

El Tintero



August, 2010

Lutheran Via de Cristo of North Texas

Weekend #81 August 8-11th

In preparation for weekend #81 I thought back when I accepted the call to be rector of this weekend. I was so afraid of not having the ability to serve my Lord in this role. My thoughts wandered, I'm not worthy, how can I do this working out of town, I don't like being the center of attention, etc. After the first staff meeting all I could say was WOW! What an Awesome God we serve and what an amazingly wonderful staff our Lord put together to serve Him and his children. No matter what situation we find ourselves in, all we have to do is trust in the Lord. As the writer of Psalm 56:3-4 states "When I am afraid, I will trust in you. In God, whose word I praise, in God I will trust; I will not be afraid...". Praise be to God!

I ask for the 4th Day Community to continue to hold us in Prayer during our time of preparation, staff meetings and during the weekend. I encourage you to make a friend, be a friend and introduce that friend to Christ. Prayerfully consider the participant God is calling you to sponsor.

I know we will see you all at Wake Up and Clausura on Sunday August, 8th.

Give thanks to the Lord, call on his name;
make known among the nations what he has done, and
proclaim that his name is exalted.
Sing to the Lord, for he has done glorious things;
let this be known to all the world."
Isaiah 12:2-4

God's Peace,
mike eskew

*Prayer and Palanca Time Is Here. So put on your knee pads and
sharpen your crayons. Be a part of the weekend.*

Via de Cristo Weekend 81

August

4th *Wed 6:30 pm Setup at Lake Sharon*
 Food and Palanca Drop Off
 5th *Thu 6:45 pm Via de Cristo #81 Begins
 7th *Sat 1:30 pm Love Team Visitation

August

8th Sun 6:00 am Arrive For Wakeup
 8th Sun 6:30 am Wakeup Begins
 8th Sun 2:45 pm Clausura Setup
 8th Sun 3:30 pm Clausura Begins
 8th Sun 6:00 pm Homecomings at
 Various Locations

Participant

Congregation

Sponsor

<i>David Doely</i>	<i>King of Glory Lutheran, Dallas</i>	<i>Cheryl Doely</i>
<i>Kathy Englemann</i>	<i>Faith Lutheran, Flower Mound</i>	<i>Kathy Shugarman</i>
<i>Chelsea Foong</i>	<i>Rejoice Lutheran, Frisco</i>	<i>Janice Foong</i>
<i>Donna Luedeker</i>	<i>St. John Lutheran, Coryell</i>	<i>Virginia Cox</i>
<i>Susan Mathis</i>	<i>McKinney Fellowship Church</i>	<i>Janice Foong</i>
<i>Ronda Peterson</i>	<i>King of Glory, Ft. Worth</i>	<i>Pat Carr and</i>
		<i>Carol vanBuskirk</i>
<i>Sarah Vick</i>	<i>Faith Lutheran, Wichita Falls</i>	<i>Stephanie Mudge</i>
<i>Ellen Weaver</i>	<i>Faith Lutheran, Flower Mound</i>	<i>Becky Clark</i>

Staff

Rollos/Table Leaders

Rector**Mike Eskew
 O/R**Kathy Hunt
 S/D***Pastor Phil Heinz
 S/D***Pastor Kenneth Moerbe
 Rectors Cha**Dori Weir
 Music Cha**Carol Van Buskirk
 Food Cha**Carol Court
 Food Cha**Janice Foong
 Palanca Cha**Shelly Brennan
 Palanca Cha**Valerie vonBergen
 Tech Cha**Patrick Hunt

Ideal/Table Leader**David VanBuskirk
 Laity/Table Leader**Donald Bollinger
 Piety//Table Leader**Tim Fuston
 Study/Table Leader**Harry Herd
 Action/Table Leader**Curt Thompson
 Leaders/Table Leader**Paul Harrington
 Environments/Table Leader**Christy Gibson
 Christian Comm/Table Leader**Tammy Lillard
 Fourth Day/Table Leader**Jesse Martinez
 Table Leader **Mundi Gutierrez

Love Team Rector Sandy Thurmer

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

As I write I am on a plane returning from the National Secretariat meeting which was held this year in the Minneapolis / St Paul area. It was a spiritual weekend filled with the presence of God's Holy Spirit living among us.

In many ways it was much like a Via de Cristo weekend, except instead of hearing Rollos we had break-out sessions, forums and speakers, each of which shared God in our lives and how Via de Cristo works to help us encounter Jesus in our own lives and then share Him with others.

We came together from all across the country East to West and North to South. As we shared with each other the things which make our communities work, we found differences in the logistics, the type locations where weekends are held, how we name and use our teams etc. but, what does not change are the essentials which are: a 72 hour retreat, 14/15 talks (some communities do our 4th Day talk in two talks), Lay and Clergy, Communion daily, Prayer / Palanca, group discussion, artwork, sponsorship / 4th Day involvement.

Traditions vary as well, but many of them are adiaphorous, meaning they are not necessary to the true purpose of what a Via de Cristo weekend really is. In our community we have adiaphorous which we may consider essential, as they are indeed a part of our weekends which enrich and strengthen the meaning of Via de Cristo; gracemats are one thing which come immediately to mind.

It is the essentials which make us able to share Via de Cristo literally around the world. When we stray from the essentials we may have a wonderful weekend, God may be truly present and the attendees may be filled with the Holy Spirit but it is not Via de Cristo. You should be able to recognize Via de Cristo if you leave here and go to North Carolina, Oklahoma, Oregon, Tennessee or Florida but it is only possible when those essential pieces are all in place.

Via de Cristo is not for everyone and we are not out to "Via de Cristo ize" the world but we do want our movement to remain Via de Cristo so we can be a welcome home to those who come to us from Michigan, Arizona, Ohio, Colorado, Georgia or California.

We are a blessed and gifted community of dedicated followers of Jesus Christ. Let us continue in the traditions we have built in our soon to be 81 weekends by following the essentials and adding the flavor of who we are without detracting from what Via de Cristo is meant to be. Let us be an open, welcoming, recognizable Via de Cristo family of God. We were given the elements for a renewal movement which have worked for over 50 years; we do not need to change a thing.

God's Boxes

*I have in my hands two boxes,
Which God gave me to hold.
He said, "Put all your sorrows in the black box,
And all your joys in the gold."*

*I heeded His words, and in the two boxes,
Both my joys and sorrows I stored,
But though the gold became heavier each day,
The black was as light as before.*

*With curiosity, I opened the black,
I wanted to find out why,
And I saw, in the base of the box, a hole,
Which my sorrows had fallen out by.*

*I showed the hole to God, and mused,
"I wonder where my sorrows could be!"
He smiled a gentle smile and said,
"My child, they're all here with me.."*

*I asked God, why He gave me the boxes,
Why the gold and the black with the hole?
"My child, the gold is for you to count your blessings,
The black is for you to let go."*

VDC Policy On Use Of Email Addresses

The current policy is that the members' email addresses can be used to distribute VDC prayer requests, business and information only. We consider our prayer response for requests for prayers about illnesses and deaths of community members and their families to be a privilege as well as a responsibility. The current way to distribute individual announcements, invitations, etc is via the ultreyas.

Individuals should send their requests to the Communications Team Chairman who in turn will pass it on to the 4th Day Chairman, Cid Smith, for distribution to the ultreyas. There are currently four active ultreyas in the metroplex plus one in Waco and one in Wichita Falls which should provide good coverage for your requests.

Tell Weekend Rep How You Plan To Help for Weekend # 81

The logistics plans for the weekend need to be committed to and reported to Curt by the Wednesday 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 – starts 6 pm August 4th -- Retreat Center

If you will help with Clausura set-up – 2:45 pm Sunday, August 8th

If you plan to help after Clausura with Take-Down

Many, many thanks for your help!

VDC STAFF TRAINING SCHOOL

**Saturday, September 18, 2010 -- 9:00am – 4 pm
Faith Lutheran Church—Flower Mound
6000 Morriss Road, Flower Mound, TX. 75028**

Registration Deadline: September 18, 2010

Note: The school will not meet unless 8 or more people have registered by the deadline, Sept..11th.

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) _____

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You Will Be Notified of Date, Place, and Time

By Email and Our Website (www.ntls.org)