

*****El Tintero*****

Greetings to the 4th Day Community

Welcome to the 86th Weekend of the Via de Cristo Community in North Texas. We will be at the Briarwood Retreat Center in Argyle Texas. The Center is located at 670 Copper Canyon Road, Argyle Texas 76226.

Our Saint for this weekend will be St. John. John was chosen by our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ to be one of the Apostles, and also wrote one of Gospels as well as other scriptures.

I am excited for this weekend. I believe the Lord has given me an incredible team, and after three staff meetings, I am even more excited.

We, the members of the staff, have a responsibility to help the participants have the best Via de Cristo experience they possibly can. You, the 4th Day Community can help us in several ways.

**Please come help us share the love we receive from
Jesus Christ by participating in Weekend #86**

**Join us in helping at set-up on Wednesday evening, or
Love Team visitation on Saturday afternoon.**

**Wake-up on Sunday morning and Clausura on Sunday afternoon are
very special times for the participants.**

Don't forget to help with tear-down and put-away after Clausura.

You can volunteer to serve on the Love Team.

**Homecoming at your local Ultreya is a way to share the experience of
the participants. If you can only come to one part of these
opportunities, you'll be glad that you did.**

We need prayer. And more prayer.

Thank you for your support, your help, and your love.

Blessings,

Bob Mock – Rector of Weekend #86

ULTREYA!

November, 2012

Lutheran Via de Cristo of North Texas

*Via de Cristo Weekend #86**November*

14th-Wed, 6:30 pm Set Up at Briarwood
Food and Palanca Drop Off
15th Thurs, 6:45 pm Via de Cristo #86 Begins
17th Sat, 1:30 pm Serenade

November

18th-Sun, 6:00 am Arrive for Wakeup
18th-Sun, 6:30 am Wakeup
18th-Sun, 2:45 pm Clausura Set Up
18th-Sun 3:30 pm Clausura Begins
18th-Sun, 6:00 pm Homecomings at
Various Locations

*Participants**Congregation**Sponsor*

Don Bell	Faith Lutheran, Flower Mound	Terry Brennan
Sherry Brown	First Baptist, Euless	Karen Thompson
Steve Brown	First Baptist, Euless	Curt Thompson
Channon Cervantes	First Baptist, Euless	Karen Thompson
Larry Cervantes	First Baptist, Euless	Curt Thompson
Andy Franklin	Faith Lutheran, Flower Mound	Jerry Gray
Kim Franklin	Faith Lutheran, Flower Mound	Kathleen Bower-Gray
Kathy Elder	Faith Lutheran, Flower Mound	Sandy Uszler
Tony Gomez	Grace Lutheran, Carrollton	Kathy Rogers
Linda Grams	Trinity Lutheran, Clifton, TX	Suzanne Guinn
Dottie Kammerer	Faith Lutheran, Flower Mound	Becky Clark
Pat Lyon	Trinity Lutheran, Clifton, TX	Suzanne Guinn
Keegan McConnell	Faith Lutheran, Flower Mound	Bob Johnson
	Love Team Rector –Bob Johnson	

Weekend #86 Staff

Rector – Bob Mock
OR – Carol Van Buskirk
SD – Pastor Phil Heinze
SD – Pastor Randy Sullivan
Rectors Cha – Karen Thompson
Music Cha – Bruce Hanson
Food Cha – Mark Brenden
Food Cha – Sandy Brenden
Palanca Cha – Linda Neal
Palanca Cha – Kim Silva

Ideal/Table Leader – Kathleen Talafuse
Laity/Table Leader – Jerry Gray
Piety/Table Leader – Leslie Herd
Study/Table Leader – Kathy Hunt
Action/Table Leader – Jim Bingaman
Leaders/Table Leader –Tim Talafuse
Environ/Table Leader – John Harris
C. C. in Action – Helen Mayo
4th Day – Dailey Taylor
Table Leader – Eslyn Chapman

Love Team Rector – Bob Johnson

Greetings 4th day Community,

Fall is here and the leaves are turning brilliant colors and another VDC weekend is coming soon. God has given a task to us to reach out to others to spread his WORD. To give comfort to those in need, offer friendship to those seeking friendship.

In the Gospel of John 15:1-2 it reads

I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that does not bear fruit he takes away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes, that it may bear more fruit. Already you are clean because of the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bear much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.

Friendship means putting to work things we have learned of our Lay movement by practicing Piety, Studying, Taking Action and being a Leader. We help make our Ultreya's strong with the support of our 4th day community. By working together as a family we can reach out to help show others what we have found by living a life with Christ. After all, he has given us the duty to be his messenger.

I know that when we place our lives in God's hands we are at ease. It reminds me of the times when my children were babies and started crying. I took them up in my arms and their crying ceased. They feel contentment, love, and trust. They feel at ease with their surroundings. These feelings are what I hope to share with all whom I come in contact with.

Step up and join me in Celebrating Life with Christ.

*"For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.
1 Corinthians 1:17 ESV*

Listed is the schedule for weekends we have booked so far. Put them on your calendar.

Via de Cristo #86: November 15 - 18, 2012 @ Briarwood

Via de Cristo #87: March 14 - 17, 2013 @ Briarwood

Via de Cristo #88: August 15 - 18, 2013 @ Briarwood

Via de Cristo #89: November 7 - 10, 2013 @ Briarwood

Let us pray for the Weekend Staff, our participants and for the Love Team.
God Bless to All.

Gerald Stout

Lay Director, Lutheran Via de Cristo of North Texas

“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 \$7,500 in facility and food costs alone, of which 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 #86, but you can make a contribution (fully tax deductible) to Lutheran Via de Cristo of North Texas to aid us in our desire to personally deliver the experience of God’s grace.

Checks payable to “LVDCNT” or “Lutheran Via de Cristo of North Texas” can be placed in the offering at the #86 *Clausura*, or mailed to John Harris, Treasurer, 9519 Hillview Drive, Dallas, Texas 75231.

Praising the Lord for Who He Is

“I will sing unto the Lord as long as I live: I will sing praise to my God while I have my being.” Psalm 104:33

We have a God who is simply presented in all of creation; we should recognize Him

We have a God who is sovereignly powerful; we should respect Him.

We have a God who is surely purposeful; we should reverence Him.

We have a God who is savingly personal; we should receive Him.

All of that is in Genesis 1:1 which says, “In the beginning, God created the heaven and the earth.”

We have an obligation to God. We are twice His. First, we are His because of creation, and secondly, we are His because of redemption. He made us and He bought us.

Have you ever had something very precious and lost it? Then gratefully, it was restored to you again? That’s just an inkling of the treasure you are to God!

Love Worth Finding, Pastor Adrian Rogers,