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<b>Women's #60 Weekend</b> <b>May 17 - 20</b> <b>Columbus</b>  <b>Sign up on the 72-hour Prayer Vigil for the Weekend.</b>	 <p style="font-size: 2em;"><b>CHRIST IS COUNTING ON YOU!!!!</b></p>	

**UPCOMING WEEKENDS AND EVENTS 2007**

<b>MEN'S #60</b>	<b>APR 26 - 29, 2007</b>	<b>Rector - Bill Evans</b>
<b>WOMEN'S #60</b>	<b>MAY 17 - 20, 2007</b>	<b>Rectora - Julie Overmeyer</b>
<b>MEN'S #62</b>	<b>OCT 18 - 21, 2007</b>	<b>Rector - TBD</b>
<b>WOMEN'S #62</b>	<b>NOV 1 - 4, 2007</b>	<b>Rectora - TBD</b>

Above Weekends site Holy Cross Catholic Cursillo Center    Downtown Columbus

<b>MEN'S #61</b>	<b>AUG 9 - 12, 2007</b>	<b>Rector - Ralph Minton</b>
<b>WOMEN'S #61</b>	<b>AUG 16 - 19, 2007</b>	<b>Rectora - Lynn Steffey</b>

Above Weekend site St. Leonard's Retreat Center - Avon, OH

**ANNUAL MEETING OF THE NATIONAL LUTHERAN SECRETARIAT — JULY 26 - 29 , 2007**

**At the University of Indianapolis**

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National Via de Cristo Website  
Kairos Website

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# De Colores!

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## From the Lay Director

De Colores!

One of the national insurance companies uses the advertising slogan “When life comes at you fast”. They profess the need for their products to assist in the ups and downs of life. Reading the Via de Cristo prayer chain over the last few months demonstrates that life really does come at you fast. Many good people are dealing with a lot of tough stuff in their lives.

In church this morning we sang “The Church’s One Foundation”. That is the perfect song to reflect on when thinking of those tough things in life.

*Through toil and tribulation and tumult of her war,  
She waits the consummation of peace forevermore  
Till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,  
And the great Church victorious shall be the church at rest.*

As Christians we know where our hope is when life comes at us fast. We have our Savior Jesus Christ who suffered for us and is there as we suffer. We know the end of the story which helps us as we live out our days.

Please pray for Julie Overmeyer and her team as they do their final preparation for Women’s #60. Pray for the pilgrims so their hearts and minds are open to what God has in store for them. And pray for our community that we are all renewed.

GLY&SDI

Jim Caldwell

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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 Rectora



God is preparing hearts in the women of VDC #60 as I write this. We have been studying, in our time together, how to make our hearts into Christ's home. The devotional by Robert Munger has been challenging us to make our homes inviting enough for Jesus to come and spend time with us; not just as a visitor but to be Lord and Master of our lives. Jesus said, to one of his disciples, in John 14:23, "If a man loves me, he will keep my words; and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him." God is knocking on your heart- do you hear him?

We have come together as a team to serve Him. We are praying that the women that God has called to the weekend will open their hearts to let Jesus in; in a way that is new and exciting to them. Please keep us in prayer as we strive to bring God all the glory!

In His Service,

Julie Overmeyer

**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 Women's Weekend #60**  
**May 17 - 20, 2007**

Revised 05/11/2007

Names received by Registrar as of May 11

<b>Women's Team #60</b>			<b>Pilgrims and Sponsors</b>		
<u>Name</u>	<u>Position on Team</u>	<u>Home City</u>	<u>Pilgrim</u>	<u>Sponsor</u>	<u>Church, City</u>
Julie Overmeyer	Rectora	Columbus	Linda Charlton	Ruth Ann Dearth	Darby Creek Community, Hilliard
Sue Solvig	Head Cha	Grove City	Darlene Butler	Sandra Bricker	Hosanna Luth., Pataskala
Pastor Al Sager	Spiritual Director	Westerville	Karen Reliford	Ronald Reliford	Hosanna Luth., Pataskala
Rev. Ann Feister	Spiritual Director	Westerville	Patty Kocher	Delores Kalb	St. John's Lutheran, New Washington
Pat Leu	Chapel Cha	Canal Winchester	Sue Johnson	Delores Kalb	Crossroads Community, Mansfield
Judy Pochard	Music Cha	Hamilton	Lynn Hull	Barbara Peiker	St. Paul Lutheran, Bellville
Judie Evans	Palanca Cha	Huber Heights	Marilyn Payne	Peggy & Dick Retherford	Living Word Luth., Galena
Debbie Kelley	Gofor Cha	Columbus	Barbara Wood	Mary Miller	Christ Lutheran, Bexley
Rhea Mathias	Head Kitchen Cha	Reynoldsburg	Marilyn Albert	Doug Pretorius	St. Paul Lutheran, Bellville
Linda Green	Kitchen Cha	Pickerington	Niki Musser	PJ Musser	Abiding Christ Lutheran, Fairborn
Jackie Fahnstock	Kitchen Cha	Fairborn	Summer Swanson	Ann Hughes	Abiding Christ Lutheran, Fairborn
Theresa Lepley	Kitchen Cha	Fairborn	Carol Dagg	Michelle Tuozzo	Messiah Lutheran, Reynoldsburg
Marjorie Stone	Kitchen Cha	Columbus	Paula Quinn	Jean Mabry	Trinity Luth., Mt. Healthy
Miriam Hamilton	Kitchen Cha	Bellville			
Laura Latessa	Head RR Cha	Englewood			
Sandy Bricker	RR Cha	Pataskala			
Gloria Kemmet	RR Cha	Beavercreek			
Michelle Tuozzo	RR Cha	Reynoldsburg			
Carol Laser	RR Cha	Bellville			
Bonnie Holzbauer	RR Cha/Escort	Groveport			
Caryl Gattton	Ideal Rollo	Westerville			
Cathy Doering	Laity Rollo	Wadsworth			
Wilma Keller	Piety Rollo	Newark			
Karen Schwartz	Study Rollo	Pataskala			
Chris Albrekton	AAAction Rollo	Kettering			
Vickie Delynko	Leaders Rollo	Granville			
Mary McNutt	Environment Rollo	Columbus			
Lori Hertlein	CCA Rollo	Carroll			
Jim & Connie Caldwell	Fourth Day Couple	Westerville			

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

<b>THURSDAY &amp; FRIDAY May 17 &amp; 18</b>	
Thursday	Send Off - 7:30 PM at Grace Lutheran in Columbus on Refugee Rd. (Directions next page)
Friday	
Ideal	10:10 AM
Habitual Grace	11:15 AM
Laity	1:40 PM
Actual Grace	2:55 PM
Piety	4:45 PM

<b>SATURDAY May 19</b>	
Study	9:00 AM
Day in the Life	10:20 AM
Action	1:15 PM
Obstacles to Grace	2:45 PM
Leaders	4:25 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 May 20</b>	
Gather In Kitchen 5:45 AM	<b>QUIETLY!!!</b>
Wake-up Serenade - 6:00 AM	
Environment	9:20 AM
CCA	10:20 AM
Life in Grace	11:50 AM
Group Reunion	1:45 PM
Closing - <b>5:20 PM</b> At Grace Lutheran in Columbus on Refugee Rd. (Directions next page)	

**SEND-OFF & CLOSING ---- GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH, 4500 REFUGEE RD., 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 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.

**From Cincinnati** - Take I-71 North. In Columbus, take I-270 East , 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 hand side.

## **Make a poster for a weekend**

Ultreyas and Reunion Groups--pray for upcoming weekends. This is as it should be, because palanca is prayer. It lifts up the rector, the team, the chas, the professors, the pilgrims and the spiritual directors.

Let them know you are praying. Make a poster. Write a letter and everyone sign it. Keep it on hand for a couple of meetings so more can sign it. Then send it to me or take it to the weekend. The Palanca Cha usually is at the sendoff. Give it to him/her.

Large posters are better. Use a 17x22 poster board or even a roll of wallpaper. Draw things on the back. Be original.

Pray for other movements' weekends. One Ohio church is running the list in the Sunday bulletin of the weekends that I send letters to. I get it to them in time so the current week's weekend dates are available. If your church would like to do that, let me know, I will send the list to you, too. Then we send the same list to the newsletter mailing list.

Thousands of prayers are going out and thousands coming back to us from other movements. Praise God!

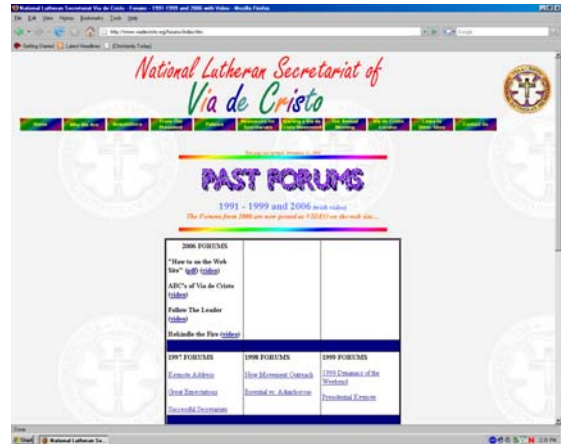
I am praying for your prayers.

DeColores. Paul Swinehart, Palanca coordinator.

## “GOOD STUFF” ON NATIONAL LUTHERAN SECRETARIAT WEBSITE!

A WAY FOR EVERYONE TO SHARE IN PART OF AN NLS MEETING!

If you visit the National Lutheran Secretariat website at [viadecristo.org](http://viadecristo.org), you will find some most interesting “stuff”! On the home page, you will see these words:



**The Forums from the 2006 Annual Meeting are now posted to our Web Site. This was a dream of our first web manager - Oran Gough.**

Then, you will see the page above, and have the opportunity to watch the video of the Forums those of us who attended were able to share. For those meetings from the 1990s, only printouts are available, but they make EXCELLENT reading! Many of us have been blessed and uplifted by the NLS Forums, and have tried to find ways to share them with those in our community who cannot attend. In 2006, we could only attend three of the forums, but now we have the opportunity to watch the one we had to miss, in my case, “How To on the Web Site”.

This WAS a big dream of Oran’s, from the first NLS meeting we attended in 1992. It is a blessing from the Lord to see the dream come true NOW to bless everyone in our community who will visit and watch!

Donna Gough

Remember: the Annual Meeting of the National Lutheran Secretariat is:

July 26 - 29 , 2007 at the University of Indianapolis

Registration forms and information are available on the National site – [viadecristo.org](http://viadecristo.org)

## KAIROS Prison Ministry Announcement

A Kairos Prison Ministry weekend is in the process of being organized:

**(Kairos Franklin Pre-Release # 5 in Columbus) for September 20-23, 2007.**

Lady members of your community who might wish to serve on this weekend can contact the weekend leader, Darlene Roberson, at the following email address:

[droberso@insight.rr.com](mailto:droberso@insight.rr.com)

Also, a Kairos Torch Prison Ministry weekend is in the process of being organized:

**(Kairos Marion Torch # 8) for September 14-16, 2007.** Kairos Torch is a prison ministry for Juvenile Offenders.

Members of your community who might wish to serve on this weekend can contact the weekend leader, Ivan Roberson, at the following email address:

[reverend@insight.rr.com](mailto:reverend@insight.rr.com)

Thank you and God bless you for helping recruit members for these weekends.

David Dickinson

Kairos State Outreach and Recruitment Coordinator

**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 (Tuesday's) - 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](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.

**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.

**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)



**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 weekend #60, April 26-29, 2007.**

**Women's weekend #60, May 17-20, 2007.**

**Men's weekend #61, Aug. 9-12, 2007.**

**Women's weekend #61, Aug. 16-19, 2007.**

**Men's weekend #62, Oct. 18-21, 2007**

**Women's weekend #62, Nov. 1-4, 2007**

**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.viadecristooh.org](http://www.viadecristooh.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. 2007 spring weekends are near and more 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