



Via de Cristo of Ohio Newsletter

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## VdC Events for 2019

Offered for your prayer and planning

<b>February 24-25</b> 7 pm Sunday to 7 pm Monday	<b>Clergy Workshop</b>	Camp Mowana, Mansfield 2276 Fleming Falls Road Mansfield 44903
<b>May 30-June 2</b> 7 pm Thursday to 6 pm Sunday	<b>Co-ed Weekend #4</b>	Sts. Peter & Paul Retreat Center 2734 Seminary Road Newark 43056
<b>July 25-28</b> Thursday-Sunday	<b>National Lutheran Secretariat Annual Gathering</b>	University of Indianapolis 1400 East Hanna Avenue Indianapolis 46217
<b>June 30</b> Saturday Time TBD	<b>Annual Meeting/Grand Ultreya/Picnic</b>	Mt. Gilead State Park 4119 State Route 95 Mt. Gilead 43338
<b>October 3-6</b> Thursday 7 pm to Sunday 6 pm	<b>Women's Weekend #80</b>	Akron Rotary Club 4460 Rex Lake Drive Akron 44319
<b>November 7-10</b> 7 pm Thursday to 6 pm Sunday	<b>Men's Weekend #76</b>	Akron Rotary Club

Hello 4th day community,

This is an update on the events that I have mentioned in the previous newsletters.

Now that you have access to the flyer (attached) to invite pastors to the Clergy event, give the flyer to clergy whom you know so we may introduce Via de Cristo to them and respond to their perceptions of what it is. Ask them to register so Christy and I can get their information about health or food restrictions for the camp.

The second part of this is the Prayer Palanca times. Attached to this newsletter you should find prayer times for every half hour for Sunday February 24 from 7:00 pm until Monday February 25 at 7:00 pm. We will be happy for several people to sign up for each slot. When it gets closer, we will send out any open time slots. Please send your choices to Vicky Sakala, our prayer chain coordinator, 419-884-1573 or at [prayingforvdc@gmail.com](mailto:prayingforvdc@gmail.com).

The next thing is our Annual Picnic. It will still be at Mt. Gilead State Park, but instead of Saturday June 22nd it will be June 29. Our time is still to be determined, most likely around noon.

The last thing I will leave you with is the Weekends. In the last newsletter, I told you that 2 months before the scheduled date of any Weekend we need to have a required number of applications in the Registrar's hand. After two meetings worth of discussing this topic, Secretariat agreed that number will be 8 pilgrims. We will still take more applications for other people until one week before the Weekend begins or until we are full, depending on the capacity of the location. This means for the Co-ed Weekend we need to have 8 applications in Kevin's hand by March 30. If we don't have the 8 the Weekend will be canceled, and the applications on hand will be first in line for the next appropriate weekend (Coed, Men's or Women's, depending on the applicant).

So, pray about whom to ask and approach their pastor to make sure they are fully capable to participate. Then approach the Pilgrims with the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Make them aware that the Weekend is a short course of study in Christian discipleship and that we need to have at least 8 to make it work. Then get the paperwork in to Registrar Kevin Hoch as soon as possible. Send registrations to him at 2691 Alturia Dr., Cincinnati 45239. (See attached forms.)

Christ is counting on us to develop Christian leaders to go into our environments to do his work.

God bless and stay warm,

Dave Lann, VdC Ohio Lay Director

## A Message from VdC Prayer Chain Coordinator Vicky Sakala

This is the confidence we have in approaching God, that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. (1 John 5:14)

I hope that you have felt as I have felt these past few months that we as God's people have so much to be in prayer about. Just in our own church we have had many prayer requests for illness, and many families dealing with grief over the loss of a loved one, having lost several members of our own church just this past month.

Praying for our government during this past shut down has been critical to getting our government back up and running as it should.

We know as Christians that God does hear our prayers and his only request of us is that we lift our prayers up to him. Please contact our Via de Cristo prayer chain if there are any prayer requests that you would want us as the VdC Community to lift up to our Lord. If your request is for another person, please have his/her permission. You may also make the request anonymous because our God knows the person. (You may ask prayers for "a sister in Christ who ..." or "one who does not yet know Christ who ...")

I would like to request that we all would be in prayer for our upcoming Clergy Workshop to be held starting Sunday February 24th at 7:00 p.m. until Monday February 25th to 7:00 p.m. Prayers are needed for the Clergy that we need to have this event take place and to send the Clergy back into their church communities to offer this wonderful Via de Cristo experience to their own parishioners.

We want to surround them in prayer for the time they will be together from 7:00 p.m. until the following 7:00 p.m. That is 48 time slots for requested Prayer Palanca. Please if you are able and willing to pray, we have set the times up for 1/2 hour time slots, but for whatever time you have available to be in prayer will be greatly appreciated. Please contact me through our prayer chain to let me know what time for prayer would be good for you.

Ephesians 6:18 And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.

God Loves You and So Do I !!!

Vicky

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Editorial note: National Lutheran Secretariat Executive Director Warren Seeley (former VdC Ohio Lay Director) has found it necessary to resign to take care of his family as they grieve the loss of his daughter Felise. Please continue to lift the family in your prayers and include prayer for the NLS as they search for a new Executive Director. For information about the search, contact NLS Secretary Jeanne Gaston, [jgaston550@yahoo.com](mailto:jgaston550@yahoo.com) or 614-364-3112.

## **Greetings from Spiritual Director Pastor Rhonda Gallagher**

As I sat here staring at yet another blank page, cold coffee at my side...it had lost what once made it robust. I pondered that simplicity as I stared at my cup of coffee that had become, well, just a cup of liquid – no longer something I was excited about, but something I wasn't yet ready to give up on...so I sipped it – and prayed.

Well, I'm not convinced Jesus wants me to see anything in this coffee, and he hasn't yet turned it into wine, but it gave me insight to ponder for these days...

What is Jesus showing us? What is Jesus wanting for us to see or to do as we live our Fourth Day on this path from our Via De Cristo Weekends, from the teams that emerged from those weekends, from the Reunion Groups and Ultreyas, to the person who has yet to "Come and see"...what is Jesus wanting us to see in this experience that perhaps we hadn't noticed? What is Jesus calling to us as we go forward?

How can we provide words and images to inspire, equip, and feed disciples who are hungry for a good word to carry them through? To equip them for leadership? How can we trust and share God's work in and among our communities of faith? How can we spark and instill interest in those we are not reaching?

With something regular, Jesus did a new thing just like Jesus does with each of us.... takes something regular and does something new. The extraordinary happens with ordinary folks like us and wherever two or more gather in His name. Where folks come - where all are welcome and where all find they have gifts of worth and value to bring.

Our God sets a table for us in the presence of our enemies, and fills our cups overflowing.

I ask you to come...show your support for your church, show your support for the community in which we live, show your support to those who aren't even aware that we care – or haven't yet seen the light shining in their darkest hours...show your support for a God who has shown you. through Jesus Christ. the way, the truth and the light...It's ok that this is an old venture for you – it's ok that you haven't done this before – it's ok!!!

Let our prayer be for an Epiphany that reveals to us what Jesus Christ would like us to be, to become, to share. Let this allow us all to be all that he has called us to be...Let us pray with our brothers and sisters – Let us go forth challenged to live in with and for Christ...Let us share our God of abundance – who meets us where we are and allows us to experience Jesus!! Let this VdC experience be all that God wants it to be and let us follow where he leads us.

Amen

From Sherryl Patterson, VdC Ohio Palanca Coordinator

Unidos en Cristo Minnesota organization: Men #295 - February 7-10, 2019; Women #296 - February 14-17, 2019.

The Greater Sidney Area Emmaus: Women's Walk #77 - February 21, 2019. Men's Walk #73 - March 21, 2019.

East Texas Tres Dias 2019 Spring Weekends are March 7-10 (men's) and March 14-17 (women's).

SonbeamVdC is holding a Co-Ed Weekend on May 2-5th. At Rotary's Camp Florida, 1915 Camp Florida Road, Brandon, FL 33510. This Weekend will include deaf candidates.

Here is a message from Donna Gough regarding Kairos, which is a ministry to people incarcerated in Women's or Men's prisons.

Faithful servants, we need more volunteers to add to our 35 committed volunteers we have so far for Kairos #50. Please pray. Have your circumstances changed? Can you help us spread the good news to as many inside participants as possible?

Here are the Saturday team meeting dates, so you can recheck your calendar.

February 23, March 2, March 16, March 23 The Weekend is March 28-March 31, 2019

The process begins with returning the signed application, (see attachment) so that you can be considered to join Kairos Team #50. To talk to the servant leader, please call Kathy Cramer, 419 348 4553. May you have a grace-filled 2019.

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If you know someone from the Via de Cristo Community who has changed their street address or email address or telephone number, or does not get the VdCNewsletter but would like to, please send the new information to Newsletter Editor Nancy Martin at 419-886-4420 or [vdnewsletterohio@gmail.com](mailto:vdnewsletterohio@gmail.com) or 4025 Andrews Road, Bellville, OH 44813.



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Contact Lay Director Dave Lann with your interest in serving on Secretariat or to reach people in your area of Ohio to encourage them for Reunion Groups and Ultreyas. Secretariat meetings are held on the third Saturday of each month at different locations. You are welcome to attend. Contact Lay Direct Dave Lann for the place and time of each meeting