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Men's #64 Weekend Oct 23 - 26 Columbus	 CHRIST IS COUNTING ON YOU!!!!		

UPCOMING WEEKENDS 2008 & 2009

MEN'S #64	OCT 23 - 26, 2008	Rector - Mark Kannenwischer
WOMEN'S #64	NOV 6 - 9, 2008	Rectora - Marilyn Baker
MEN'S #65	MAR 19 - 22, 2009	Rector - TBD
WOMEN'S #65	MAR 26 - 29, 2009	Rectora - Rhea Mathias
MEN'S #67	OCT 8 - 11, 2009	Rector - TBD
WOMEN'S #67	OCT 29 - NOV 1, 2009	Rectora - TBD
Above Weekends site Holy Cross Catholic Cursillo Center Downtown Columbus		
MEN'S #66	JULY 23 - 26, 2009	Rector - Jeff Thomas
WOMEN'S #66	JULY 30 - AUG 2, 2009	Rectora - TDB
Above Weekends site St. Leonard's Retreat Center - Avon, OH		

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 Kairos Website

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From the Lay Director

Dear Community,

The men's weekend is upon us and Mark and his team is ready. We have 14 confirmed Pilgrim applications in hand and as of Tuesday 10-14-2008. It is a pleasure to see we are able to move forward with this set of weekends.

I believe we need to add more excitement to the movement by more involvement in the weekends. Remember we have four good opportunities. Thursday send off. It will be at the center in Columbus and we should be there by 7PM. The second is for the ladies on Sat. evening and the third is wake up at the center 6AM Sunday and finally #4 the closing at Christ Lutheran Bexley Sunday @4:30PM.

May I remind you we all renew our own weekends through the new Pilgrims. It will not only support this weekend but will encourage you as you live out your fourth day.

I wish to extend many thanks to Mark and his team for spending the time necessary to build community and prepare for this weekend. Let us not let them down by not taking the time ourselves to support. God has blessed us all in many ways because of His grace shown through this movement. Let us respond in love for His people.

God Bless you all,

Doug Burrows
Ohio Lay Director

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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's and Sister's in Christ,

Wow! It doesn't seem that long ago that my brother's and I gathered for our first team meeting. We have grown greatly together and all of us are anxious for the weekend to come. God does work in great ways and I see this in the formation of this team. Each professor has poured themselves into their roles as God has instructed them. The people who have been called as chas all have shown servant's hearts that are needed to make the weekend successful. We are ready to go and I pray the pilgrims are too.

There is always some uncertainty as to how many pilgrims would ultimately respond to God's call to attend a weekend. I really wasn't sure what to expect with the summer weekend being cancelled. The important thing I had to remind myself was that God is in control. The number of pilgrims would be taken care of by God. The thought process of letting go has allowed the team to continue preparing without any doubts. VdC #64 is going to happen because God is going to will it to happen. To date we have 14 pilgrims with more prayerfully on the way. Praise God for that!

Please pray for weekend #64 that it be successful in glorifying God. In addition, I ask that the community prays for the upcoming women's weekend as God provides them with pilgrims. It is for Him we serve and to Him be the glory.

God loves you and so do I,

Mark Kannenwischer

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 #64
Oct 23 - 26, 2008**

Names received by Registrar as of Oct 14

Men's Team #64			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>
Mark Kannenwischer	Rector	Westerville	Larry Smith	Norbert Peiker	St. Paul Lutheran, Bellville
Thad Ness	Head Cha	Lewis Center	M. Christian Parks	Doug Hertlein	Peace Lutheran, Canal Winchester
Rev. Jim Stalder	Spiritual Director	Galena	Ray Gantzler	Bob Glessner	Holy Trinity Lutheran, Mansfield
Rev Ed Simonsen	Spiritual Director	New Albany	Chris Franks	Sandy Mueller	Living Word Lutheran, Galena
Chuck Fahnestock	Chapel Cha	Fairborn	Alan Cooper	Eddie Cooper	Xenos Christian Fellowship
Dan Brill	Music Cha	Lewis Center	Roger Plummer	Eddie Cooper	Xenos Christian Fellowship
Tom Payne	Palanca Cha	Galena	Greg McGinnis	Mary McNutt	Grove City Church of the Nazarene
Scott Padgett	Gopher Cha	Columbus	Brian Peters	Jim Wilson	Messiah Lutheran, Reynoldsburg
Michael Murray	Head Kitchen Cha	Bellville	Brent Hall	Mel Hall	Our Shepherd Lutheran, Birmingham, MI
Kevin Hoch	Kitchen Cha	Cincinnati	Bob Jansic	Dick Snay	Trinity Lutheran, Willard
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Jim Wilson	Kitchen Cha	Reynoldsburg	Vito Mensah	Mark Kannenwischer	Genoa Church, Westerville
Ben Berger	Kitchen Cha	Westerville	Chuck Griffith	John Freese	St. Paul Lutheran, Westerville
David Lann	Rollo Room Cha	Ravenna	Justin Nelson	Jim Caldwell	Living Word Lutheran, Galena
Brian Howman	Rollo Room Cha	Lewis Center			
Sandy Mueller	Rollo Room Cha	Columbus			
Paul Sakala	Rollo Room Cha	Lexington			
Raleigh Sandy	Ideal Rollo	Centerville			
John Freese	Laity Rollo	Westerville			
Mel Hall	Piety Rollo	Westerville			
Steve Briner	Study Rollo	Westerville			
Norbert Peiker	Action Rollo	Bellville			
Ralph Minton	Leaders Rollo	New Castle, PA			
Doug Hertlein	Environment Rollo	Carroll			
Eddie Cooper	CCA Rollo	Columbus			
John Schalip	Silent Professor	Sunbury			
Bob Lochmeyer	Silent Professor	Pataskala			
Sandy & Jayna Mueller	Fourth Day Couple	Columbus			

Remember – Closing is at Christ Lutheran Church, Bexley at 4:30 PM

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

THURSDAY & FRIDAY Oct 23 & 24	
Thursday - Send-off 7:30 PM	
Pilgrims arrive at Cum Cristo Center, Columbus 7:00 PM.	
(Directions next page)	
Friday	
Ideal	10:00 AM
Habitual Grace	11:15 AM
Laity	1:30 PM
Actual Grace	2:55 PM
Piety	4:40 PM

SATURDAY Oct 25	
Study	8:40 AM
Day in the Life	10:00 AM
Apostolic Action	1:45 PM
Obstacles to Grace	3:10 PM
Leaders	4:45 PM
Serenade Practice	
At Linden Lutheran , Columbus	
at 5:30 PM	
(Directions next page)	
Serenade	6:30 PM

SUNDAY Oct 26	
Gather In Kitchen 5:45 AM	QUIETLY!!!
Wake-up Serenade - 6:00 AM	
Environment	9:05 AM
CCA	10:10 AM
Life in Grace	11:35 AM
Group reunion and Ultreya	1:40 PM
Closing - 4:30 PM At Christ Lutheran Church, Bexley	
(Directions next page)	

DIRECTIONS

DIRECTIONS TO THE CUM CRISTO CENTER

From I-70 east or west, exit S. 4th St. exit and go north on S.4th (only way you can since it's "one-way"). Go to MAIN Street and turn RIGHT. Take Main to GRANT and turn LEFT. Go one block to RICH Street and turn LEFT. Go to just before S. 5th Street and you will see the entrance to Holy Cross parking lot on the right.

From southbound I-71 (from the north end), take the Main Street exit. Go through the intersection at the top of the exit ramp and continue on the Rich Street connector. After rounding the curve you will be headed west on E. Rich Street. Continue west to just before S. 5th Street and turn right into the parking lot.

244 E. Rich St.
Columbus, OH 43215

Directions to Christ Lutheran Church: (directly across from Capital Univ.)

Coming from the West on 1-70 E:

Exit at Bexley / Main Street (103A) onto a ramp that circles around to Alum Creek Drive (north). Alum Creek Drive dead-ends at East Main Street. Turn right onto East Main Street. Continue on to church (2314 East Main St., 43209).

Coming from the North on 1-71 S:

Merge onto I-70 E (exit 107 on the left toward Wheeling). Then follow the directions above.

Coming from the South on 1-71 N:

Merge onto I-70 E (toward Cleveland / Wheeling). Then follow the directions above.

Coming from the East on 1-70 W:

Take Livingston Ave exit (103B). Turn left onto US-33 / E. Livingston Ave. Turn right onto Alum Creek Drive. Turn right onto E. Main St. Continue to Church (2314 East Main St.).

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 hand side.

ULTREYA! in OHIO For further details on these and other Ultreya's in Ohio, contact: Paul Swinehart 614-476-5979 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.

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

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

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.

For several years, Holiday Inn City Center has donated ice to our Via de Cristo weekends. This donation has been very generous and a great help to our weekends. The Holiday Inn is just one block from the Cum Cristo center, so to the extent that any of you are planning an overnight stay during one of the Via de Cristo weekends or otherwise, you may want to consider reserving accommodations at the Holiday Inn. Additionally, for your consideration, we understand that the Holiday Inn features a buffet breakfast every Sunday morning.

Doug Hertlein
Cum Cristo Facilities Coordinator for Ohio Via de Cristo

EUCHARIST VS. ENTITLEMENT

Ours has been called an age of entitlement. Many persons and interest groups specialize in championing their "rights." In our current politically-charged atmosphere, one almost expects to hear: "Defend my rights and support my interests and you'll get my vote, my dollars, and my hearty endorsement." It's not surprising that the portion of the federal budget that is outstripping all sense of reason and that threatens our very future as a solvent country is called "entitlements."

Jesus, in contrast, claimed no sense of entitlement. By virtue of His divinity, He was entitled to unimaginable "rights." But instead of claiming them, he set them aside for a servant's role. St. Paul says of Jesus: "Who, being in the form of God, did not count equality with God as something owed him, but he emptied himself, taking on the form of a servant." (Philippians 2:6-8)

I give thanks for the many good folks who make up the Via de Cristo community who exemplify the privilege of serving others rather than the rights of collecting what they may think others "owe" them. They demonstrate that "eucharist" (meaning "thanksgiving") rather than "entitlement" goes with Kingdom living. A Eucharistic lifestyle is one that demonstrates on-going gratitude for gifts received.

In this season of Thanksgiving we do well to remember that a Eucharistic lifestyle is not to be season-specific.

The Eucharist is offered daily on Via de Cristo weekends - one of God's good gifts for modeling and empowering Christlikeness. We become what we take in.

Regularly I hear stories of how lives have been changed by the Spirit's powerful transformations worked through Via de Cristo. When we live and walk the "way of Christ," entitlement is laid aside and thanksgiving leading to thanksgiving comes to the fore.

That thanksgiving shows itself in countless life-changes in our piety, study, and action - all flowing out of a newly bounteous reservoir of gratitude for God's grace, mercy, and peace shown us most fulsomely in the Christ, our Lord.

Thank you, sisters and brothers in Christ, for your powerful thanksgiving witness. It shows how you continue to vote on the "eucharist vs. entitlement" issue!

■ Pastor Al Sager