

Amazed by Grace



Utah Via de Cristo Newsletter

January 2013

Mark Your Calendars!



Spring 2013 Training & Weekend Dates (Revised)

Men's Weekend #57

April 4 - 7

Women's Weekend #58

April 11 - 14

As 4th Day Community members, God may call you to serve the weekend, angel the weekend, or sponsor a weekender. Please be praying and listening to God's call for you. Remember, if you are working a weekend, it is important to attend ALL the training dates which are as follows:

Tue	Feb 5	Team Meeting	6pm - 9pm	Grace , 835 North Main St, Bountiful
Sat	Feb 23	All Day Training	9am - 4pm	Ascension, 1105 N. Washington Blvd, Ogden
Sat	Mar 9	All Day Training	9am - 4pm	Good Shepherd, 8575 S 700 E, Sandy
Sat	Mar 23	Breakfast and Prayer Walk	9am - 12pm	Good Shepherd, 8575 S 700 E, Sandy



Important!

Due to increased cost of running a weekend, we have increased the weekend fee to \$100. However, finances should never be an obstacle for a weekender or servant's participation. Scholarships are available as needed.

In order to allow prayerful preparation and planning for weekenders, applications must be submitted 30 days prior to the Women's weekend dates.

Application Deadline for Spring 2013 weekends is March 12, 2012-- NO EXCEPTIONS.



Next Ultreya

Sunday February 17, 2013

3pm - 5pm

Our Saviour's Lutheran Church

2500 South 3900 East

Salt Lake City, Utah

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

It is no use walking anywhere to preach unless our walking is our preaching.

- Saint Francis of Assisi

2013 Ultreya Dates

Date	Time	Location	Address
February 17	3pm – 5pm	Our Saviour's Lutheran Church (SLC)	2500 South 3900 East, Salt Lake City
March 17	3pm – 5pm	Ascension Lutheran Church	1105 North Washington Blvd, Ogden
April 21	3pm – 6pm	Good Shepherd Lutheran Church	8575 South 700 East, Sandy
May 19	3pm – 5pm	Our Savior's Lutheran Church (Roy)	5560 South 2300 West, Roy
June 23	3pm – 5pm	Mountain of Faith Lutheran Church	78 East 100 North, Tooele
August 18	3pm – 5pm	St. Luke Episcopal Church	4595 Silver Springs Drive, Park City
September 15	3pm – 5pm	Grace Lutheran Church	835 North Main Street, Bountiful
November 3	3pm – 6pm	Good Shepherd Lutheran Church	8575 South 700 East, Sandy

Prayer Renewal

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

Monday February 4th

7:30 - 9:00 p.m.

In the Prayer Chapel

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

All are welcome!

Send prayer requests to cathy@riccifamily.com

*Have faith in God... Whatever you ask for in prayer,
Believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.*

Mark 11:22,24



It's About TIME!

By Mary Kartak , Outgoing Vice Convener-Utah Secretariat



We are quickly approaching the season in which a new group must be identified to serve on the Secretariat (Board) for the Utah Via De Cristo Community.

My guess is

that for a fleeting moment you felt a nudge from a friend (perhaps our BIG FRIEND) to consider the possibility. Perhaps just as quickly, you dismissed the idea, with a quick determination that you did not have the talent, the intelligence, the motivation or the energy for such a commitment. Give me a bit of time and just maybe you will re-examine that conclusion.

Talent - God does not call us to things we already do with excellence. He becomes the excellence in the things he calls us to do. I personally felt deficient in my skill set for many of the areas that have been my responsibility during the 3 years I have served. I learned much and felt a supernatural increase in my abilities as I prayed to be able to serve God and his people. Along the way I gained new talents which have enhanced other areas of my life.

Intelligence - Because there is a full team of Secretariat members, we can rely upon each other to fill in the blanks that our own

experience or education seem inadequate to address. We thus learn while growing to appreciate the wisdom of others. Being aware of the inner workings and background efforts that go into VDC adds greatly to our understanding.

Motivation - Many of us feel like we have too many other responsibilities to make time for actions like serving on a board. "Boring", "not for me", "I have more important things to do" and "Not until I am retired" are some responses to suggestions of serving on the VDC Secretariat. One of the outgoing members gave a rebuttal to that attitude when he explained that his experience was surprisingly satisfying. He said that going through a weekend was wonderful but that serving on a team for a weekend surpassed that by far. Serving on the Secretariat was, for him, a third and higher level of growth in his Christian walk.

Energy - The Holy Spirit is strongly present in any and all happenings of Via De Cristo. Just as attending a Renewal Group or Ultreya can fill your cup to overflowing, the gathering of Christian men and women committed to the mission of VDC is a recharging of energy. Every month we experience the fellowship, the prayer, the worship, the spiritual connectedness that is at the core of loving Christ and serving his people.

Talent, Intelligence, Motivation and Energy. Combined they spell TIME. Can you give the TIME? Christ is counting on you. Contact Marci Morse or any member of the Secretariat to say, "I'M IN."

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.



Sponsorship

The Spring weekend is less than 3 months away! Now is the time to pray about sponsoring.

Following is a short and sweet who and what of sponsorship. To get a more detailed description of Sponsoring, please go to www.utahvdc.org, click on the download page, and open the "Sponsorship Document".

Who is a sponsor?

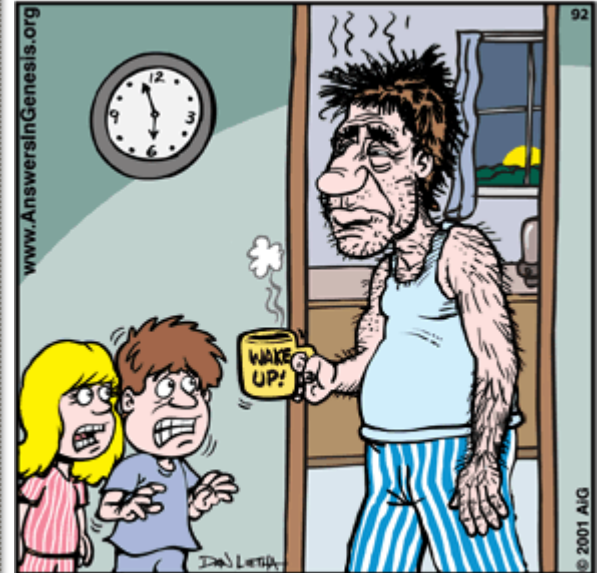
A sponsor is a 4th Day community member who supports a weekender up to, during and after their Via de Cristo weekend.

What does a sponsor do?

- Answer questions about the Via de Cristo weekend experience
- Pray for the weekender before, during, and after the weekend
- Have dinner and transport the weekender to the weekend
- Provide a mug and note of encouragement at the start of the weekend
- Write a bed palanca letter to the weekender
- Attend the Sponsor Hour service
- Sign bibles for the weekenders
- Attend the 5:30 am Sunday morning serenade
- Attend the lunch serenade and Closura
- Take weekender home
- Check on weekender during the first week; answer any questions

AFTER EDEN

by Dan Lietha



'Yes, man was created in God's image regardless of what we see here.'

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
Renewal Groups:	Debbie Baum - debbie_doo_little@comcast.net
Prayer Request & Praise Report:	John Bradford - joab@xmission.com
Prayer Meetings/Groups:	Cathy Ricci - cathy@riccifamily.com