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Women's #64 Weekend Nov 6 - 9 Columbus	 CHRIST IS COUNTING ON YOU!!!!		

UPCOMING WEEKENDS 2008 & 2009

WOMEN'S #64	NOV 6 - 9, 2008	Rectora - Marilyn Baker
MEN'S #65	MAR 19 - 22, 2009	Rector - Raleigh Sandy
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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Ohio Via de Cristo Website
 National Via de Cristo Website
 Kairos Website

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From the Lay Director

Dear VDC Ohio Community,

Last weekend Mark Kannenwischer and his team completed the 64th Ohio mens weekend. The closing would indicate that once again we were blessed by the Holy Spirit as we listened to the men speak of their experience on the weekend and what Christ means to them. This is a wonderful tool of Christ to expand the message of the Gospel.

Next week we begin the womens weekend in Columbus. Marilyn Baker is rectora and her team is ready for the work. Have you signed up for prayer time? Can you add to the weekend by your helping hands? You are needed, to be involved in the send off on Thursday, serenade on Saturday, and the closing on Sunday afternoon. Please be certain to set aside time to get involved and support the many efforts of team and community.

Please note we have agreed to have Raleigh Sandy to rector the spring mens weekend next year. We have set Sat. morning the 10th of January as time for Rector school and Leaders school to be held at St. Paul Lutheran in Bellville. These are new pieces of information since our last Secretariat meeting. Mark you calendars please!

Remember you can only experience the joy of the VDC weekend if you get involved yourself. And we want as many involved as possible so we can continue this joy of Christ.

Stay in reunion groups and go to Ultreya,
and remember God loves you and so do I.

Yours in Christ Service,

Doug Burrows
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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



Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

Time has flown by, in praying to hear God's call whether to serve this weekend, up to this moment. We are excited as a team to be Servant's of God and are looking forward to welcoming the pilgrims. Our theme is "You show me the Path of Life" Psalm 16:11. God has been showing each of us in the Via de Cristo community the path that leads us to a closer walk with Jesus and each other. It certainly has been a blessing to me to meet and form a community with my sisters who are joyfully willing and able to serve on Women's Weekend #64. We have been praying for wisdom, strength, guidance and especially for grace as we approach being able to celebrate with the pilgrims, this spiritual journey of Via de Cristo.

I especially wanted to thank and acknowledge this wonderful group of women who are serving physically with open accepting hearts and gentle caring attitudes. What has even become more clear to me is how alive and vital is the larger (You!) VDC Community. I have seen and felt the Holy Spirit working as I've talked to so many people that are willing to contribute in some way into making this weekend a reality. I truly believe in the importance and impact of the power of prayer. Those who were not able to physically be present have been and I know will continue to "pray us through." We, as a team, also strive and pray for an understanding of the importance of accepting each person just as they are, allowing God to do the work on the weekend. We will trust in the Holy Spirit being present and guiding us as we travel this path leading us to, through the weekend, and into the Fourth Day.

God Loves You and so do I,

Marilyn Baker

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 #64

Nov 6 - 9, 2008

Names received by Registrar as of Nov 4

Women's Team #64			Pilgrims and Sponsors		
Name	Position on Team	Home City	Pilgrim	Sponsor	Church, City
Marilyn Baker	Rectora	Bellville	Jewelene Smith	Judy Coppersmith	Presbyterian Church, Bellville
Janis Marhenke	Head Cha	Mansfield	Karen Hatfield	Wesley Scoates	United Christian Church, Clayton
Rev. Robert Quaintance	Spiritual Director	Youngstown	Judith Finley	Joy Wilcox	United Christian Church, Clayton
Pastor Julianne Smith	Spiritual Director	Upper Sandusky	Jeanne Gaston	Mary McNutt	Linden Lutheran, Columbus
Wilma Keller	Chapel Cha	Newark	Mary Wright	Karen Magers	First Lutheran, Upper Sandusky
Patty Kocher	Chapel Cha	New Washington	Danielle Peters	Charlotte Wilson	Messiah Lutheran, Reynoldsburg
Carol Pretorius	Music Cha	Bellville	Misty Conners	Leann Fourman	Abiding Christ Lutheran, Fairborn
Linda West	Palanca Cha	Fairborn	Norma Kirkpatrick	Beth Renken	Abiding Christ Lutheran, Fairborn
Bev Willis	Palanca Cha	Huber Heights	Laurie Adams	David & Jackie Lann	Streetsboro Baptist, Streetsboro
Bonnie Wolfe	Gopher Cha	Upper Sandusky	Janet Curtis	Wesley Scoates	United Christian Church, Clayton
Jackie Lann	Head Kitchen Cha	Ravenna	Missy Hall	Ceil Laprocina	Prince of Peace Lutheran, Cortland
Helen Gordon	Kitchen Cha	Mansfield	Janet Poston	Beverly Willis	World Harvest, Columbus
Sheila Howard	Kitchen Cha	Mansfield	Emma Setlock	David & Jackie Lann	Trinity Lutheran, Kent
Mary Wise	Kitchen Cha	Bellville	Venus Wiltout	David & Jackie Lann	Immaculate Conception Catholic, Ravenna
Jayna Mueller	Kitchen Cha	Columbus	Linda Ellis	Bonnie Wolfe	Harpster United Methodist, Harpster
Margie Stone	Kitchen Cha	Columbus	Judy Back	Bonnie Wolfe	First Lutheran, Upper Sandusky
Lori Hertlein	Hd Rollo Rm Cha	Carroll	Kelly Franks	Jayna Mueller	Living Word Lutheran, Galena
Karen Magers	Rollo Room Cha	Upper Sandusky	Joyce Griffith	Sheryl Freese	St. Paul Lutheran, Westerville
Nancy Teeter	Rollo Room Cha	Lucas	Bobbie Chalky	Alice Chapman	Good Hope Lutheran, Youngstown
Debbie Kelley	Rollo Room Cha	Columbus			
Vicky Sakala	Rollo Room Cha	Lexington			
Judy Coppersmith	Ideal Rollo	Bellville			
Mary Ann Sauer	Laity Rollo	Kettering			
Fran Dieter	Piety Rollo	Tallmadge			
Teresa Lepley	Study Rollo	Fairborn			
Nancy Martin	Action Rollo	Bellville			
Beth Ann Minton	Leaders Rollo	New Castle, PA			
Mary Pabst	Environment Rollo	Columbus			
Mary McNutt	CCA Rollo	Columbus			
Jeff & Stacy Wright	Fourth Day Couple	Bellville			

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

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

THURSDAY & FRIDAY Nov 6 & 7	
Thursday - Send-off 7:30 PM	
Pilgrims arrive at Cum Cristo Center, Columbus 7:00 PM.	
(Directions next page)	
Friday	
Ideal	9:35 AM
Habitual Grace	10:45 AM
Laity	1:40 PM
Actual Grace	2:50 PM
Piety	4:35 PM

SATURDAY Nov 8	
Study	9:00 AM
Day in the Life	10:00 AM
Apostolic Action	1:35 PM
Obstacles to Grace	2:55 PM
Leaders	4:30 PM
Serenade Practice	
At Linden Lutheran , Columbus	
at 5:30 PM	
(Directions next page)	
Serenade	6:30 PM

SUNDAY Nov 9	
Gather In Kitchen 5:45 AM	QUIETLY!!!
Wake-up Serenade - 6:00 AM	
Environment	9:20 AM
CCA	10:30 AM
Life in Grace	11:50 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.

Bellville - Bellville Community, St. Paul Lutheran Church, 48 Church St., Bellville. December 7, 2008 at 6:00 PM.

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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

There will be a LEADER'S SCHOOL at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Bellville on January 10, 2009. More Information to follow.

The Ohio Via de Cristo ANNUAL MEETING will be held at Christ Lutheran Church in Bexley on January 24, 2009. More Information to follow.

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