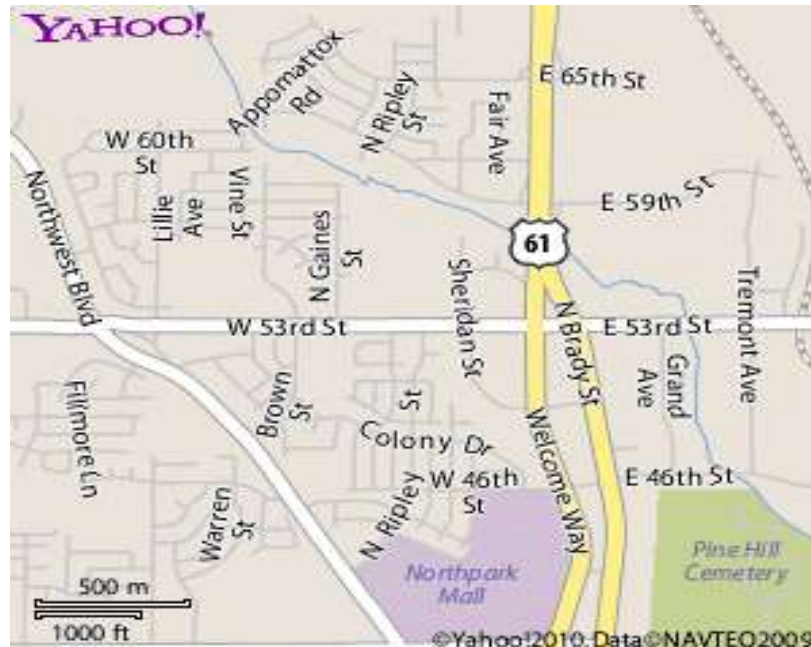


Living Water Via de Cristo News
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~Ultreya News~

The May 7th Ultreya

Will be hosted by:
PRINCE OF PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
415 W 53rd Street
Davenport, Iowa 52806
(563)391-4519



Prince of Peace is located on the corner of Western Ave and 53rd Street, 4 blocks west of Brady Street, across the street from North High School and North YMCA.

Potluck supper begins at 5:30 PM

Couples bring one dish to pass, families please bring two. Coffee, water and ice are provided by the host church, but any other drinks will need to be brought by the community. Babysitting will be available for children up to 5.

~ The June 4th Annual Meeting Ultreya~

Will be hosted by:

**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
2000 LUTHER DRIVE
PERU, IL (815) 223-1144**

Potluck supper begins at 5:30 PM

Couples bring one dish to pass, families please bring two. Coffee, water and ice are provided by the host church, but any other drinks will need to be brought by the community.

Potluck will be followed by the annual meeting with the election of new Secretariat members and worship service.

Babysitting will be available for children up to 5.

1. From I-80 take exit 73 for Plank Rd.
2. Keep Right at the fork, follow signs for Peru
3. Turn right at Plank Rd.
4. Turn left at Peoria St/Peoria Lane
5. Turn right at Luther Dr. church will be on the right.



LAY DIRECTOR(S) ...

Praise the Lord! We have just completed two successful weekends thanks to God's graciousness, dedicated teams, and community support. We would like to thank everyone who supported the weekends in any way. It takes the whole community working together that allows Living Water to move forward and do God's work. Do not think that you are not needed. Remember the night of your Clausura when you were told, "Christ is counting on you"? Your answer was "and I on Him." Christ is counting on you to be His hands and His feet here on earth. Living Water is counting on you to help give someone a chance to experience a weekend. It is not too early to look to the fall and start praying about whom God wants you to invite to a weekend.

As a community, help welcome the new pilgrims at the up coming Ultreya on May 7 at Prince of Peace in Davenport. Remember that this is a time to reunite with old friends and make some new ones. Please mark you calendar and come.

We invite you to attend the June Ultreya, as this will be our Annual Meeting with the election of new Secretariat members. It has been a pleasure for both of us to serve everyone in this Via de Cristo movement. We look forward to seeing the newly elected guide Living Waters. Please be there to support your Secretariat. Remember that our operating costs come from the offerings at the Ultreyas. Please support Living Water VdC with your gifts.

Pam & Gary Gross
Lay Directors

SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR...

Baptism and VdC

I have been teaching a class for *Diakonia*, which is a two year program that teaches about God through a series of classes. This is offered to those who want to learn more about theology and the Lutheran church. The class I'm in charge of is called "The Daily Life of a Christian" and talks about discipleship, vocation, and spirituality. One of the books for the class is entitled *The Graceful Life: Lutheran Spirituality for Today* by Bradley Hanson. This is an excellent book that delves further into the way God's grace found in the church transforms our lives. In one part, the book discusses what happens when we are baptized. We are given righteousness with God that is two-fold, as described by Martin Luther. In one way, we are given *immediate righteousness*; a cleansing from sin and an adoption as a child of God. In another way, we are given a *transforming righteousness*. This is a continuous growth in faith that begins with baptism and never ends. This is why our baptism is not just an isolated event. It is the

beginning of a process that brings us closer and closer to our Lord Jesus Christ.

It is this *transforming righteousness* that Via de Cristo is concerned about. By providing the weekends, and the chance to attend group reunions and Ultreyas, we continue to grow in our relationship with God. With a group reunion, we not only stay in touch with other Christians but also dedicate the time to examine and work on our spiritual life. When we attend Ultreyas, we connect with others over a meal, hear a 4th Day speaker talk about their walk with God, and then share the Lord's Supper to strengthen us. In these many ways, Living Water helps to further this transforming relationship with God. This spiritual activity helps to remind us of our baptismal life – that we are to *daily* remember we are baptized and rise to new life in Christ.

So strive to attend your group reunion and Ultreyas. If you don't have a reunion group, talk to others to find out what's available or call a secretariat member. The Post-weekend Chairs, Bruce and Valorie Daniel, have the information to help you with this. Come to the Ultreyas when you can. We would love to see you there. And remember that these are tools to help us in our baptismal walk with Christ. And in this walk, we will find life.

*God loves you and so do I,
Pastor Randy*

RECTOR/RECTORA...

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

When our phone rang a couple of weeks ago, the caller ID said Arnie/Anne Faber, I really didn't think much about it BUT then came the question "We would like you and Jeff to prayerfully consider being Rector/a for the fall weekend" and I think my mouth dropped to the floor. I immediately texted Jeff at work to call me and I sprung the news on him. Now you have to realize, with Jeff working nights, he does some of his best thinking and praying while the machine is running so I felt that this would give him the opportunity to pray about this position that we were being called to take on.

The next morning we both realized that God does not call the prepared but prepares the called. This is God's weekend and he will be in charge so we answered yes to his call. Along with the decision came the decision of who would be our head cha and we are thrilled that Jeff Whalen also answered God's call.

Now all we need are applications for team members. An application should be included at the back of the newsletter and the deadline is May 31st. Please, if you feel called, complete and mail an application to us. You can also email us at an email we have set up for the weekend lwvdc44@yahoo.com

On our wedding day six years ago we used the following Bible Verse from Romans 12: 1-2 which we feel is appropriate for Team #44 ¹ *Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.* ² *Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.*

GLY&SDW

Jeff & Linda Berry #12, #22

Jeff Whalen # 33

COMMUNICATIONS...

E-mails for prayer requests, joys and thanksgivings to be shared with the community can be emailed to either: prayers@livingwaterviadecristo.org or qcharts@sbcglobal.net

Or call: 309-792-9030

Check out our website: www.livingwaterviadecristo.org

In His service,

Cindy Hart

Communications Chair

Living Water via de Cristo

Continuing Education

Saturday, May 7th, 2011
3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church
415 West 53rd Street, Davenport Iowa

Purpose of Continuing Education

- To go over the events of the retreat and place them in the context of the dynamics of the weekend
- To emphasize the importance of sponsorship and palanca to the success of the weekend
- To affirm the reality that the retreats are held to provide the Fourth Day, and that group reunion, attending Ultreyas, and spiritual direction are the Cursillo methods means of ensuring perseverance in the faith
- To introduce the role of the Secretariat in providing the retreats and the Fourth Day experience
- To remind new pilgrims that Via de Cristo is *one* of the tools used to further the mission of the local congregation and the larger Church.

Complete the form below. Make reservations now for your place at the next Continuing Education Meeting using any of the following means:

Mail: Complete the bottom of this form and mail to Anne and Arnold Faber, Leaders Chair-407 Bryant Circle Drive, Princeton, IL 61356

Email: alfaff@frontier.com please put "VDC Continuing Ed" in the subject and includes the information asked for in the form in your email

Call: 815-872-1178 and leave a message with the information asked for in the form below.

Name _____ Weekend attended _____

Address _____ Telephone or email _____

Living Water Via de Cristo Team Participation

Weekend#44: October 20st-23rd 2011

Retreat Site: Rock River Christian Camp, Polo, Illinois*

Team Training Dates: August 20th, September 3rd, September 16-17th overnight, and October 1st, 2011

Training sessions at 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., overnight begins at 7 PM on Friday.

Location of team trainings will be announced later. All team members should, regardless of experience, attend **all** team meetings. ****Continuing Education class is required for first time team members. Training sessions are only offered twice a year.**

I understand that as a team member I will be expected to:

- attend the training sessions in their entirety, except by special arrangement with the Rector/a:
- regularly worship and participate in local church activities:
- be active in a reunion group.

I would like to submit my talents, my prayer support, and myself for Living Water VdC Weekend #44

Served on any previous team? () Yes () No

If "yes", my last team service was on Weekend # _____

My special talents: (music, guitar, kitchen experience, etc) _____

Reunion Group Participation () Yes () No *All team members are requested to be involved with an active reunion group to serve on team.*

My home congregation is: _____ in _____

Because of physical limitations or dietary needs, if I serve on team, I will need the following accommodations: _____

_____ I am trained and certified for CPR. _____ I hold a food service license, issued by _____

_____ I am unable to serve on team, but would be willing to be a prayer warrior for #44

_____ I am willing to help set-up on Thursday afternoon or tear-down on Sunday afternoon of the weekend.

Name: _____ e-mail address (optional) _____

Address _____ telephone #: () _____ Cell # () _____

_____ * RRCC is a smoke-free facility

Thank you for your willingness to serve the Lord through this renewal weekend. Please return this form to the following leaders by ***_5_/_31_/ 2011***. *Application submission does not guarantee placement on team, only willingness to be called.*

**Rector and Rectora
Jeff and Linda Berry
1728 S. Main Street
Princeton, IL 61356**

**Application for the Lutheran Spiritual Renewal Movement
Affiliated with the Illowa Lutheran Coalition**

I. Applicant Information *(Please print. Return application to sponsor when completed.)*

Full name _____ Age (18 minimum) _____ Male _____
Female _____

Name or nickname you would like on name tag _____ Home phone () _____
Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Occupation _____ Work phone () _____ E-mail _____

Home church _____ Denomination _____

Church address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Church phone () _____ Pastor's name _____

Contact person (*other than spouse*): Name _____ Phone () _____

Tell us about your current church involvement - activities, positions held, etc. (*Attach sheet if needed.*)

Please note any special medical or dietary needs, physical limitations, or sleeping arrangements needed:

Marital Status: Single _____ Divorced _____ Widowed _____ Married _____ Spouse's name _____

If married, spouse: has _____, will _____, will not _____, attend(ed) a Via de Cristo or similar weekend
(*Spouses are encouraged to attend consecutive weekends.*)

Weekend you wish to attend _____ Would you be available on short notice if a cancellation occurs? _____

Applicant's signature _____ Date _____

II. Pastor's Signature *(See information on back.)*

As the applicant's pastor, I offer my support and prayers for my parishioner's participation in this opportunity for growth as a Christian leader.

Signed _____

III. Sponsor's Information *(To be filled in by sponsor.)*

Sponsor's name _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home phone () _____ Work () _____ Are you involved in a reunion group? _____

Date & location of your VdC or other weekend _____ Weekend number _____

Note to the applicant's pastor:

This member from your congregation has applied to attend an upcoming Via de Cristo weekend sponsored by the Illowa Lutheran Coalition. These weekends are designed to provide faith renewal for Christians by grounding them more fully in God's grace and in the disciplines of prayer, study and service. It is our hope that participants in the weekend will return to their home parishes renewed and better equipped to serve their church as leaders. Therefore we expect participants in the weekend to be active members of their church. Like Marriage Encounter, which seeks to strengthen healthy marriages rather than heal troubled ones, Via de Cristo is designed to strengthen faith rather than provide spiritual conversion for a struggling Christian. In addition, it is our hope that married persons will be able to attend consecutive weekends so that they can share the experience together. This can be a very positive thing. If one partner is unable to do this, but could at a later date, we encourage the couple to wait. If one partner simply doesn't want to attend a weekend and is unlikely to ever do so in the future, then we wish to know whether or not you as their pastor have any concerns about the impact of the weekend on their marriage.

If you do not have any concerns about your parishioner's involvement in this weekend, we ask for your signature of support. If you have any apprehension, we would appreciate hearing from you in writing. If you wish to talk further to one of our spiritual directors concerning Via de Cristo, please call Pastor Randy Willers at 309-764-5614. Thank you for taking this under consideration.

Sponsor's Checklist:

- _____ The applicant's portion of the application (Part I) is complete.
- _____ The applicant's check is attached.
- _____ The applicant's pastor has signed the application (Part II).
- _____ I believe this applicant will benefit from a Via de Cristo weekend.
- _____ I have read the responsibilities of the sponsor and agree to abide by them.

Sponsor's signature _____ Date _____

Please return the completed application, along with a non-refundable deposit of \$25 (make checks payable to Living Water Via de Cristo), to the Pre-Weekend Chairs:

Jerry and Krista Hanson
1624 S Main St
Princeton, IL 61356-2629
815-875-2359

The deposit will be applied to the suggested contribution of \$110.00. Financial assistance is available when needed. **Applications should be sent at least five weeks prior to the weekend.**

Thank you for helping to expand the reach of the VdC movement.

Illowa Lutheran Coalition
 Augustana College
 639 – 38th Street,
 Rock Island, IL 61201

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Spiritual Director:		
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