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Men's #53 Weekend Sep 23 - Sep 26 Columbus Sign up on the 72-hour Prayer Vigil for the Weekend.	CHRIST IS COUNTING ON YOU!!!! 		

UPCOMING WEEKENDS IN 2004 & 2005

MEN'S #53	SEPT 23 - 26, 2004	Rector - Bob Sauer
WOMEN'S #53	OCT 7 - 10, 2004	Rectora - Christy Brill
MEN'S #54	APRIL 14 - 17, 2005	Rector - TBD
WOMEN'S #54	MAY 12 - 15, 2005	Rectora - TBD
MEN'S #56	OCT 20 - 23, 2005	Rector - TBD
WOMEN'S #56	NOV 10 - 13, 2005	Rectora - Lynn Ayer
Above Weekends site Holy Cross Catholic Cursillo Center Downtown Columbus		
 MEN'S #55	 JUL 14 - 17, 2005	 Rector - TBD
WOMEN'S #55	JUL 21 - 24, 2005	Rectora - TBD
Above Weekend site St. Leonard's Retreat Center - Avon, OH		

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From the Lay Director

Dear friends in Christ,

This has been a season of change. Have you ever wondered how all of this change came about? As the fall season begins its march to winter, I am always amazed at the excitement and level of enthusiasm our children seem to have... Sure, the summer is over and our children are back in school. But that's when all the anticipation of a new school year begins and the children, believe it or not, are truly eager to get back there... partly because of the learning experiences and the great teachers, but mainly to reconnect with old friends and hear about the wondrous summer adventures they've taken. I know that my son, Kyle, was ready for school to start. He's a senior in High School this year. We were driving to church on Wednesday and he looked over at me and said, "Dad, I'm ready for school to start." What Kyle was trying to say without sounding like a geek was this: "Dad, I'm tired of messing around. Summer was boring. It's time to get things done." Being a senior brings on a whole new set of challenges and exciting opportunities. This will be his last year in High School. Next year, he'll be off to college and beginning yet another phase of his life. Change Number One: Our son is maturing into the fine young man God wants him to be... You see, he's thinking seriously about doing what our daughter did this summer... that brings me to Change Number Two.

Our daughter, Kyleen, decided that she needed a change from her routine, mundane life... After Covenant, a music group associated with Youth Encounter, visited our church, she immediately knew what the change was going to be... she looked up Youth Encounter on the Internet, downloaded the applications, signed, sealed, and delivered them to Youth Encounter. A couple of days later, Youth Encounter contacted Kyleen, interviewed her on the phone, asked for a demo tape, and the rest is history. She was accepted for Youth Encounter's Captive Free Music Teams and within three weeks of sending the application to Youth Encounter, we were driving Kyleen to Minnesota to drop her off for this year's Youth Encounter Season. She will be touring as part of Captive Free in the Northwest Region of the United States for the next year: Washington, Montana, Oregon, Idaho, etc. That's at least 2500 miles away... and this is her first time away from home. Just three weeks and "zoom," out the door and gone. Change Number Two: Our daughter maturing into the fine young woman God wants her to be, serving the Lord through music and Youth Encounter.

Change Number Three: after twenty plus years of military service in the Air Force, I'm hanging up my flight cap and retiring. Retiring! Such a final sounding word. Better I should say transitioning to the private sector and staying in the Dayton, OH area. I'm changing careers and moving into another phase of life. Everyone I've talked with at church and elsewhere have said that this is the best time of life... being able to finally do what you want to do rather than doing what the Air Force tells you to do.

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Note: If you have questions or suggestions, please feel free to call any of the Secretariat members. Also, anyone from the community is welcome to attend the Secretariat meetings.

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From the Lay Director

In the twenty years we've spent in the Air Force, we've lived in six different states, had eleven different houses, eight different pets, nine different cars, went to six different colleges (between Lynn and I), gave birth to two wonderful children, attended or served in ten different congregations (not all Lutheran mind you), and the list goes on and on. Are we accustomed to change? I think so, but it sure wasn't easy, especially for a born and bred Lutheran family.

If there is a lesson to learn here, it's probably this: In this world, nothing is permanent. In this world, everything changes. It is the very nature of this world to change. Who was it that said, "There are two things you can be sure of in this world: death and taxes?" I think it was Will Rogers. Maybe we should add another one we can be sure of: change. So, I suppose some good questions would be, "Why put our trust in something that always changes?" "Why pledge allegiance to a system that will undoubtedly change and not always in a way that we or God would approve?" If there is one constant in all of life, it is this: God. I am blessed to have two wonderful children and a very dear wife who have embraced this constant as we serve our Lord while in this world. Put your trust in God and pledge allegiance to the same because He is the only constant in this world.

God Loves You and so do I. Your brother in Christ,

Kevin

From the Rector



Greetings:

To: All Christian Communities of the Lord Jesus Christ
From: The new Christian Community of Ohio Men's # 53

The new and experienced men of Men's #53 have been working faithfully to become a Christian Community in action for the new Pilgrims. Warm and friendly people at West Milton, Centerville, Springfield and Fairborn have received us as we prepare for our journey to Columbus to serve God as His servants.

I continually ask for your prayers before, during and after the weekend for the team and pilgrims to feel and hear the Holy Spirit in each of us. If you have not been contacted for the 72-hour prayer palanca, please contact Larry Evans for times available or any time that you can uplift the weekend in prayer. His email is levans14@woh.rr.com.

As with the past summer weekend we pray that the Lord will inspire our communities to Apostolic Action to bring others to a closer relationship with Christ.

I thank God for sending dedicated men to serve Him and all those in the community who work before and behind the team to make the 72 hours a Christ-like life changing experience to those attending the weekend.

In Christ's Service,

Bob Sauer

**Ohio Men's Weekend #53
September 23 - 26, 2004**

Names received by Registrar as of Sep 23


Men's Team #53			Pilgrims and Sponsors		
<u>Name</u>	<u>Position on Team</u>	<u>Home City</u>	<u>Pilgrim</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Church, City</u>
Bob Sauer	Rector	Kettering	Bruce Schwartz	Bob Lochmeyer	Hosanna Luth., Pataskala
Toby Troup	Head Cha	Miamiburg	Ray Van Horn	Paul Swinehart	Linden Lutheran, Columbus
Pastor Darryl Larson	Spiritual Director	Columbus	Doug Gunkelman	Vic Stevens	Divinity Luth., Parma Hgts.
Rev. Ron Feister	Spiritual Director	Westerville	Dan Peterson	Edwin Fidler	Peace Luth., Port Clinton
Al Conn	Chapel Cha	West Milton	Rudy Herter	Laurel Bobb	St. Stephen Lutheran, Stow
Geoff Miller	Music Cha	Dayton	Chuck Fahnestock	Don Piddock	First Luth., Donnelsville
Larry Evans	Palanca Cha	Huber Heights	Tim McNutt	Ben Berger	Living Word Lutheran, Westerville
Raleigh Sandy	Gopher Cha	Centerville			
Bill Evans	Head Kitchen Cha	Huber Heights			
Ben Berger	Kitchen Cha	Westerville			
Dave Boyles	Kitchen Cha	Fairborn			
Jay Jackson	Kitchen Cha	Pickerington			
Skip Wilson	Kitchen Cha	Huber Heights			
Mark Ostermeier	Rollo Room Cha	Burlington, KY			
Don Piddock	Rollo Room Cha	Fairborn			
Tim Sperling	Rollo Room Cha	Canal Winchester			
Bill Steinbrueck	Rollo Room Cha	Fairborn			
Fred Schneider	Ideal Rollo	Cincinnati			
Curt Kemmet	Laity Rollo	Beavercreek			
Tony Latessa	Piety Rollo	Englewood			
Dan Steffey	Study Rollo	Stow			
Kevin Hoch	Action Rollo	Cincinnati			
Mark Phillips	Leaders Rollo	Miamisburg			
Pete Bolig	Environment Rollo	Cincinnati			
Doug Burrows	CCA Rollo	Westerville			
Paul Swinehart	Silent Professor	Columbus			
Charles Allinger	Silent Professor	West Chester			
Jim & Connie Caldwell	Fourth Day Couple	Westerville			

The emergency phone # at the center is :

614-221-1809

THURSDAY & FRIDAY Sep 23 & 24	
Thursday	Send Off - 7:30 PM at Grace Lutheran in Columbus on Refugee Rd.
Friday	
Ideal	10:00 AM
Habitual Grace	11:15 AM
Laity	1:40 PM
Actual Grace	2:55 PM
Piety	4:45 PM

SUNDAY Sep 26	
Gather In Kitchen	5:45 AM QUIETLY!!!
Wake-up Serenade	- 6:00 AM
Environment	9:15 AM
Life of Grace	10:10 AM
Christian Community in Action	11:35 AM
Group Reunion / Ultreya	1:45 PM
Closing - 5:00 PM	At Grace Lutheran in Columbus on Refugee Rd. (Directions next page)

SATURDAY Sep 25	
Study	9:00 AM
Day in the Life	10:20 AM
Apostolic Action	1:15 PM
Obstacles to Grace	2:55 PM
Leaders	4:25 PM
Serenade Practice 5:00 PM	
At Livingston United Methodist in Columbus. (Directions on next page)	
	
Serenade	6:00 PM

Directions to GRACE

**SEND-OFF & CLOSING
GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH
4500 Refugee Road , Columbus**

From Cleveland - Take I-71 South. In Columbus, take I-270 East and continue to the I-70 exit. Take I-70 West exit to next exit, Hamilton Rd. exit. Turn left onto Hamilton and proceed past Eastland Mall to Refugee Road.

Turn left onto Refugee Road. Grace Lutheran is on the left about 1/4 mile.

From Cincinnati - Take I-71 North. In Columbus, take I-270 East and proceed as in Cleveland directions.

From Eastern Ohio - Take I-70 West past the I-270 outerbelt. Proceed to Hamilton Road exit and proceed as in Cleveland. directions.

From Western Ohio - Take I-70 East . Proceed through downtown Columbus and continue to Hamilton Road Exit (317 S). Bear right onto Hamilton road and proceed as in Cleveland directions..

Directions to Livingston

**SATURDAY SERENADE PRACTICE
LIVINGSTON UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
200 E. Livingston Ave, Columbus**

From the North. Take I-71 South to Columbus. Take the US-23 / Fourth St exit (100B). Stay straight to go onto E. FULTON ST. Turn LEFT on to US-33. US-33 becomes E. LIVINGSTON AVE.

From the South. Take I-71 North to Columbus. Take the US-23 NORTH / LIVINGSTON AVE exit (100B), towards FOURTH ST.

PALANCA LETTERS

**Please.....Mark all letters: Sponsor, Spouse, Family,
Friend, or Community**

**Remember the blessings of Palanca mail - sent from the
community, but inspired by the Lord.**

ULTREYA! in OHIO For further details on these and other Ultreyas in Ohio, contact: Paul Swinehart
614-476-5979 Pauls2303@yahoo.com

Cincinnati - Monthly First Saturday, 7:30 pm at Trinity Lutheran Church, Mt. Healthy, contact Kevin Hoch, 513-913-8797

Columbus - Monthly Fourth Tuesday, 7:30 PM at Linden Lutheran Church, 1230 Oakland Park Ave., Columbus , contact Paul Swinehart 614-476-5979 or Darryl Larson, 614-262-4420 at the church or 614-865-0469 at home.

Dayton Lutheran Ultreya - Monthly Third Tuesday, 7:30 pm at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 901 E. Stroop in Kettering. For details, call Bob & Mary Ann Sauer at 937-439-9742 or Email: MASAUER@aol.com

Kent - Call for dates and time: Contact Pastor Doug Fidler (330) 673-5445

Marysville Area - Monthly Third sunday at First English Lutheran, 687 London Avenue, Marysville.
Call Judy Hurl 513/642-4621 or Jeanne Haynes, 513/642-4701

Stow - Quarterly Contact Gracia Luoma (330) 686-8807

Western Lake County Periodic joint Lutheran-Episcopal Ultreya. Hook up through George Cyphers, 216-951-2906

Western Reserve - Monthly Second Saturday 7:00 pm, Brecksville United Methodist Church, call Martha Mallen (440) 257-2235.

Urbana - Monthly First Friday 6:30 pm at Church of the Epiphany, corner Scioto and Kenton, Urbana. Joint ultreya with Episcopal, Roman Catholic, Methodist, and now Lutheran! Contact Dick or Marv Swan, 513/484-3189.

The Newsletter by e-mail in 2005

2 more newsletters left in 2004 (after this one)

Starting with the newsletter for the Men's Spring weekend in 2005 ,Ohio Via de Cristo will be going to an all-electronic newsletter. If you have not done so already, PLEASE give us your email address so that we can put you on the email newsletter list and you can start receiving the newsletter by email. THANK YOU

The electronic version of the newsletter is free. To read or print it, you must have Adobe Reader, which is a free download from www.adobe.com. There are 2 ways to get the newsletter electronically:

- 1) e-mail
- 2) the Ohio Via de Cristo website.

If you are already receiving the newsletter by e-mail, you need do nothing.

TO START RECEIVING THE NEWSLETTER BY E-MAIL → Send an e-mail to Dan Steffey, dsteffey@neo.rr.com indicating that you wish to receive the newsletter by e-mail.

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For those who must receive the newsletter by regular mail, we will continue to mail the newsletter to you at a cost of \$5 per year.

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For newsletter delivered by the Post Office

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City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Please enclose a check payable to Ohio Via de Cristo (\$5 per year) and send it with this form to:

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VIA de CRISTO
OHIO



Lutheran weekend retreat !!

Three days close to Christ! Learn more about His love and the scope and meaning of the Grace of God.

A three-day school which takes a look at Christianity as a lifestyle, highly structured to strengthen and renew the faith of Christian people. Presenters are inspired laymen and ordained ministers. There is no charge for a weekend, but participants will be given an opportunity to support the movement. Food and lodging are included.

The Ohio Lutheran Via de Cristo Secretariat, affiliated with the National Lutheran Secretariat, conducts six weekends each year—three for men and three for women. We invite all Christians to experience one of these events. Weekends scheduled:

Men's Fall, September 23-26, 2004, in Columbus

Women's Fall, October 7-10, 2004, in Columbus

Men's Spring, April 14-17, 2005, in Columbus

Women's Spring, May 12-15, 2005, in Columbus

Men's Summer, July 14-17, 2005, in Avon

Women's Summer, July 21-24, 2005, in Avon

Men's Fall, Oct. 20-23, 2005, in Columbus

Women's Fall, Nov. 10-13, 2005, in Columbus

Spring and Fall weekends are held at the Holy Cross Cum Cristo Center in Downtown Columbus. Summer weekends are held at St. Leonard's Retreat Center in Avon, Ohio.

To learn more, log on to our web site at www.viadechristooh.org, or write to Via de Cristo of Ohio, P. O. Box 53081, Cincinnati, OH 45253.

The Via de Cristo movement is self-supporting, not an official arm of the ELCA. But it adheres strictly to Lutheran doctrine. We invite the financial support of individual churches in the form of special benevolence. The goal of Via de Cristo is to make Christian church members more deeply aware of God's grace through Christ, to encourage a deeper commitment to their home churches and to teach and encourage them to tell others about Jesus.

Come learn with us, because God loves you and so do we!!

Cursillistas!! Help, help!!

Let your fellow church members know more about us. See if your church will use this as a Sunday bulletin insert or run it in the church newsletter. Or both!! Newsletters reach all members. Put it on your bulletin board.

You can add your name as a contact for information, if you like.

You also could add that you would be glad to sponsor anyone who wants to attend. Fall weekends are about to go and 2005 weekends are not that far off. We need to get applications in early. You can download application blanks from the web site address you see in the insert. DeColores