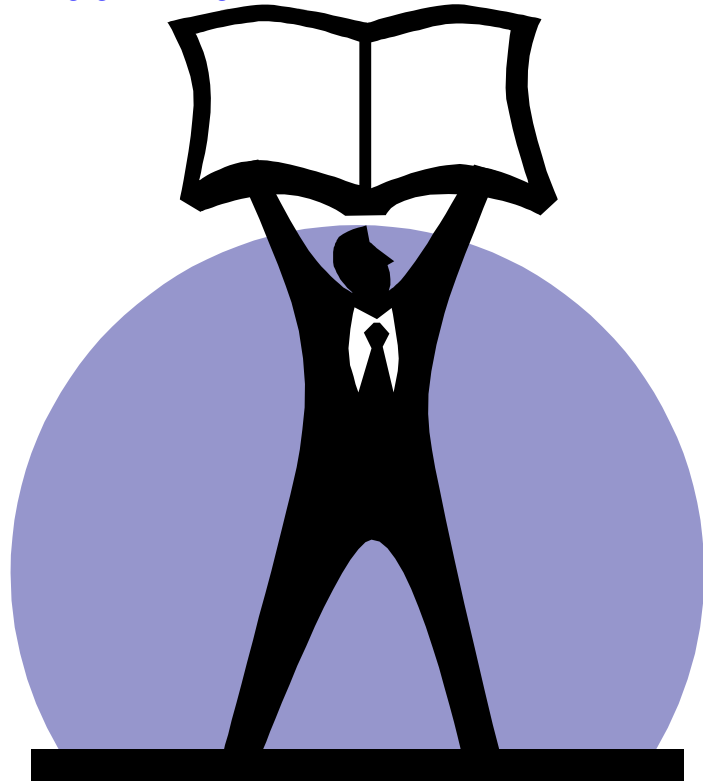


Database Manager Needed:

The Secretariat is in need of someone to fill the position of Database Manager. The person filling this position is responsible for overseeing all aspects of the Lutheran Via de Cristo of North Texas' (LVDCNT) database requirements, including ensuring the optimal functionality and usage of our database that is currently maintained in Microsoft Access. Specifically, the Database Manager is responsible for design and management of the database, including developing procedures for record creation / maintenance, data-quality monitoring, development of interfaces and data entry procedures to minimize user error / data inconsistencies. The Database Manager will work in collaboration with the Secretariat in designing and deploying data reports, and begin the development of a plan of integration of data between the database and Web-enabled resources. If interested, please email Doug Guinn at doug.guinn@gmail.com or call 817.807.3181.

Historian Needed:

The Secretariat is in need of someone to fill the position of Historian. The person filling this position is responsible for creating and extending the historical record of the Lutheran Via de Cristo of North Texas' (LVDCNT) by recording, compiling and archiving activities and milestones associated with the community. This includes the multi-media documentation of LVDCNT activities (Ultreyas, Grand Ultreyas, etc...) other than the Weekends themselves. This may include photographs, video or written compilation of events, decisions of and changes within the community. If interested, please email Doug Guinn at doug.guinn@gmail.com or call 817.807.3181.



Let's Fill Briarwood to Capacity This Weekend

Please pray about being on The Love Team

Briarwood is a fabulous facility, perfect for all of the facets and functions of the Via de Cristo movement in our mission area.

Names of Weekend #91 participants will be posted on our website and e-mailed out when they are received.

Please pray for each and every one of the participants.

"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."

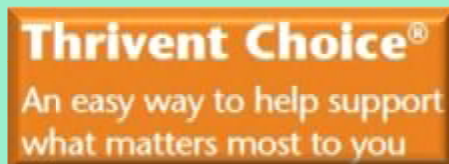
But did you know each Weekend costs us about \$8,000 in facility and food costs alone, of which only a little over half is covered by Staff and Love Team members' fees? Sometimes a Sponsor will donate the costs related to a participant, but often that \$155 payment is fully absorbed by our treasury.

Maybe you aren't sponsoring someone for Weekend #91, 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.



At Clausura, every check for \$155 which is contributed is counted as a full sponsorship. Can't afford a full scholarship? Every contribution helps to ensure that Weekends continue to be Grace Weekends for the participants, so even partial scholarships can be combine 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.

Is there some other way that I can contribute? Are you a member of Thrivent?



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 Thrivent 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!

Blessings to everyone for 2014 and for all of our weekends.
JON KRUEGER, LVDCNT COMMUNICATIONS