



Amazed By Grace



Utah Via de Cristo Newsletter

MARCH 2012

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.

Spring is in the air, if you couldn't tell by looking out your window today, and there's a lot of activity for many of the upcoming events in the 4th Day community. Spring Men's/Women's weekends, changes in Secretariat positions, Lenten and Easter preparation, the list goes on. There are so many opportunities for service and so many of us with the responsibility to offer ourselves to the LORD in answering HIS call. With a community of over 1200 strong that have attended a Utah VDC weekend from it's beginning, we are always praying for individuals to answer GOD's call to service in various capacities. Looking back at the teachings of Piety/Study/Action, each and every one of us has a responsibility to the growing of HIS kingdom and bringing others to meet at the foot of the cross. Our growth process is to keep our eyes, our hearts and our minds on HIM. Listening to the subtle voice of the HOLY SPIRIT as we are called to be leaders and support the CHURCH. We are a family of believers and can only find strength in the communion through fellowship. Look back to the top of this page, read over the mission in **BOLD** that we've been so blessed to be invited to participate and pray that GOD make his plan clear to each and every one of you.

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Before a man can be filled with the Spirit he must be sure he wants to be...Are you willing to let your personality to be taken over by another, even if that other be the Spirit of God Himself? He will be jealous over you for good. He will take the direction of your life away from you. He will reserve the right to test you, to discipline you, to chasten you for your soul's sake...Through it all He will enfold you in a love so vast, so mighty, so all-embracing, so wondrous that your very losses will seem like gains and your small pains like pleasures. -Tozer

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

Monday, March 5

7:30 - 9:00 p.m.

in the

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church Prayer Chapel



*Call to me and I will answer you
Jeremiah 33:3*

Send prayer requests to cathy@riccifamily.com

Secretariat NEWS

With the upcoming changes to the members of this ministry, we recently conducted election proceedings for the positions that will be available. The process was performed through the voting process that the 4th Day community responded to in overwhelming fashion. We want to extend our special thanks to each of you who participated. With this said, the following information is the result of what GOD placed upon your hearts and the SPIRIT let you to shout loudly!

Please welcome the newly elected members to the Secretariat.

Denise McConkay

Bobbi Spring

Mark Hollier

Their dedication to this ministry will be an asset to the community.

The purpose of this election is to fill the seats of our members whose terms of service have been completed. These members areTonja Meadows and Ruth Hanzlik.

We offer a HUGE thanks for their leadership, participation and contribution to the Secretariat during this past elected term.

2011-2012 Utah Via de Cristo Secretariat Members

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**2012 National Lutheran Secretariat
Annual Meeting
July 26-29, 2012
Regis University Denver Co**



You won't want to miss it, so make your plans to attend now!

2012 marks the 40th anniversary of the first Lutheran weekends in the US.

We will consider these questions "What does it mean to be Lutheran?" and "So are our weekends ecumenical or Lutheran?"

Several 2011 attendees suggested having a future seminar about training. We heard you and your wish is coming true! Greg Engroff, the International Lay Director of Emmaus and Chrysalis, will join us for the weekend. Greg implemented a training program that has helped Emmaus communities get back to the core of the Roman Catholic Cursillo spiritual renewal experience, the very movement from which we also grew. We think you'll find a treasure in hearing from and visiting with Greg.

The Host Committee will provide transportation between Regis University and Denver International Airport (DEN). So go ahead and make those travel plans now.

Theme verse: "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit."

1 Thessalonians 5:16-19

All Members of the VDC community are invited, welcome and encouraged to attend.

[Travel Form](#)

[Registration Form](#)

[Schedule Highlights](#)

[Download](#) the plug-in required to view a Portable Document Format file .pdf

For help with viewing or printing these forms please contact the web master indicated below.

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Web Servant: [Rick Hanzlik](#)

Hello,

I have recently been in contact with Pastor Carol Loftin from St. Paul United Methodist. She and Mary Ann Huftling are overseeing the organizing of **Walk to Emmaus** weekends. The WTE weekends will be held on Sept 27-30 and Oct. 4-7. Typically the WTE weekends are held in February but their community wanted to try a different approach, so they moved them to the fall.

Tonja Meadows

If you are interested in helping out with a WTE weekend please contact:

Mary Ann Hufteling

cell-801-726-1618

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Pastor Carol Lopftin

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Note: Working on a WTE Weekend is both educational and uplifting. I did this several years ago and really enjoyed experiencing God's presence there.

John Bradford

Church Humor

One Sunday after church Mom asked her very young daughter what the lesson was about. Her daughter answered "Don't be scared, you'll get your quilts." Needless to say, mom was perplexed.

Later in the day, the Pastor stopped by for tea. Mom asked him what that morning's Sunday school lesson was about.

He said "Be not afraid, thy comforter is coming."

The strongman at a circus squeezed the juice from a lemon between his hands. He then said to the audience, "I will offer \$200 to anyone in the audience who can squeeze another drop from this lemon. A thin scholarly looking woman came forward, picked up the lemon, strained hard and managed to get a drop. The strongman was amazed. He paid the woman and asked, "What is the secret of your strength?" "Practice," the woman answered. "I was the treasurer of a Lutheran Church for thirty-two years!"

Three boys are in the schoolyard bragging about their fathers. The first boy says, "My Dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a poem, and they give him \$25."

The second boy says, "That's nothing. My Dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a song, and they give him \$200." The third boy says, "I got you both beat. My Dad scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, he calls it a sermon, and it takes eight men to collect all the money!"

Hello 4th Day Community,

Are you sponsoring or considering sponsoring? The joy of watching someone's walk with Jesus deepen through a weekend is a gift and a blessing. The sponsor and a weekender's relationship are unique and special beyond what words can describe. It is more than giving a coffee cup and going to dinner.

Many think that the best way to serve during the weekend is to be on a team serving at the church. Sponsoring is a team within itself. It is not a team that formally meets to train. It is not a team that has a Rector or Rectora. It is the 4th Day community members called by God to seek out that special someone to attend the weekend and honor God's call when it is given.

As I stated before, sponsoring is not just dinner and a coffee cup. The Utah VDC website has a download available on sponsor responsibilities. Please review it if you are considering sponsoring, but here are a few key points to remember when sponsoring.

- A weekender needs to be a believer. The National VDC guidelines state the weekends are for baptized believers.
- The weekender needs to be physically able to handle the weekend. The weekend puts a strain on all that are involved both mentally and physically. We will not turn away a weekender because of a physical challenge, but ask that the sponsor is available to assist during the weekend if the weekender's physical challenges become more than the Rollo Room can handle; basically being on call as needed.
- Please do not work on a team if you are sponsoring.
- Turn in the application for your weekender early. Applications can be downloaded at www.utahvdc.org. It is not the responsibility of the sponsor to pay for the weekender to attend. If there is an issue with a weekender unable to pay please contact a Secretariat member for assistance.
- Pray with your weekender before the weekend. Initiate a deeper relationship with them prior to the weekend.
- Be available and keep in contact with the weekender after the weekends are done.
- Assist your weekender in finding a renewal group. Debbie Baum oversees the renewal group process for the Secretariat. She is a great resource in helping you find a renewal group for your weekender.
- Be honest about the weekends. If your weekender has a question of what happens during the weekend, tell them. You don't have to disclose all the events in detail, but please do not keep anything a secret. The weekend is an experience. We have the same outline for each weekend. It allows God to come in and brings us all to our knees at different moments of the weekend.

If you have any questions in regards to sponsoring please contact a Secretariat member.

Thank you,
Tonja Meadows

Mark Your Calendar!

IMPORTANT Upcoming Events



March Secretariat Meeting

March 15th

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church
2500 E 3900 S
Holladay, UT 84124-1896
7:00 – 8:30 PM

March Ultreya

March 18th

Ascension Lutheran Church
1105 N Washington Boulevard
Ogden, UT 84404
3-5pm

Please bring a dish to share, Weekend badge to help with names and Abrazo's for all !!!!

2012 Utah VDC Spring Weekends

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

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

Post Spring-Weekend Ultreya

May 6th

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
8575 South 700 East
Sandy, UT 84070
3-5pm

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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

Face Book Page: Utah VDC

Prayer Request & Praise Report: John Bradford

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