

Upcoming Weekends...

*Clausura begins with 4th Day
Serenade at 3 p.m. on Sunday.*

Please come!

#532 and #533

October 15-18 and October 22-25, 2009
Calvary Lutheran Church
Alexandria, MN
Rectors: Merlin Bruns
Sarah Anderson

#534 and #535

October 15-18 and October 22-25, 2009
St. Stephen's Lutheran Church
West St. Paul, MN
Rectors: Terry Meier
Gretchen Rolighed

#536 and #537

November 12-15 and November 19-22,
2009
Trinity Lutheran Church
Blue Earth, MN
Rectors: Roger Van Veldhuizen
Tracy Muhlenbeck

#538 and #539

January 21-24 and January 28-31, 2010
Gustavus Adolphus Lutheran Church
St. Paul, MN
Rectors: Brian Relay
Pat Bello

#540 and #541

February 18-21 and February 25-28,
2010
First Lutheran Church
Duluth, MN

#542 and #543

March 4-7 and March 11-14, 2010
Gloria Dei Lutheran Church
Redwood Falls, MN

Thoughts of Joy...

Hello to all of you in this beautiful fall season! We can rejoice as God reveals Himself to us in the amazing colors of autumn.

As we and the farmers among us gather in the bountiful harvest of fruits, vegetables and grains, we can all prepare for the harvest of souls – the strengthening of souls – through Via de Cristo weekends to come. The easiest way to join any weekend team is with your prayers – before, during and following the weekends. Tennyson said, “more things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of,” and we have seen this to be true time after time as the Holy Spirit moves throughout our weekends and in our lives. Prayer partners are an important part of every team.

If you are unable to serve on a weekend team, please join us at a Clausura and be filled with the joy and love that surrounds everyone there, and the strength and courage that comes from fellowship within the 4th Day community. Clausuras begin at 3 p.m. on Sunday. Please refer to the schedule to the left for dates and places.

“Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in Spirit and Truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in Spirit and in Truth.” John 4: 23-24 RSV

Let the spirit of Thanksgiving be a part of your life every day. Come worship together and praise our God for all that He does...!

Via de Cristo Council

Lutheran Via de Cristo of Minnesota Council

What is on Your Mind?

We all know that God is in control, especially when it comes to the many details of planning and conducting a Via de Cristo weekend. But we also know that God has delegated many of these "details" to us, His faithful servants. As we participate in Via de Cristo activities, sponsor weekenders and serve on teams, questions and concerns can pop up from time to time.

As the current Convener of the Minnesota Via de Cristo Council, I invite you to share your feedback with me and the Council Executive Committee. At work, I would call this an "Open Door" policy, but for our purposes we can call it a communication process. The old saying is, if you have a comment or concern, you need to "send the mail to the right address." In other words, you need to communicate with those who are responsible and can address the situation. With that in mind, I ask the following:

1. Please direct problems or questions to me (Barb Dickie) at bdickie@mnviadecristo.org OR send me a letter to 472 Preserve Path, West St. Paul, MN 55118.
2. Briefly describe your concern and please sign your name. Include your contact information.
3. I will share this information with the Executive Committee for discussion and follow-up.
4. If we need additional action, I will take the information to the Via de Cristo Council.
5. I will then follow up with you.

Our prayer is that we will continue to grow a healthy and Christ-filled 4th Day Community as we bring this marvelous week-end experience to our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ.

Barb Dickie
Via de Cristo Council
September 2009

Barb Dickie
Wendy Showalter
Dave Everett

Elected Executive Committee
Convener
Assistant Convener & Leadership Training
Spiritual Director

Duane Runke
Nate Lundgren
Deb Sorenson
Byron Norell
Jill Norell
Ginny Buck
Michael Zenner
Jim Packer
Loren Van Pelt
Tim Dickie
Karen Steahl

Elected Council
Liaison, Renewal & Ultreya
Spiritual Director
Northern Minnesota Representative
Southern Minnesota Representative
Southern Minnesota Representative
Northern Minnesota Representative
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Via de Cristo is based on the fundamentals of Christianity, concentrating on the person and teachings of Jesus Christ. The focus is not on Via de Cristo itself, but on the local church. The objective of the movement is to inspire, challenge and equip local church members for Christian action in their homes, churches and communities.

Any of the council members may be contacted via email through the website. If you do not have access to email you may call Jim Arend at 651-493-7350.

CHARIS of Minnesota

PO Box 102 Hopkins, MN 55343

Charis ministers to our brothers and sisters in prison. Charis weekends are founded on the Cursillo method and are held throughout the year in state and federal facilities.

Upcoming Weekends:

FMC Rochester
October 9-12, 2009

FMC Sandstone
October 9-12, 2009

MCF Shakopee
October 15-18, 2009

Many 4th Dayers continue to be involved in this ministry. If you would like more information about Charis, check out their website at:

www.charismn.com

"Whatsoever you do to the least of my children, that you do unto me."

OUR SISTER COMMUNITIES



Unidos En Cristo

(United)

Upcoming Weekends

October 1-4, 2009 — Men #237

October 1-4, 2009 — Women #238

St. Lucas Community Church
Lake Elmo, MN

Unidos En Cristo is a Christian community of various churches (Covenant, Baptist, United Methodist, Evangelical Free, Congregational and Presbyterian, to name a few) that follow the Cursillo method on their weekends.

For information on United weekends, call or check out their website at:

www.unidosencristo.com

Kathy Walker..... 952-891-4660

Convener/Communications
Coordinator

Teens Encounter Christ (TEC)

Metro Lutheran TEC #104
November 13-15, 2009
Minnetonka Lutheran Church
Minnetonka, MN

Metro Lutheran TEC #105
February 5-7, 2010
Immanuel Lutheran Church
Eden Prairie, MN

Metro Lutheran TEC #106
April 2010
Lord of Life Lutheran Church
Maple Grove, MN

www.mmltec.org

WISCONSIN SONRISE VIA DE CRISTO WEEKENDS...

October 15-18, 2009 — Men's #69

October 22-25, 2009 — Women's #70

Immanuel Lutheran Church
Watertown, WI

www.wivdc.org

4th Day Singles - Sponsored Ultreyas

Let's get together! Everyone welcome!
2nd Saturday of the month - Gathering time 5:30 pm

IF YOU CAN HOST AN ULTREYA AT YOUR CHURCH, PLEASE CONTACT JUDY LAABS-FOSS AT 651-429-6762

NOTE: Check the website at www.mnviadecristo.org for updated information.



Prayer Vigil

The Via de Cristo website contains a page where you can sign up to be part of the prayer vigil for each weekend. You can sign up by the hour for any part of the weekend from Thursday evening to Sunday evening. Please do this at www.mnviadecristo.org

For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you and asking God to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all spiritual wisdom and understanding. And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God, being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light.

Colossians 1:9-12 NIV



Called to the 5th Day

We celebrate the lives of those who have entered into their Fifth Day and who are now in our Lord's glorious presence:

*Fred Kennett - Oakdale, MN
Weekend # 347*

*Nancy Slater - Northfield, MN
Weekend # 56*

*Belva Stevenson - Cottage Grove, MN
Weekend # 186*

*Mary Jane Jones - Woodbury, MN
Weekend # 236*

Scott Lundeen - Lakeville, MN

Something to consider...

At a recent women's Clausura, many of the weekenders shared their fears of attending a weekend and the peace they now know. But one lady said that she had to **ask** if she could attend a Via de Cristo weekend! She had observed the joy in others at her church and "wanted some of that!"

We may want to consider whether we are approaching the right people? Are we praying about potential weekenders? Are we stepping outside our circle of friends to invite others? It can be easy to overlook someone we don't know very well when they may actually be very willing and eager to attend.

Check out people in your sanctuary or narthex for the next several Sundays. Look to see if you are missing the opportunity to invite and sponsor someone whom God has already selected. Remember that "Christ is counting on you."

2010 Via de Cristo Schedule

Jan 21-24 Jan 28-31	Gustavus Adolphus Lutheran Church St. Paul
Feb 18-21 Feb 25-28	Our Savior's Lutheran Church Duluth
March 4-7 March 11-14	Gloria Dei Lutheran Church Redwood Falls
April 15-18 April 22-25	Calvary Lutheran Church Bemidji
April 22-25 April 29-May 2	Rejoice Lutheran Church Clearwater
June 17-20 June 24-27	Lord of Life Lutheran Church Maple Grove
Oct TBD Oct TBD	St. Stephen's Lutheran Church West St. Paul
Oct 21-24 Oct 28-31	Faith Lutheran Church West Fargo, ND
Nov 11-14 Nov 18-21	Zion Lutheran Church Stewartville



We Need Your Feedback!

There are discussions within the Via de Cristo council, and issues raised by the 4th Day Community which require prayer, thoughtful consideration, and feedback from everyone within the community. We are all a part of God's "team" and we need to share ideas with one another surrounded by His grace.

Watch later this fall for a brief survey soliciting your thoughts.



Weekend Palanca Requests

Weekend 532 - October 15-18

Calvary Lutheran Church, Alexandria, MN

"As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord" Joshua 24:15 (KJV)



Praise God that all items have been Palanca'd!

Weekend 533 - October 22-25

Calvary Lutheran Church, Alexandria, MN

"Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures" Luke 24:45 (NIV)

Contact: Anne Gran — (320) 762-2684 to donate

120 chicken breast, skinless
3 cases of Catawba juice
frozen 9x12 pans of lasagna - 3 vegetarian, 8 meat
cheesecakes - slices for 120 people

Weekend 534 - October 15-18

St. Stephen's Lutheran, West St. Paul, MN

"My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth" 1 John 3:18 (KJV)

Contact - Jim Jacobson (320) 629-6905 (h) or (651) 497-6318 (c), to donate

3 - 9x12 pan of any dessert
2 - #10 cans cheese soup
1 - can cinnamon
6 - large boxes long grain and wild rice
1 - jar fat free salad dressing
8 - #29 cans sliced peaches
4 - cups walnuts
7 - Catawba juice

Northern Notes....

Greetings from the North!

What a busy time we have had these last few months. In July, we held a weekend in Hallock for the first time. Despite what some may see as lower numbers, the Spirit was definitely moving in the team and weekenders alike. It was the spark that was needed to re-ignite the northwestern portion of the state in cities of Ada, Thief River Falls, East Grand Forks, Roseau, and Hallock, places where we have a community of 4th Dayers that needed the Via de Cristo to become more visible in that area again. It wasn't as far to go as some folks may have thought. Remember how far Christ went for you...? To the Cross!

Speaking of the cross, we need the 4th Day community to turn your cross over and read what it says.

"Christ is counting on you". Sponsors, without your willingness to bring folks to a weekend there is no need for the weekend. Remember the joy you experienced and consider how good it will feel to share that with others.

Our next 2009 northern weekend is in Alexandria at Calvary Lutheran #532 & #533, with rectors Merlin Bruns and Sarah Anderson.

The 2010 schedule has been finalized. Weekends begin in February in Duluth at Our Saviors, then in April in Bemidji at Calvary, and in October at Faith Lutheran in West Fargo. Mark your calendars for sponsoring someone, or even serving on a team if you haven't served in the last year. We want to encourage new members to try team service.

Things happening now in September are Regional Ultreyas! There are four scheduled for the northern areas: September 13th at Elim Lutheran in Fargo; September 13th at St. Paul's Lutheran in Hackensack; September 20th at Zion Lutheran in Superior Wisconsin; and September 27th at Trinity Lutheran in Thief River Falls.

If your church or community doesn't hold regular Ultreyas, you can attend one of these awesome events and reunite with former teammates, weekenders and have fellowship and worship with others from the 4th Day community.

Make a friend * Be a friend * Bring that friend to Christ!

Respectfully submitted from your
Northern Council Representatives

Deb Sorenson and Ginny Buck



Weekender Applications	Allocations		
	Metro	North	South
Please check with your church liaison for the form. Included in the one-page form is a weekend application, a sponsor/pastor approval section, and a medical release form. Complete the form and return to your liaison for submission to the allocations person. Send in forms early, as the liaison must submit the application to the allocations person at least eight weeks prior to the weekend.	Karen Steahl 1508 Black Oaks Pl. N Plymouth, MN 55447 952-933-4126	Chuck Nettetstad 906 lake St. Alexandria, MN 56308 320-763-3968	Paul Vomhof 21096 State Highway 80 Fountain, MN 55935 507-352-4870
	Newsletter Deadline December 11, 2009		
	Articles submitted for publication: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are due the day of the deadline listed in each newsletter • Must be typewritten and are subject to editing • Are submitted to: Via de Cristo office 		

If you have any comments or suggestions to make regarding the newsletter, please contact editor Jennie Zeitler at jzeitler@mnviadecristo.org

Southern Insights....

Preparing the Way – Speaking of Christ

As we prepare for our upcoming weekends in Blue Earth, I am drawn to consider the verses our rector and rectora have chosen. They are verses worth reflecting on, to consider how they apply to your spiritual life, as well as how they apply to your life in grace lived out in your fourth day as a member of this beautiful community of Cursillistas.

Roger VanVeldhuizen has chosen Matthew 3:3 (NIV), “A voice of one calling in the desert, ‘Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.’” Tracy Muhlenbeck has chosen Acts 4:20 (NIV), “For we cannot help speaking of what we have seen and heard”.

God calls us. He calls us to action. He calls us to press on. He calls us to care for others, to be a neighbor to those in need. He calls us to listen. He calls us to “Be Still”. He calls us to be patient, to trust in Him, to be steadfast and faithful when He seems to be silent.

We are often more ready to listen when we are in a desert place in our lives. But He calls to us in the midst of our ordinary days, and in the midst of a hectic schedule. The more time we spend getting to know Him, the more quickly we will recognize His interaction in our everyday lives, and we will become more tuned to His voice. It is important to take time to be still and listen. Don’t let the busyness of life put God in the back seat. Give Him permission to navigate you through every day of your life. Don’t just hand him the steering wheel – hand over the keys as well. Show Him that you will step back and let Him have control of all the details of your day.

This “voice” beckons us to prepare the way for the Lord. Isn’t that His plan for all of our lives as Christians? Prepare the way for the Lord. Prepare His way in our lives and the lives of “thousands of others, Satisfying the thirst of the true King who never can die; Shining out in the world’s lonely night with the colorful light of the love we live by.” Sound familiar? We are to prepare His way.

We are to prepare His way and make straight paths for Him. How often do we make things more complicated than they need to be? How often do we veer off onto our own path because we’re sure we know what we’re doing, and we haven’t consulted with God’s plan, or we chose to rush ahead without waiting for God’s plan to be revealed? Are we being living, shining examples of a Christ-filled life, or are we living in a way that makes people question whether or not we are Christians?

If we truly believe that Christ is alive and living within us – if we have experienced God’s immeasurable love and overflowing grace in our lives – shouldn’t it be evident in the joy spilling out from our lives and touching others? How can we help but speak of what we have seen and heard? Remember your Via de Cristo weekend? I remember being so filled with joy, that I couldn’t contain it! If I didn’t share it, I think I would have exploded! And the depth of His love and height of His grace were so overwhelming that I felt very unworthy, yet blessed beyond measure!

God is calling you. He calls you to make a difference in your life right where you live it: in your home, your workplace, your community, and your church family. He also calls you to make a difference in this ministry of Via de Cristo which we have been blessed to be a part of - this ministry that God has used to touch so many lives. He calls you to work on teams, and to work behind the scenes by offering palanca to bless those weekenders and team members who have dedicated their time and talents, by babysitting, or by helping people whom God is calling to attend a weekend in other ways. He calls you to sponsor so others have the opportunity to experience the depth of God’s love and grace in this way. He calls you to support this ministry in many ways. Hear Him calling and act on it – in whatever way He calls you to participate.

Please don’t forget that to hear Him you need to take time to talk to Him, and most especially to take time to listen. He calls us to pray. Pray for His plan in your life and don’t forget to pray for this ministry and the weekends to come. Lift them up to God, asking that His will may be done and His spirit flow through the hearts of all who take part in proclaiming His message and sharing His love.

Paul says it well, in 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (NKJV), “Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” AMEN !

In His love,

Jill & Byron Norell (Southern MN Reps)



Weekend # 532 - October 15-18, 2009

Merlin Bruns First Lutheran, Little Falls
Pastor Tom Olson.....Solem Lutheran, Hawley

Dick Chwalek..... Faith Lutheran, Silver Creek
Dan Crofoot.....Resurrection Lutheran, Monticello
Tom Miller..... Immanuel Lutheran, Zimmerman

Rick Herdirckson Bethel Lutheran, Wahpeton, ND
Dave Peterson.....Immanuel Lutheran, Crosby

Tom Arquist..... Lincoln Lutheran, Barrett
Ed Houck St Luke’s, Garfield
Mike LeBauResurrection Lutheran, Monticello
Mike Olson Faith Lutheran, Silver Creek
Merlin Brant..... Faith Lutheran, Silver Creek
John Wright..... Grace Lutheran, Erhard
Russell Repke Faith Lutheran, Silver Creek
Ed Welke..... Trinity Lutheran, Detroit Lakes
Bob Anderson..... Faith Lutheran, Evansville
Bud Ball Augustana Lutheran, Fergus Falls
Phil Corrigan St Petri Lutheran, Brandon

Al Stark Bethlehem, St Cloud

Gary Nicklason Bethany Lutheran, Nevis
Jim Grimes.....Light of the Cross Lutheran, Garrison

Dave Benson.....Calvary Lutheran, Alexandria
Jason CarlsonSt Luke’s Lutheran, Garfield
Mark Grant.....Resurrection Lutheran, Monticello
Jerry Johnson..... Gethsemane Lutheran, Upsala
Mitch Jorgenson Gethsemane Lutheran, Upsala
Dick Longsdorf Bethlehem Lutheran, St Cloud
Chris Rollag.....St Luke’s Lutheran, Garfield

Mike Erlandson..... Bethel Lutheran, Wahpeton, ND
Dave Forstner..... First Lutheran, Brainerd
Brian Quamme Bethel Lutheran, Wahpeton, ND
Glen MoeResurrection Lutheran, Monticello
Dennis Trudell Bethel Lutheran, Wahpeton, ND
Gerald Thomas..... Calvary Lutheran, Park Rapids
Robert Louthan..... Grace Lutheran, Hallock
Jim Kopponen Immanuel Lutheran, Wadena
Lynn Vad..... Calvary Lutheran, Park Rapids
Rod Anacker Faith Lutheran, Silver Creek
Mike Trettel Gethsemane Lutheran, Upsala
Del Odegard..... Bethany Lutheran, Nevis

Phil Sturlaugson Atonement Lutheran, St Cloud
Dale Braunschweig.....St. Luke’s Lutheran, Garfield
Larry Engel..... First Lutheran, Little Falls
Ty Hamerlik..... Bethlehem Lutheran, St. Cloud
Rich Voss..... Trinity Lutheran, Brainerd
Josh Anderson Shepherd of the Pines Lutheran, Rice
Lee Monk Rejoice Lutheran, Clearwater

Weekend # 533 - October 22-25, 2009

Rector
Spiritual Directors
Sarah Anderson Shepherd of the Pines Lutheran, Rice
Pastor Joy Grainger Climax Lutheran Parish, Climax
Jean Westermann Boy River, Boy River
Asst. Rectors
Linda EnyartCalvary Lutheran, Mora
Catie Houck St. Luke’s Lutheran, Garfield
Sheri Bengtson First Lutheran, Little Falls
Musicians
Jacki Peterson Grace Lutheran, Mora
Jennie Zeitler First Lutheran, Little Falls

Rollistas
Cindy Winter St. Luke’s Lutheran, Garfield
Vicki Welke Trinity Lutheran, Detroit Lakes
Karen Carlson St. Luke’s Lutheran, Garfield
Roxane VanCulin Faith Lutheran, Silver Creek
Wilma Johnson Calvary Lutheran, Alexandria
Sharon Trudell Bethel Lutheran, Wahpeton ND
Table Leaders
Sandie Resch..... Shepherd of the Pines Lutheran, Rice
Carolyn Hatlestad..... First Lutheran, Norway Lake
Chris Houck St. Luke’s Lutheran, Garfield

Palanca Rector
Spiritual Director
Asst. Palanca Rector
Musician
Cindy Kuisimi Faith Lutheran, Evansville
Pastor Dave Gran St. Luke’s Lutheran, Garfield
Nancy Barker Grace Lutheran, Hermantown
Barb Babine..... Trinity Lutheran, Detroit Lakes
Laurie Albertson..... Trinity Lutheran, Detroit Lakes
Palanca Team
Debbie Anderson Faith Lutheran, Evansville
Mary Laugtug..... First Lutheran, Fergus Falls
Vicki Semelhack..... Grace Lutheran, Mora
Audrey Webber Immanuel Lutheran, Crosby
Shirley Adolphson Light of the Cross, Garrison
Brenda Kohrs..... First English Lutheran, Menahga
Vicky Carlson Faith Lutheran, Evansville
Kendra Hansen Norman Lutheran, Kindred

Kitchen Rector
Asst. Kitchen Rector
Musician
Kitchen Team
Anne Gran St. Luke’s Lutheran, Garfield
Joanne Nettetstad Calvary Lutheran, Alexandria
Jean Hanson..... Dilworth Lutheran , Dilworth
Dianne Alveshere..... First Lutheran, Alexandria
Kathy Corrigan St. Petri Lutheran, Brandon
Kathleen Devries..... Bethel Christian Reformed, Princetown
Debbie Erickson..... Faith Lutheran, Evansville
Carol Meissner..... Faith Lutheran, Evansville
Georgia Nelson St. Luke’s Lutheran, Garfield
Rondi Wussow St. Luke’s Lutheran, Garfield
Rita Zierden Faith Lutheran, Monticello-Silver Creek
Vicki Forrester..... Calvary Lutheran, Alexandria
Elaine Thomas Calvary Lutheran, Park Rapids

4th Day Rector
Asst. 4th Day Rector
Treasurer
4th Day Team
Julie Tonsager First Lutheran, Little Falls
Nola Relay Gustavus Adolphus Lutheran, St. Paul
Bonnie Brant..... Faith Lutheran, Silver Creek
Monica Steffer..... Farmington Lutheran, Farmington
Kathy Hyatt First Lutheran, Little Falls
Ginny Buck Bethel Lutheran, Wahpeton, ND
Eileen Anderson..... Calvary Lutheran, Alexandria
Claudette Moran..... First Lutheran, Little Falls

Weekend # 534 - October 15-18, 2009

Terry Meier..... St Andrew's Lutheran, Mahtomedi
 Pastor Jerry Malak..... Mount Carmel, St Paul
 Pastor Paul BackstromSt Luke Lutheran, Cottage Grove

Doug Urie..... Christ Lutheran, Lake Elmo
 Brad Samuelson..... Our Redeemer Lutheran, Pine City
 Jerry Nelson..... Trinity Lutheran, Stillwater
 Bob Purcell..... Zion Lutheran, Cottage Grove
 Dave HaneyRecovery Church, St. Paul
 Paul Bachman..... St John's Lutheran, Mound
 Joe Day.....St Luke Lutheran, Cottage Grove
 Kermit OlsonImmanuel Lutheran, Eden Prairie
 Brian RathCross of Hope, Ramsey
 Jake Sauter..... Our Redeemer Lutheran, Pine City

Robert GausmanGrace Evangelical, Deephaven
 Kurt Koski.....We Church, Minneapolis
 Joe Remley Redeemer Lutheran, White Bear Lake
 John Schille..... All Saints Lutheran, Cottage Grove
 Fred Schmiesing..... Holy Cross Lutheran, Oakdale
 Herb StrussBethany Lutheran, Star Prairie, WI
 Steve Kallevang..... Christ Lutheran, Lake Elmo

Grady WallImmanuel Lutheran, Eden Prairie
 Pastor Julie Samuelson Our Redeemer Lutheran, Pine City
 Rich Weaver.....Immanuel Lutheran, Eden Prairie
 Bruce Meyers St. Stephen's Lutheran, West St. Paul

Bob Bailey..... St. Andrews Lutheran, Mahtomedi
 Lynn Fowler..... Hosanna! (Substance), Lakeville (Fridley)
 Jerome DetvilerSt. Luke Lutheran, Cottage Grove
 Frank Max Holy Cross Lutheran, Oakdale
 Curt Powell..... Redeemer Lutheran, Fridley
 Brad Sweet..... Woodbury Lutheran, Woodbury
 Randy WillhiteSt. Luke Lutheran, Cottage Grove
 Erik Zeitler..... First Lutheran, Little Falls

Terry Horesji..... St Luke Lutheran, Cottage Grove
 Gary ValencourSt Luke Lutheran, Cottage Grove
 Ramon AguirreCalvary Lutheran, Golden Valley
 Dennis Griffis.....St Luke Lutheran, Cottage Grove
 James Jacobson..... Our Redeemer Lutheran, Pine City
 Paul Johnson..... Christ the King, White Bear Lake
 Michael Neimes St John's Lutheran, Stacy
 John Oare Our Redeemer Lutheran, Pine City
 Dave Running..... Word of Peace Lutheran, Rogers
 Brian Sonterre..... Christ Lutheran, Lake Elmo
 Chris Taylor..... Roseville Lutheran, Roseville
 Larry Yonts St Michael's Lutheran, Bloomington
 Bill Zajac Maple Grove Lutheran, Maple Grove

Paul Hellen..... St Philip's Lutheran, Hastings
 Mike Zabilla Transfiguration Catholic, Oakdale
 Loren Van Pelt..... St Stephen's Lutheran, West St Paul
 David DuFresne..... Christ Lutheran, Lake Elmo
 Frank Janssen..... Woodbury Lutheran, Woodbury
 Chris Kuhns..... Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran, Afton
 Bruce Watson..... Christ Lutheran, Lake Elmo
 Tom Wilson Christ Lutheran, Lake Elmo

Weekend # 535 - October 22-25, 2009

Gretchen RolighedSt. Michael's Lutheran, Bloomington
 Pastor Joy Johnson.. Bethlehem Lutheran-in-the-Midway, St. Paul
 Anne Jackson Easter Lutheran, Eagan

Joan Bouley St. William's Catholic, Fridley
 Julie Revoir..... Gethsemane Lutheran, St. Paul
 Ann Sargeant..... Faith Lutheran, Forest Lake
 Shannon Bloom Atonement Lutheran, Bloomington
 Janet Clegg.....St. Paul's United Methodist, Mendota Heights
 Mary Heitzman..... St. Michael's Lutheran, Bloomington
 Pam Nielsen King of Kings Lutheran, Woodbury
 Caren Olson..... Oak Grove Lutheran, Richfield
 Kim Prok..... Hosanna!, Lakeville
 Becky Yonts..... St. Michael's Lutheran, Bloomington

Roxanne Choulock..... Holy Cross Lutheran, Oakdale
 Kathy Canniff St. Stephen's Lutheran, West St. Paul
 Marlys Meier St. Michael's Lutheran, Bloomington
 Heather Pederson..... Augustana Lutheran, West St. Paul
 Mary Senne St. Michael's Lutheran, Bloomington
 Kathy Weyhrauch..... Colorado Springs, CO

Carol Orf..... First Lutheran, White Bear Lake
 Pastor Paul Bjorklund..... Trinity Lutheran, Lindstrom
 RoxAnn Strand..... First Lutheran, White Bear Lake
 Christine Bjorklund..... Trinity Lutheran, Lindstrom

Debbie Anderson St. John's Lutheran, Stacy
 Cindy Jackson..... St. Stephen's Lutheran, West St. Paul
 Jenny Koopman..... Calvary Lutheran, Golden Valley
 Cindy Larsen..... Calvary Lutheran, Golden Valley
 Bea Palmer..... St. John's Lutheran, Stacy
 Carol Schmiesing..... Holy Cross Lutheran, Oakdale
 Lynn Stafford Harvesttime Outreach Church, Hudson, WI
 Diane Theissen Gethsemane Lutheran, Maplewood
 Sandy Werling..... First Lutheran, White Bear Lake
 Sharon Zajac Maple Grove Lutheran, Maple Grove

Phyllis Holtz Maranatha Assembly of God, Forest Lake
 Betty Holt Easter Lutheran, Eagan

Bo Diamon..... Oak Haven Church, Ham Lake/Andover
 Evelyn Dockman St. John's Lutheran, Stacy
 Mary Johnson Christ the King Lutheran, White Bear Lake
 Jeanie Mewhorter..... St. John's Lutheran, Stacy
 Jeanice Moffatt..... First Presbyterian, Hinkley
 Sandy Neimes..... St. John's Lutheran, Stacy
 Diane Sauers Trinity Lutheran, Stillwater
 Joyce Urie..... Christ Lutheran, Lake Elmo
 Erin Wolfe..... Easter Lutheran, Eagan

Lori Ritt..... St. Stephen's Lutheran, West St. Paul
 Jenny Van Pelt..... St. Stephen's Lutheran, West St. Paul
 Kathy Steinlage..... St. Luke Lutheran, Cottage Grove
 Carol Hellen St. Philip's Lutheran, Hastings
 Jackie Jordan..... St. Andrew's Lutheran, St. Paul
 Lavonne Suckow..... Lord of Life Lutheran, Ramsey
 Josie Trobec St. Andrew's Lutheran, Mahtomedi
 Linda Weir Woodbury Lutheran - The Alley, Woodbury

Rector
Spiritual Directors

Asst. Rectors

Musicians

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Table Leaders

Palanca Rector
Spiritual Director
Asst. Palanca Rector
Musician

Palanca Team

Kitchen Rector
Asst. Kitchen Rector
Musician
Kitchen Team

4th Day Rector
Asst. 4th Day Rector
Treasurer
4th Day Team

Welcome to the 4th Day Community



Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran, Afton -- Weekends #526 and #527

Anderson, Debra.....St. John's Lutheran, Stacy
 Ashton, Kimberly..... Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran, Afton
 Belland, Denise..... First Lutheran, Saint Paul
 Booth, Paul Bethlehem Lutheran, Minneapolis
 Carpenter, Annette..... Trinity Episcopal, Anoka
 Dockham, Evelyn.....St. John's Lutheran, Stacy
 Dornbusch, Robert..... Lord of Life Lutheran, Maple Grove
 Eisenberg, Peter & Lee.....
 Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran, Afton
 Fullan, Amanda..... Resurrection Lutheran, Monticello
 Hermansen, Kari..... Trinity Lutheran, Hudson, WI
 Jensen, Kathleen..... Trinity Lutheran, Hammond, WI
 Johnson, James..... Trinity Lutheran, Hammond, WI
 Kuiper, Helen Lord of Life Lutheran, Maple Grove
 Langer, Steve & Julie.....
 Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran, Afton
 Lessard, Brett Woodbury Lutheran, Woodbury
 Lischewski, John Trinity Lutheran, Hudson, WI
 Marchel, Dennis & Juli.....
 Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran, Afton

Marko, Mike..... We (Are the) Church, Minneapolis
 McDaniel, Martha Faith Community, Hudson, WI
 Nelson, John & Sara..... Redeemer Lutheran, Fridley
 Parizek, John & Karen..... North Heights Lutheran, Roseville
 Peterson, James & Tammy Word of Peace Lutheran, Rogers
 Rhyme, Darryl Faith Community, Hudson, WI
 Riepe, Jim..... New Beginnings Chritian, Eagan
 Spoden, Tom & Kimberly Lord of Life Lutheran, Maple Grove
 Steiner, Diane..... Cross Roads Community Church, Cottage Grove
 Struss, Herb..... Bethany Lutheran, Star Prairie, WI
 Swanson, Dain & Heather..... Word of Peace Lutheran, Rogers
 Thone, Linda Community of Hope Lutheran, Rosemount
 Tienter, Tamara Resurrection Lutheran, Monticello
 Voss, Matthew St. Peter Lutheran, Afton
 Warner, John Advent Lutheran, Maple Grove
 Wolfgram, Dorothy
 Bethlehem Lutheran in-the-Midway, Saint Paul

Grace/Red River Lutheran, Hallock -- Weekends #528 and #529

Anacker, Rodney & Bobbie.....
 Faith Lutheran, Silver Creek/Monticello
 Evans, Naomi..... Inspiration Lutheran, Breckenridge
 Fenske, Glen..... Inspiration Lutheran, Breckenridge
 Fryhling, Lois..... Olivet Lutheran, Fargo
 Gilbertson, Gunda Trinity Lutheran, Detroit Lakes
 Gilbertson, Debra..... Trinity Lutheran, Detroit Lakes
 Johnson, Eileen..... Grace/Red River Lutheran, Hallock
 Johnson, Laurie..... Grace/Red River Lutheran, Hallock
 Koppe, Thomas Trinity Lutheran, Detroit Lakes
 Laplant, Elizabeth..... Grace/Red River Lutheran, Hallock
 Levenhagen, Kathy..... Zion Lutheran, Lake Bronson

Moran, Claudette..... First Lutheran, Little Falls
 Nelson, Norrell..... Messiah Lutheran, Roseau
 Noyes, James & Sally Faith Lutheran, Silver Creek/Monticello
 Peppel, Keith & Lori..... Rose Free Lutheran, Roseau
 Smeby, Rolf Trinity Lutheran, Laporte
 Thorlacius, Kris Sion Lutheran, Lancaster
 Villwock, Laurie..... Messiah Lutheran, Roseau

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Redeemer Lutheran, Fridley - Weekends #530 and #531

Bakken, Tim Redeemer Lutheran, Fridley	Gustafson, Terry..... Cross of Glory Lutheran, Brooklyn Center
Belland, Glenna St John's Lutheran, Stacy	Hanson, David & Elise..... Redeemer Lutheran, Fridley
Bielawski, Karen Redeemer Lutheran, Fridley	Iverson, Julene Hosanna! Lutheran, Lakeville
Bohm, Lynn.....Prince of Peace Lutheran, Brooklyn Park	Keleny, Jan.....Servant of Christ Lutheran, Champlin
Brown, Carolyn..... Cross of Hope Lutheran, Ramsey	Keller, HaroldLutheran Church of The Master, Brooklyn Center
Capek, David.....Resurrection Lutheran, Monticello	King, Louellyn.....Lutheran Church of The Master, Brooklyn Center
Christianson, Christopher... St Andrews Lutheran, Eden Prairie	Korte, Aaron & Carmell..... Emmanuel Baptist, Mora
Clausen, Lori.....Prince Of Peace Lutheran, Brooklyn Park	Krohn, James & AmyOur Redeemer Lutheran, Saint Paul
Cline, Cassie.....Love of Christ Lutheran, Saint Cloud	Kurrell, Aaron.....Servant of Christ Lutheran, Champlin
Danz, TiaraLord of Life Lutheran, Ramsey	Oakes, Thomas First Lutheran, Detroit Lakes
Dymit, Paul & Julie...Cross of Glory Lutheran, Brooklyn Center	Plantenberg, MichelleLord of Life Lutheran, Ramsey
Flynn, KaySt Mark Lutheran, Saint Paul	Ricci, Michael & Roxanne Redeemer Lutheran, Fridley
Ford, Paula ... Lutheran Church of The Master, Brooklyn Center	Schlueter, Tracey..... Resurrection Lutheran, Monticello
Forsberg, Dann.....Resurrection Lutheran, Monticello	Sperr, Royden & Dawn.....Word Of Peace Lutheran, Rogers
Frenette, Richard & Joy.....	Swanson, Sybil..... Lord of Life Lutheran, Maple Grove
.....Bethlehem Lutheran In-The-Midway, Saint Paul	Timo, Woody & Janet..... Redeemer Lutheran, Fridley
Ganz, KristinaResurrection Lutheran, Monticello	Workman, Gail Resurrection Lutheran, Monticello
Gausman, Robert Grace Lutheran, Deephaven	

¹ Praise the LORD.
Praise, O servants of the LORD,
praise the name of the LORD.

² Let the name of the LORD be praised,
both now and forevermore.

³ From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets,
the name of the LORD is to be praised.

⁴ The LORD is exalted over all the nations,
his glory above the heavens.

Psalm 113 TNIV

Weekend # 536 - November 12-15, 2009

Roger Van Veldhuizen Bethel Lutheran, Northfield
 Pastor Jack Miller St Matthew Lutheran, Granger
 Pastor Ed Glimpse St. Lukes Lutheran, Franklin
 Pastor Bob Berglund..... Zion Lutheran, Stewartville

Mike Aherns Bethel Lutheran, Northfield
 David Sletten Community of Hope, Rosemount
 John Poncin Union Presbyterian Church, St. Peter
 Dennis Timmerman Our Saviors Lutheran, Spring Valley
 Bo Aylin, Ill Bethel Lutheran, Northfield

David Reedstrom Calvary Lutheran, Rapidan
 Lance Letourneau Christ Church, Randolph
 Darren Ebertowski Christ Community Church, Waseca
 Rodger Christenson First Lutheran, Albert Lea
 John Kockerman Rejoice!, Northfield

Joe Wagner Our Saviors Lutheran, Lake Crystal
 Pastor Richard Hegal First Lutheran, Blooming Prairie

Matt Arthur First Lutheran, Blooming Prairie
 Matt Strum Calvary Lutheran, Rapidan
 Daryl Paulsen Community Lutheran, Geneva
 Dave Deml Crossroads Evangelical Free, Ellendale
 Perry Anderson
 Muriel Thompson First Lutheran, Blooming Prairie
 Shane Grams American Lutheran, Gaylord
 Gary Grunig Our Saviour's Lutheran, Lake Crystal
 Steve Reedstrom Our Saviour's Lutheran, Lake Crystal

Lyle Schultz Good Shepherd Lutheran, Owatonna
 Paul Vomhof Our Saviour's Lutheran, Fountain

Jim Phillipsen Christ United Methodist, Cannon Falls
 Urban Spindler Good Shepherd Lutheran, Owatonna
 Ken Stendel Good Shepherd Lutheran, Owatonna
 Ken Snyder Christ United Methodist, Cannon Falls
 Vic Johnson Trinity Lutheran, Blue Earth
 Paul Lohse Faith united Methodist, Waseca
 Willard Lee Good Shepherd Lutheran, Owatonna
 LeRoy Stitz Trinity Lutheran, Owatonna

Joe Milam Peace Lutheran, Winthrop

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Rector
Spiritual Directors
 Tracy Muhlenbeck..... Crossroads Ev. Free Church, Albert Lea
 Pastor Kelly Knox.....Augustana Lutheran Church, Gibbon
 Pastor Krista Strum Calvary Lutheran Church, Mankato

Asst. Rectors
 Jody Wegner..... Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Wells
 Angie Deml Crossroads Evangelical Free Church, Albert Lea
 Mary Anderson..... United Methodist Church, Arlington
 Jill Norell Scandian Grove Lutheran Church, Norseland

Musicians
 Bonnie Lanes Scandian Grove Lutheran Church, Norseland
 JoAnn KuehnePeace Lutheran, Winthrop
 Deb Willert
 Melissa Wagner Our Saviour's Lutheran, Lake Crystal
 Deb StickneySt. Peter Lutheran, Toeterville, IA
 Kim Jones.....
 Glenna Glimpse St Lukes Lutheran, Franklin

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 Shirley Gangstad..... Our Savior's Lutheran, Spring Valley
 Pastor Gail Klavetter
 Norma HoffmanSt. John's Lutheran, Elkton

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Spiritual Director
Asst. Palanca Rector
Musician
 Rita Bezdicek St. Ignatius Catholic, Spring Valley
 Lili Buesing St. Casimir's Catholic, Wells
 Mary Jo Dathe Our Savior's Lutheran, Spring Valley

Palanca Team
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 Paulette Born Evangelical United Methodist, Waseca
 Trish Reedstrom..... Our Saviour's Lutheran, Lake Crystal
 Mary Arfmann Good Shepherd Lutheran, Owatonna
 Sue Coy..... Evangelical United Methodist, Waseca
 Kim Johnson..... Faith Lutheran, Madelia
 Lisa Jacoby Zion Lutheran, Lake Crystal
 Jan Grunig Our Saviour's Lutheran, Lake Crystal
 Julie Hoefl Faith Lutheran, Madelia

Kitchen Rector
Asst. Kitchen Rector
Musician
Kitchen Team
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 Dawn Campbell..... Good Shepherd Lutheran, Owatonna
 Kim Jones..... Cornerstone Assembly of God, Austin
 Geraldine Kuschel.....Rejoice! Lutheran
 Ruth BenedictOur Savior's Lutheran, Fairfax
 Jess Lanes Scandian Grove Lutheran Church, Norseland
 Amy Metcalf Christ the King Lutheran, Mankato
 Jennifer Coudron..... Trinity Lutheran, Madelia

4th Day Rector
Asst. 4th Day Rector
Treasurer
4th Day Team

Thoughts from the Spiritual Directors

Greetings from your council SDs. May God's rich grace abound with you all! I'm writing the column for this issue as Pastor David Everett is recuperating from major surgery. Please keep him in your prayers for a complete recovery over the next few months.

As council SDs, Dave and I are responsible for several areas: 1- keeping the "main thing" (God's grace) the main thing; 2- contacting pastors to serve on each weekend for this special lay-led movement; 3- assisting with insight for decision-making at monthly Via de Cristo Council meetings.

I trust that you can see this is a rather hefty commitment. We clergy often say "the pay isn't great, but the "benefits" (in serving our Lord) are tremendous!" We serve in the same way that you do, for the love of our Lord!

Let me highlight a couple concerns we have. To fellow clergy: be prepared to say yes when we contact you to serve. You/we are the key to our number one responsibility as listed above, being the "gatekeepers" for this gift to Lutherans. If you have been overlooked, please call Dave or myself and we will get you involved. To our 4th Dayers: when you sponsor weekenders, encourage both spouses to attend their Via de Cristo weekends together. Although current Via de Cristo guidelines allow one spouse to attend alone, we spiritual directors would like to strongly encourage them to attend at the same time. Especially for men (more so than for women), many who are now serving excitedly would not have attended if given an easy choice not to do so.

"God is so good", we sing with gusto! It is especially so in Via de Cristo of Minnesota. That goodness will be especially evident in 2010 as we host the National Lutheran Secretariat (NLS) Annual Meeting. Step up now and offer to serve where you are needed at this July 2010 event. "Christ is counting on you."

God loves you and so do I!
Pastor Nate Lundgren



National Lutheran Secretariat Annual Meeting - Update

"Let Your Light Shine"
Mathew 5:16 (NIV)

That is the verse chosen for the July 2010 National Lutheran Secretariat Annual Meeting. We are well on our way under Christ's plan as we prepare to host the NLS Annual Meeting at Northwestern College from July 22-25, 2010.

We were blessed to have a team of Via de Cristo Council members and NLS 2010 Host Committee members travel to the July 2009 NLS Annual Meeting "One in the Son" in Miami. They returned with great notes, good memories and batteries charged to prepare for the 2010 Meeting.

There will be a mid-year meeting in November, when the national board comes in for meetings with the 2010 Host Committee and tours the facility.

The last few positions on the Host Committee are being filled and we are busy putting together fundraisers!! If you have a passion or desire to lead, or to work in other ways for the NLS Annual Meeting in 2010, please contact Deb Grzywinski at 612-670-5826.

Please keep the NLS Host Committee in your prayers and remember to "Let Your Light Shine"!!!

God's blessings
The NLS Host Committee



Weekend Palanca Requests



Weekend 535 - October 22-25

St. Stephen's Lutheran, West St. Paul, MN

*"I will lift up my eyes unto the hills; where does my help come from?
My help comes from the Lord, maker of Heaven and Earth." Psalm 121:1-2 (NIV)*

Contact - Phyllis Holtz (651) 982-4445 to donate.

120 boneless skinless chicken breasts	120 servings assorted cold cereal
120 slices cheesecake	100 assorted bagels
3 cases Catawba juice	10 dozen breadsticks
100 baking potatoes	120 dinner rolls
8 dozen muffins, assorted	100 apples

Weekend 536 - November 12-15

Trinity Lutheran, Blue Earth, MN

"A voice of one calling in the desert, Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him." Matthew 3:3b (NIV)

Contact - Lyle Schultz (507) 451-4232 (h) or (507) 363-9049 (c), to donate

100 baking potatoes
120 boneless skinless chicken breasts
20# ground beef
20 dozen eggs

Weekend 537 - November 19-22

Trinity Lutheran, Blue Earth, MN

"For we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard" Acts 4:20 (NIV)

This Palanca list was not received prior to the newsletter going to print.
Please contact Vikki Van Veldhuisen at (952) 652-2440 for needed Palanca items.

Not unto us, O LORD, not unto us, but unto Thy name give
glory, for Thy mercy, and for Thy truth's sake.

Psalm 115:1 KJV