



# Amazed By Grace



Utah Via de Cristo Newsletter

May 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.

## Utah VDC Spring Weekend Report

GOD is so gooooooood! What a spectacular series of weekends we just experienced. A special thank you to all the team members and angels that participated in both the men's and women's weekends. Thank you for answering GOD's call, sharing your time and resources to make each of these as one of the "Best One's Yet"! Please join is welcoming our newest 4th Day family members.

### Men's Weekend #53

Delray Brown  
 Pat Liston  
 Roger Shelton  
 David Bender  
 Lowell "BO" Hopkins  
 Cory Rice  
 Mark Dazley  
 Alan "Bullwinkle" Huss  
 John Mister  
 Dave Bogumill  
 Jeff Christensen  
 Matt Doubet  
 Warren Peterson

### Women's Weekend #54

Mati Jones  
 Mashelle Lamoreaux  
 Krysti Nellermore  
 Jan Eames  
 Mary Spofford  
 Jenetta Checketts  
 Gwen Merkey  
 Betty Thomas  
 Alicia Johnson  
 Jarmon Max  
 Christine Benevento  
 Laurie Cook  
 Jane Pixton

Remember, the ONLY way to keep the fire burning and supporting each other is being part of a **RENEWAL GROUP**. There are groups going on all around the valley and we are always excited to hear that new groups are forming all the time. If you are looking for a group to plug into or even better yet, looking to start a group of your own, please make sure to contact [Debbie Baum](#) (Utah VDC Renewal Group Coordinator) for assistance.

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## Mark Your Calendar!



## June Weekend Ultreya

June 24<sup>th</sup>

3-5pm

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church  
2500 East 3900 South  
Salt Lake City, UT 84124

*Please bring a dish to share, Weekend badge to help with names, and Abrazos for all !!!!*

## 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](http://www.utahvdc.org)

National VDC Website:

[www.viadechristo.org](http://www.viadechristo.org)

Face Book Page:

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### **WHY DOESN'T GOD ANSWER?**

*The preacher's 5 year-old daughter noticed that her preacher father always paused and bowed his head for a moment before starting his sermon. One day she asked him why.*

*"Well, Honey," he began, proud that his daughter was so observant of his messages, "I'm asking the Lord to help me to preach a good sermon."*

*"Well then, how come He doesn't do it?" she asked.*



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



This year 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?"

All Members of the VDC community are invited, welcome and encouraged to attend. Several people from Utah will be attending. Please contact Ken Baum via email ([k.baum@comcast.net](mailto:k.baum@comcast.net)) or phone (801-870-0140) for details and carpool information.

[Schedule Highlights](#)

[Registration Form](#)

[Travel Form](#)

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). You won't want to miss it, so make your plans to attend 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)

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