



Amazed By Grace



Utah Via de Cristo Newsletter

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VIA de CRISTO is based on the fundamentals of Christianity, concentrating on the person and teachings of Jesus Christ. The focus is not on VIA de CRISTO itself, but on the environment of the community of believers. The objective of the movement is to inspire, challenge and equip people for Christian action in their homes, churches and communities.



It was a simple scene that first Christmas - a rough room, a young couple and nothing but a feeding trough to put the child in. It was probably quite cold and with family far away there was little help. Not exactly the Hallmark moment we like to show in Christmas pageants. And yet this rustic scene marked the greatest event in the history of mankind.

God's Son became human and came to earth to save us. God had promised to send a Messiah, one who would save His people. He could have easily burst on the scene as a full-grown

man, a seven-foot warrior with fiery eyes and arms of steel. This was what many people were looking for, but it wasn't how God did it. He arrived in the arms of a young girl. He was, in the simplest terms to put it, *"a very small package, wrapped in rags, given from the heart of God. The perfect gift."*

God gave His only Son to die in our place so that we, in all our brokenness, could know forgiveness. He came so that we could know what love feels like, real love - love that never leaves, love that never disappoints, love that is never betrayed. He sent His Son into a corrupted world to bring us hope.

My prayer and Christmas wish is that you see Christ in HIS true form and that the HOLY SPIRIT falls upon you in preparation of our Lord's coming. Spend time in the bible; focus on this gift as it was freely given to you. Read the accounts of HIS story; let the words be placed upon your heart as they are written in the Gospel of Luke.

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Fall 2011 : Welcome New 4th Day Members

Men's Weekend # 51

Women's Weekend #52

Thank you to the entire 4th Day community for coming together in doing God's work during these weekends. The common consensus at each of the Clausuras was that each of the weekenders displayed the overwhelming feeling of gratitude and a renewed exuberance to serve GOD and their church communities.

Praise to each of the Rector/Rectora, team members, angels and sponsors for their commitment to serve. As the process for preparation begins for the upcoming Fall weekends, we encourage ALL the 4th Day community to search their hearts and prayerfully consider the involvement at any level.



Mark Your Calendar!

IMPORTANT Upcoming Events

December Secretariat Meeting

No meeting scheduled

December Ultreya (No Ultreya held)

January Secretariat Meeting

January 19th

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

2500 E 3900 S

Holladay, UT 84124

January Ultreya

January 29th

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

8575 South 700 East

Sandy UT 84070

3-5 PM

February Secretariat Meeting

January 16th

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

2500 E 3900 S

Holladay, UT 84124-1896

February Ultreya

February 19th

Grace Lutheran Church

835 North Main Street

Bountiful, Utah 84010

3-5 PM

2012 Utah VDC Spring Weekends

Men's #53: April 12-15: Rector (TBA)

Women's #54: April 19-22 Rectora (TBA)



Stay connected. With technology and gadgets today, there are so many ways to keep informed as to what's going on. People – Places – Events can all be found by using any of the following ways

Utah VDC Website: www.utahvdc.org

National VDC Website: www.viadecristo.org

FaceBook Page: Utah VDC

Prayer Request & Praise Report: John Bradford

Prayer Meetings/Groups: Cathy Ricci

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Pastor's Corner

Since there was no article submitted by a Pastor for this issue of the newsletter, the Secretariat would like to take this chance and recognize the effort of our spiritual director, Pastor Neil Arnold. Pastor Neil has been serving in the capacity of Secretariat SD for more than 3 years. He has worked numerous weekends, given multiple Rollos, counseled many who have gone through the weekends as well as many in the 4th Day Community. He has attended monthly VDC Secretariat meetings and been the Spiritual guide for all who serve on the Secretariat, all this while working a full time job and taking care of his family. Sadly to announce, Neil's term serving on the Secretariat is coming to an end. His efforts and dedication the Utah VDC community have not gone unnoticed. However, because Neils term is coming to an end, a replacement is desperately needed. There are many Pastors out there who can serve or have served in this capacity. We need all of them to continue to support the ongoing efforts of this ministry. Those efforts can be in serving on the Secretariat, giving Rollos, serving as the weekend SD or informing your congregation about the joy of attending a VDC weekend. The responsibilities of a Pastor are large, as most of you know or have experienced. However this is a ministry that needs to be tended to as well. If you are a Pastor and are feeling called to serve in this ministry please contact Neil Arnold or Tonja Meadows for information to serve. The Secretariat would also ask the community to be praying for a pastor to step into the SD role on the Secretariat and continue with the love and dedication to the Spirit and this ministry as so many SD's have done before. Again, we thank Neil for his dedication to the Lord and the grace he has shown so many through the VDC ministry!!! His presence will be truly missed.



You are invited to join us in prayer for the Via de Cristo Community

Monday, December 5

7:30 - 9:00 p.m.

in the

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Prayer Chapel

**“and the star they had seen in the east went ahead of them
until it stopped over the place where the child was”**

Matthew 2:9b



Send prayer requests to cathy@riccifamily.com

VDC Team Servant Training

As the training coordinator for the Utah VDC Secretariat, I wanted to give some clarification as to how the preparation of the spring weekends flows.

The Spring Rector and Rectora will be selected by the Secretariat during December, based upon prayer and on the involvement and experience that candidates have had during previous weekends. After much prayer, these persons will, hopefully, accept the call. During January they will be given preparation and will then recruit the teams leaders and persons within the community to serve in the Rollo Room. In the first days of February persons to serve on the Kitchen, Fourth Day and Palanca teams will be sought out by the Rector or Rectora of individual teams.

The Secretariat thought it might be helpful to inform the community of the planned dates for team trainings. That way, if you are contacted to take a role within a team, you have already had the opportunity to examine your calendar.

It is our hope that by the time of the first full team meeting most members of all of the team have agreed to serve and have cleared their calendars for the dates below:

Tuesday	Feb 21st	6-9 @ Grace Lutheran in Bountiful
Tuesday	Feb 28th	6-9 @ Grace Lutheran in Bountiful
Tuesday	Mar 6th	6-9 @ Grace Lutheran in Bountiful
Saturday	Mar 17th	9-4 @ Good Shepherd in Sandy
Friday	Mar 23rd	6-9 @ Good Shepherd in Sandy

As a point of clarification, you are very welcome to express a desire to serve on any team (Rollo Room, Kitchen, 4th Day or Palanca) or on a particular team. However it is the responsibility of individual leaders to prayerfully build their team membership. Please do not be disappointed if this is not the time for you to be involved on one of the four teams sited above. The angel team, the prayer team, the sponsors team are of equal importance and each of these is a recruitment from God.

Please be in prayer for what is to come and that all of our actions will be directed by the Holy Spirit to be fully God pleasing.

Mary Kartak
VDC Secretariat
Training Coordinator



HAPPY BIRTHDAY
JESUS



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*May the Joy and Peace of our LORD and SAVIOR be with you all during
this holiday season.*

Blessings for a Happy New Year!

Utah VDC Secretariat

An addition from Cathy Ricci

Here is the Prayer Renewal Schedule for year 2012

2012 Prayer Renewal schedule

at Good Shepherd Prayer Chapel, 7:30-9:00 p.m.

January 2

February 6

March 5

April 2

May 7

June 4

July 2

August 6

September 10

October 1

November 5

December 3

Blessings!

Cathy