

# El Tinterito

September, 2011

The Fall season and it's busy schedule has arrived!!

**Here are the scheduled Via de Cristo community activities:**

## Weekends

Weekend #84: Nov. 17-20, 2011 at Briarwood

Weekend #85: March 15-18, 2012 at Camp Copass

Weekend #86:-Nov. 15-18, 2012 at Briarwood

## ANNOUNCING THE FALL GRANDE ULTREYA

October 15, -- 5-8 p.m.  
at

Calvary Lutheran Church

**7620 Baker Blvd., (Hwy 10), Richland Hills, TX 76118**

*Come, Join with your 4<sup>th</sup> Day Friends for*

***Fellowship, Food, Fun,***

***Song, Celebration and***

***Election of Officers for the coming year***

Bring your favorite potluck dish and  
Gather with us in the Fellowship Hall.

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### Sponsorship Is One Of God's Method FOR Calling Participants To HIS VdC Weekends

Once again Fall is here. It is such a beautiful time of the year with its brisk yet comfortable weather, and the warm gold, orange, brown and green colors inviting us to walk a little closer with God and thank Him for all our blessings. It's the perfect time to send someone you love to spend a whole weekend walking and visiting with Jesus and the 4th Day family.

**Let's all become God's agents (sponsors) and get busy and "fill up the house" for #84. Registration forms can be found on our website at <http://ntls.org>.**

### You Can Help Finance HIS Weekends

Our Via de Cristo community is one of just two or three or so groups that are blessed with the ability, will, and love to send all our participants to VDC weekends for free. However, these weekends are not free. The costs for a weekend include the retreat site, supplies, food and the individual expenses of our 4<sup>th</sup> Dayers for Palanca, and run somewhere between \$155 and \$200 per person.

You can help keep this precious gift of grace flowing by contributing to the "Grace Weekend Fund". Perhaps you cannot pay for the cost of a whole registration fee but you could send just a little – that's great!!! Just imagine that if even 500 of us sent \$10 or \$15 once a year we would have enough to cover our "Grace Weekend" expenses. Make checks payable to North Texas Lutheran Via de Cristo, marked 'Grace Weekend Fund' and

**send your donations to our treasurer:**  
**John Harris, 9519 Hillview Drive, Dallas, TX 75231**

**What a great way to spend your money- helping God's people grow spiritually!!**

### Your Participation In the 4<sup>TH</sup> Day Weekend Activities Helps To Affirm and Make HIS Love and Grace More Visible

#### **Ways to Serve:**

##### **For the weekend**

**Be a sponsor**  
**Pray for staff and participants**  
**Prepare palanca**  
**Go to setup on Wed. night**  
**Go to Saturday serenade**  
**Go to Wakeup**  
**Go help with Clausura setup**  
**Go to Closura**  
**Serve on Love Team**  
**Volunteer to be a gofer**  
**Help with cleanup**

##### **Other Ways To Serve**

**Attend Staff School**  
**Be a member of a committee**  
**Participate in your Ultreya**  
**Belong to a small group**  
**Attend Grande Ultreya**  
**Tell others about VDC**

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## 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, again? That’s just an inkling of the treasure you are to God! 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

*(Another meditation from my emails that I wanted to share.)*

## Love Team Rector, Alice Allison Needs Volunteers for #84 Love Team

It is with joy and thanksgiving that I announce openings for Love Team #84, November 17. 18. 19 & 20. 2011.

If you have never served on a Love Team I hope you will take this opportunity to volunteer to serve on this team. It is indeed a volunteer position. It is open to anyone who has attended a Via de Cristo or a Cursillo method 3 day weekend. It is a time of prayer for the weekend, participants and staff of #84. It is a commitment for the entire weekend beginning on Thursday afternoon and ending after Clausura on Sunday. Service on this team is anonymous; we will be an “invisible arm”. Our service is our prayer coverage for the weekend.

Members of the Love Team pay for the use of the facility just as the weekend staff team does. We will be provided meals just as the staff and participants, but at separate times. We will be responsible for our own snacks and drinks; more information will be given when you contact me to serve. You may contact me via email at [alice.fa@att.net](mailto:alice.fa@att.net) I would like to have a full team no later than Saturday October 29, 2011. Contact me as soon as possible as there will be limited space in the dorm rooms. So do not miss this amazing time of service wrapped in the loving arms of our Lord, holding up others and being held up in return.

Kairos Support Request

-Original Message-----

From: michael hill <[michaelhill18@gmail.com](mailto:michaelhill18@gmail.com)>

To: momtvdc <[momtvdc@gmail.com](mailto:momtvdc@gmail.com)>

Sent: Mon, Sep 26, 2011 2:09 pm

Subject: Re: Lutheran Via de Cristo of North Texas

On Tue, Aug 23, 2011 at 11:05 AM, Michael Hill <[michaelhill18@gmail.com](mailto:michaelhill18@gmail.com)> wrote:

Dear Nelia

Greetings in the name of our savior Jesus the Christ. I am the Outreach Chair for Kairos of Texas ([kot.org](http://kot.org)). Kairos is such as AMAZING invigorating ministry and A great 4<sup>th</sup> day opportunity. Not only is it one of the best examples of first century Christianity, it's invigorating to the members home churches.

I really would like to sit down over a coffee and talk about how we can get Via De Cristo more involved in this highly EFFECTIVE ministry. I pray you contact me at your earliest convenience.

Blessings.

Michael Hill

**SUGGESTION:** There are already a fair number of Kairos supporters in our community. Maybe some of you could talk to Michael and find out more about his plans. Then we could discuss ways our community might be of some help.

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO**

**KEEP WATCHING YOUR EMAIL FOR THE  
SLATE OF OFFICERS TO BE ELECTED  
TO THE SECRETARIAT FOR 2012**

**AND**

**CHECK YOUR VIA DE CISTO WEBSITE OFTEN**

**AND**

**SUPPORT YOUR ULTREYA AND SHARE YOUR ACTIVITIES. SEND YOUR  
ULTREYA NEWS, MEETING DATES AND TIMES AND CHANGES OF  
THOSE TIMES, TO MOM THORP ([momtvdc@gmail.com](mailto:momtvdc@gmail.com))**

**THE COMMUNICATIONS TEAM NEEDS AT 4-5 DAYS NOTICE TO GET  
INFORMATION SENT TO US AND PLACED ON THE WEBSITE**