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<b>Men's #62</b> <b>Weekend</b> <b>Oct 18 - 21</b> <b>Columbus</b>	<b>CHRIST IS COUNTING ON YOU!!!!</b>		
<b>PLEASE NOTE</b> <b>CHANGE IN</b> <b>SEND-OFF</b> <b>PROCEDURE</b>			

**UPCOMING WEEKENDS AND EVENTS 2007 & 2008**

<b>MEN'S #64</b>	<b>JULY 17 - 20, 2008</b>	<b>Rector - TBD</b>
<b>WOMEN'S #64</b>	<b>JULY 24 - 27, 2008</b>	<b>Rectora - Connie Anderson</b>
Above Weekend site St. Leonard's Retreat Center - Avon, OH		
<b>MEN'S #62</b>	<b>OCT 18 - 21, 2007</b>	<b>Rector - Jeff Albrektson</b>
<b>WOMEN'S #62</b>	<b>NOV 1 - 4, 2007</b>	<b>Rectora - Carol Pretorius</b>
<b>MEN'S #63</b>	<b>APR 17 - 20, 2008</b>	<b>Rector - Don Piddock</b>
<b>WOMEN'S #63</b>	<b>MAY 1 - 4, 2008</b>	<b>Rectora - TBD</b>
<b>MEN'S #65</b>	<b>OCT 23 - 26, 2008</b>	<b>Rector - TBD</b>
<b>WOMEN'S #65</b>	<b>NOV 6 - 9, 2008</b>	<b>Rectora - TBD</b>
Above Weekends site Holy Cross Catholic Cursillo Center    Downtown Columbus		

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# De Colores!

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## From the Lay Director

De Colores!

In my spare time I teach an accounting capstone course at Franklin University. Before writing this article I just got done grading an assignment where the students had to analyze a situation where there was an ethical dilemma. The analysis was to look at how 4 schools of classical ethical theory would respond to the ethical dilemma. After reading several papers (27 in total), I began to think “What would Jesus do?”

Great questions of our day could easily be answered by looking at what Jesus would do. We have been taught in our Via de Cristo experience that we often can be the only Bible for those who have never read one. We have been taught that we are to make friends, be friends and lead those friends to Christ. In the environment rollo we are instructed on how to make a difference in the various areas of our lives. We have been truly blessed with a great toolbox to face the world.

We are also blessed in knowing that Men’s weekend #62 is right around the corner. Please join me in praying for Jeff Albrektson, the team and the pilgrims. Let’s also pray for the new environments that will be reached because of this weekend.

GLY&SDI

Jim

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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 Rector



Dear Brother and Sisters in Christ,

I can't believe the men's weekend is right around the corner. It seems like yesterday that Jim Caldwell asked me to prayerfully consider being rector for Men's Weekend # 62. All I can say is that it truly was God speaking through me when I accepted.

After a few minor challenges the team came together, and the team meetings have been held. It wasn't until our last team meeting this past Saturday that we confirmed that there would be a weekend. What a blessing it was to hear that news, although why should any of us be surprised, after all, this is God's weekend and He decided long ago that this weekend would happen. It's been a blessing for me to have this team come together, being in the meetings with old and new friends, hearing great rollos, being with my loving brothers, it's all been a blessing.

Over the next few days, I'd like to ask you to pray, pray for the team, pray for the pilgrims, and pray for Via de Cristo. We know how wonderful Via de Cristo is, however, it's important to remember that God is still counting on us to spread the word, and bring more into this loving community. I am also praying for each of you. It's my prayer that you will continue to support this weekend with prayer, palanca and love. If possible, please try to attend the serenade, the wake up, and/or the closing. I remember what it meant to me when I saw so many of my brothers and sisters on my weekend and to think that all of this was done for me.

One final comment, I'd like to thank the team of Men's #62. The support I've felt from each of you has been greatly appreciated; you truly are my brothers in Christ.

God loves you and so do I,

Jeff Albrektson

**Sign up on the 72-hour Prayer Vigil for the Weekend.**

### 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.

**Ohio Men's Weekend #62  
Oct 18 - 21, 2007**

Names received by Registrar as of Oct 15

Men's Team #62			Pilgrims and Sponsors		
Name	Position on Team	Home City	Pilgrim	Sponsor	Church, City
Jeff Albrekton	Rector	Kettering	Gayle Kanz	Jeff Wright	St. Paul Lutheran, Bellville
Doug Hertlein	Head Cha	Carroll	J. Keith Lehto	Duane Jesse	Prince of Peace Lutheran, Cortland
Rev. Doug Pretorius	Spiritual Director	Bellville	Paul Sakala	Joel Marhenke	St. Paul Lutheran, Bellville
Rev. Terry Ruther	Spiritual Director	Loudonville	Richard Morrison	Robert Hauser	Bellville Presbyterian, Bellville
Rev. Bob Hauser	Spiritual Director	Bellville	Bill Gore	Duane Jesse	Prince of Peace Lutheran, Cortland
Toby Troup	Music Cha	Miamisburg	Brett Bolanger	Weslry Scoates	United Christian Church, Clayton
Raleigh Sandy	Palanca Cha	Centerville	Frank Irwin	Kenneth Wells	Abiding Christ Lutheran, Fairborn
Greg Farra	Go-for Cha	Groveport	Dick Cleal	Duane Jesse	Prince of Peace Lutheran, Cortland
Chuck Fahnestock	Chapel Cha	Fairborn	Wes Purner	Juliann Purner	St. Matthew's Episcopal, Westerville
Bob Sauer	Head Kitchen Cha	Kettering	Brandon Wilson	Juliann Purner	St. Matthew's Episcopal, Westerville
Larry Dwight	Kitchen Cha	Dayton	Ken Keeton	Rich Renken	Abiding Christ Lutheran, Fairborn
Mel Hall	Kitchen Cha	Westerville	Jim Wilson	Michelle Tuzzo	Messiah Lutheran, Reynoldsburg
Al Conn	Kitchen Cha	West Milton	Jerry Shinlke	Nathan Piddock	First Lutheran, Donnelsville
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Rick Delynko	Table Cha	Granville			
Joe Albert	Table Cha	Bellville			
Tim Sperling	Table Cha	Canal Winchester			
Nathan Piddock	Table Cha	Kettering			
Bob Hull	Ideal Rollo	Bellville			
Dean Gatton	Laity Rollo	Westerville			
Joel Haynes	Piety Rollo	Marysville			
Don Piddock	Study Rollo / Observing Rector	Fairborn			
Dave Smith	Action Rollo	Canal Winchester			
Mel Musser	Leaders Rollo	Fairborn			
Shane Clark	Environment Rollo	Canal Winchester			
Mike Walsh	CCA Rollo	Grove City			
Dan Steffey	Silent Professor	Stow			
Peter & Linda Kruse	Fourth Day Couple	Donnelsville			

**The emergency phone # at the center is :  
614-221-1809**

<b>THURSDAY &amp; FRIDAY Oct 18 &amp; 19</b>	
Thursday - Send-off	
<b>Pilgrims arrive at Via de Cristo Center 7:00 PM. (Please note the change of procedure next page).</b>	
Friday	
Ideal	10:00 AM
Habitual Grace	11:15 AM
Laity	1:50 PM
Actual Grace	3:10 PM
Piety	5:05 PM

<b>SATURDAY Oct 20</b>	
Study	8:40 AM
Day in the Life	10:00 AM
Action	1:25 PM
Obstacles to Grace	2:50 PM
Leaders	4:30 PM
Serenade Practice At Linden Lutheran , Columbus at 5:00 PM (Directions on next page)	
<b>Serenade</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>

<b>SUNDAY Oct 21</b>	
Gather In Kitchen 5:45 AM	<b>QUIETLY!!!</b>
Wake-up Serenade - 6:00 AM	
Environment	9:05 AM
CCA	10:10 AM
Life in Grace	11:35 AM
Group Reunion / Ultreya	1:35 PM
Closing - <b>4:30 PM</b> At Grace Lutheran in Columbus on Refugee Rd. (Directions next page)	

## **Please Note – Very Important Information**

### **\*\*\*\*\* NEW SEND-OFF PROCEDURE \*\*\*\*\***

In an effort to make the send-off more comfortable and welcoming for our pilgrims and to ease their transition into the weekend experience, our send-off procedure has been changed. We will not be meeting at Grace. Instead, sponsors will bring their pilgrims directly to the Center, beginning at 7:00 PM on Thursday. Sponsors will accompany their pilgrims up to the dorm, find and make their bed, give them a brief tour, and bring them to the 2nd floor lounge. Chas will be on each floor to assist as needed.

Both pilgrims and sponsors are included in the social / refreshment time in the lounge, along with any community that would like to attend. At 7:30 PM the rector will ask all sponsors and community to leave so the weekend can begin. The community will go to the kitchen for prayer before leaving the Center.

If you know of anyone who is planning on coming to send-off that does not receive either the hardcopy or e-mail versions of the newsletter, PLEASE inform them of the change in the send-off procedure.

**CLOSING ONLY — GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH, 4500 REFUGEE RD., COLUMBUS at 4:30 PM**

**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.

### **SATURDAY SERENADE PRACTICE LINDEN LUTHERAN , 1230 OAKLAND PARK AVE., COLUMBUS**

Take I-71 to exit 114 (N. Broadway), Go east on N. Broadway to the first traffic light, Turn left and go to dead end. Turn right on to Oakland Park Ave., go about ½ mile to the church which is on the left.

**ULTREYA! in OHIO** For further details on these and other Ultreya's in Ohio, contact: Paul Swinehart 614-476-5979 [palancaohio@yahoo.com](mailto:palancaohio@yahoo.com)

**Cincinnati - Monthly** First Saturday, 7:30 pm at Trinity Lutheran Church, Mt. Healthy, contact Kevin Hoch, 513-931-8797.

**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.

**Pataskala - Monthly** First Sunday, 6:30 PM at Hosanna Lutheran Church, 7714 Hazelton-Etna Road (SR310) in Pataskala, contact Tony Starn [astarn@columbus.rr.com](mailto:astarn@columbus.rr.com)

**Dayton Lutheran Ultreya (Thursday's) - Monthly** Third Thursday, 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](mailto:MASAUER@aol.com)

**Dayton Lutheran Ultreya (Saturday's) - Monthly** First Saturday, 7:00 pm at Abiding Christ Lutheran Church, 326 Dayton-Yellow Springs Road in Fairborn For details, contact Craig Fourman [CraigFourman@abidingchrist.org](mailto:CraigFourman@abidingchrist.org)

**Kent** - Contact Pastor Doug Fidler (330) 673-5445.

**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.

**Newark - Bi-monthly** Second Wednesday every other month. St. John's Lutheran Church, Linneville Road, Newark. 7:00 PM, 2005 Ultreya's - (April 13, June 8, Aug 10, Oct 12). Contact Chuck Hiles, 740-323-1588.

**Bellville - Bi-monthly** Second Sunday every other month (Feb, April, June, Aug, Oct, Dec) at 6 pm. St. Paul Lutheran Church, 48 Church St., Bellville. Questions contact Dawn Armstrong, 419-886-9822 or [Dalpn@aol.com](mailto:Dalpn@aol.com)

**Sharon Center - Bi-monthly** Second Sunday every other month (Jan, March, Jul, Sep, Nov) at 5:30 pm. St. Paul Lutheran Church, 6462 Ridge Rd., Sharon Center. Details or questions contact Cathy Doering, 330-239-0027 or [cdoering1@aol.com](mailto:cdoering1@aol.com)

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**By receiving the newsletter by e-mail, you are sent the names of any last minute pilgrims for the weekends. This is helpful in writing palanca.**