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De Colores!

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A Message from the Ohio Lay Director Butch Seeley

Success of Via De Cristo , a prayer offering,.....

Father, we pray that those who hear the messages at the weekend will believe –adhere to and trust in and rely on Jesus as the Christ, and that all those You have called to attend this weekend will be there and receive what You have for them.

We clearly state to everyone that it is in the powerful name of Jesus Christ that this weekend is successful and people experience emotional, mental and physical healing.

Father, You said that when two of us agree together on anything at all on earth and make a prayer of it, that You go into action! In the name of Jesus, we ask that every person involved: The Rector, Rollistas, Pastors, Chas- will glorify You in every word and thought. When individuals attend this weekend, they will know that they have been with Jesus because of the boldness and eloquence of those you have chosen. Everybody will be praising and glorifying You, Lord, and signs and wonders will be performed among the people.

Father, in the name of Jesus, we thank You that You have observed the enemy's threats and You have given Your servants the ability to speak Your Word without fear. You will give those who attend proof and make miracles happen! We thank You, Father, that when we pray, the place in which we are meeting will be shaken and we will all be filled with Your Holy Spirit! We thank you Lord, for the anointing you pour out over the Via de Cristo of Ohio.

We are all gathering together by common consent. People will gather from the north, south, east and west, bringing those who seek you together.

We pray for each one participating in this weekend. May every attitude be an expression of the fruit of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. Lord, We pray that each one will release rivers of living water, which is an outflowing of Your Holy Spirit.

Thank You Father in the name of Jesus!

Amen.

Inspired by Prayers That Avail Much-Germaine Copeland

We all know that the success of Via de Cristo is not just the Weekends. It is the continued growth in life with Christ Jesus that follows the Weekends. It is the powerful influence for Christ that Cursillistas—Weekend veterans—express in their environments. It is the dynamic leadership that they give in their home congregations. It is the continued encouragement we give each other in our Reunion Groups and Ultreyas. It's all in our witness for Jesus.

And for so many, it started with their Weekend.

Warren (Butch) Seeley, #28, Lay Director

You are invited.

to join with other brothers and sisters of Via de Cristo to **pray** for our movement, for our “short course in Christianity”, for those who were part of our own Weekends, for our Reunion brothers and sisters, for those who don’t have a Reunion Group, for the members of Secretariat, for members of your congregation, for your Pastor, and for those who know nothing about Via de Cristo, but mostly for *those who know nothing about Jesus Christ*. The time to share in corporate prayer is the second Tuesday of each month from 7:00 to 7:30 pm.

If you would like to request prayer for individual concerns, for yourself or others, remember the VdC Prayer Chain. Please contact Wilma Keller at vdcpayerchain@gmail.com or 740-552-8920. If you have the person’s permission, name that person. If not, use only the person’s first name or say “Known to God”. Our Good God knows and hears!

There is power in prayer and when we pray in community with others, that power is intensified!

A Letter from the Rector of Men’s Weekend # 73

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” John 3:16

Twenty-five words and powerful words they are.....Martin Luther called John 3:16 the miniature gospel..... It has been called the gospel in a nutshell and this is the theme for God’s team for Via de Cristo Men’s #73.

With God at the helm, the team has been formed with lots of prayer. Having met for the first time, we have begun forming together as a team for the pilgrims who will be our focus for three days beginning on Thursday, April 24th.

During the formation of this team, I had to almost daily remind myself that it’s “God’s Time”...not human time. He provides for us daily everything that we need. As we continue to grow together as a team, please continue the prayers for us and for the pilgrims who will be attending this weekend. Thanks to everyone for their continued and future support of these Men of God, both team members and pilgrims.

With the support of you, the community, through your gifts of palanca (prayer, letters, food, serenades), this will be a most memorable weekend for each pilgrim in attendance. Blessings to each and every one of you and remember that “God Is Counting On Us!”

God Loves You & So Do I!

Dick Brenneman, # 73

Men's Weekend # 73

Team Call	Team Member	Church	<p align="center">PLEASE PRAY FOR PILGRIMS AND THESE TEAM MEMBERS</p> <p align="center">Emergency Phone Number 614-753-3685</p> <p align="center">If any Individual or Reunion Group would like to provide Palanca Bags for the Men's Weekend, please contact Palanca Cha Sandy Mueller.</p> <p align="center">To choose a 72 hour Prayer Palanca time please contact Sandy Mueller at smueller@icloud.com or 614-436-0443 (home) or 614-648-1948 (cell)</p>					
Rector	Dick Brenneman	St. Paul Lutheran, Bellville						
Head Cha	Mark Timberlake	St. Paul Lutheran, Bellville						
Spiritual Director	Pr. Doug Pretorius	St. Paul Lutheran, Bellville						
Spiritual Director	Pr. G. Karl Gaston	Linden Lutheran, Columbus						
Spiritual Director	Pr. Gerry Gosnell	St. Paul Lutheran, Clyde						
Music Cha	Dan Brill	St. Andrews Anglican, Lewis Center						
Chapel Cha	Chuck Fahnestock	Arise in Christ Lutheran, Donnelsville						
Palanca Cha	Sandy Mueller	Northside Fellowship, Westerville						
Ideal Rollo	Dick Brenneman							
Laity Rollo	Jim Caldwell	Living Word Lutheran, Galena						
Piety Rollo	Mark Kannenwischer	Living Word Lutheran, Galena						
Study Rollo	David Wolfe	Good Hope Lutheran, Bucyrus						
Action Rollo	Mark Timberlake							
Leaders Rollo	Kevin Hoch	Trinity Lutheran, Mt. Healthy						
Environment	Butch Seeley	Upper Arlington Lutheran, Columbus						
CCA Rollo	Doug Hertlein	Peace Lutheran, Canal Winchester						
Head RR Cha	Kevin Hoch							
Table Cha	Cy Kilgore	Holy Trinity, Mansfield						
Table Cha	Gayle Kanz	St. Paul Lutheran, Bellville						
Table Cha	John Freese	Living Word Lutheran, Galena						
Table Cha	Mel Hall	Hope Lutheran, Sunbury						
Table Cha	Keith Church	Grace Baptist, London						
Go-for Cha	Mike Meier	Stonybrook UMC, Gahanna						
Hd. Kitchen Cha	David Lann	Trinity Lutheran, Kent						
Kitchen Cha	Ryan Wilcox	Vineyard Church, Columbus						
Kitchen Cha	Ken Riling	St. Paul Lutheran, Bellville						
Kitchen Cha	Travis Shobel	Holy Trinity Lutheran, Girard						
Kitchen Cha	Scott Gerhart	St. Paul Lutheran, Bellville						
Fourth Day Couple	Paul and Vicki Sakala	St. Paul Lutheran, Bellville						
<p align="center">Thursday and Friday, April 24 and 25, 2014</p>					<p align="center">Saturday, April 26</p>		<p align="center">Sunday, April 27</p>	
<p>Thursday--Pilgrims arrive at Cum Cristo Retreat Center in Columbus at 7:00 pm Send-Off at 7:30 pm</p>					<p>Study 9:10 AM Sacraments 10:25 AM</p>	<p>Gather in Kitchen QUIETLY!! Wake-Up Serenade 6:00AM</p>		
<p>Friday Ideal 9:55 AM Habitual Grace 11:10 AM Laity 1:55 PM Actual Grace 3:10 PM Piety 5:10 PM</p>					<p>Apostolic Action 2:10 PM Obstacles to Grace 3:25 PM Leaders 4:55 PM Serenade Practice 5:00PM (Linden Lutheran Church, 1230 Oakland Park Ave., Columbus 43224) Serenade 6:30PM</p>	<p>Environment 9:10AM Life in Grace 10:10AM CCA 11:45PM Group Reunion and Ultreya 2:10PM Spiritual Director's Message Clausura (Messiah Lutheran Church, 1200 S. Waggoner Rd., Reynoldsburg) 5:15PM</p>		

UPCOMING VIA de CRISTO WEEKENDS—Registration Forms Attached

Men's Weekend April 24-27

Women's Weekend May 15-18

Registration is OPEN NOW. Use the attached forms for your Pilgrim for the Men's and Women's Weekends. Mail them to Registrar Kevin Hoch, P.O. Box 53081, Cincinnati, OH 43224.

What is the story of your faith experience, your VdC weekend experience, your Fourth Day experience? What was your call from the Holy Spirit to say something to somebody or do something for someone? Who has been your angel from God? Please share your story by email at vdcnewsletterohio@gmail.com or by US Mail to 4025 Andrews Road, Bellville OH 44813. Someone in our Community will be blessed by it.

De Colores!

My name is Linda Morton. I made my walk at Walk to Emmaus in the late 80's in Pasadena, CA. In 1990, I worked the first Women's Lutheran Cursillo of Southern California. When God brought us to Ohio, He brought Caryl Gattton into my life who then introduced me to Via de Cristo. When I was asked to be the Rectora of Via de Cristo #77, I knew that I had to TRUST GOD to provide the team. It has been exciting watching Him weave His team together.

The verse for the week end is: Proverbs 3:5 and 6 "*Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not unto your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him and He will make your paths straight.*" The symbol for the week end is an open hand holding a heart. The hand symbolizes Via de Cristo as God's hands reaching out to His people. The heart symbolizes God's love for the world. My prayer is that we, as the Via de Cristo Community, become hands to serve Him by serving others. It is only when we become His true servants that we can experience His true peace and joy.

I'm asking each of you to be His servant...to be God's hands and feet. I know I'm "preaching to the choir" because I've seen the selfless serving of so many in our community. But I am challenging us all to take one step beyond our usual service. There is so much to be done to make a week end "work." One way we can serve is through Palanca. Palanca is the "lever" that helps the pilgrim by showing God's grace through hand written notes and sacrificial prayer. The most important thing we can do is PRAY! Pray for the Pilgrims, pray for the team, pray for God's kingdom to grow.

The women's team meetings are:

March 29th – Christ Lutheran, Bexley

April 12th – Trinity Lutheran Seminary

April 26th – Christ Lutheran, Bexley

May 3rd – Trinity Lutheran Seminary

May 15-18 - Women's Via de Cristo

Open your hands and hearts to be His servants. Christ is counting on each of us in Via de Cristo to do His work. We are counting on Christ to give us all that we need to spread His love to others.

Women's Weekend # 77

Team Call	Team Member	Church	PALANCA!
Rectora	Linda Morton	Beautiful Savior Lutheran, Powell	<p>PALANCA!</p> <p>Palanca for a VdC Weekend can be so many things. The most important Palanca is your prayers for the Pilgrims and Team Members! But Palanca can also be items—letters, snacks or food for the Weekends, and small cards or items which are representative of God's love and grace. There is a specific request for a Reunion Group or individual to provide <u>Palanca Bags</u> for the upcoming Men's Weekend. If you can do this, please contact Sandy Mueller, Palanca Cha, at smueller@icloud.com or 614-648-1948.</p> <p>For any tangible Palanca you'd like to give, please be sure to get it to any Team member by <u>Wednesday, April 23</u> for the Men's Weekend or by <u>Wednesday, May 14</u> for the Women's Weekend. You may also bring it to the Cum Cristo Center when you come for Serenade.</p> <p>You can deliver your Prayer Palanca to God's ears anytime!</p>
Head Cha	Wendy Seeley	Upper Arlington Lutheran, Columbus	
Spiritual Director	Pr. Allan Sager	Christ Lutheran, Bexley	
Spiritual Director	Pr. Rhonda Gallagher	Trinity Lutheran, Girard	
Spiritual Director	Pr. Denise Sager	Lake Highlands UMC, Dallas TX	
Spiritual Director	Pr. Diana Seaman	Trinity Lutheran, Crestline	
Music Cha	Karen Lindsey	St. Paul Lutheran, Bellville	
Chapel Cha	Erlene Sager	Christ Lutheran, Bexley	
Palanca Cha	Wilma Keller	St. Paul Lutheran, Newark	
Asst. Palanca Cha	Ruth Lindsey	St. Paul Lutheran, Bellville	
Ideal Rollo	Jackie Fahnestock	Arise in Christ Lutheran, Donnelsville	
Laity Rollo	Phyllis Wahl	Linden Lutheran, Columbus	
Piety Rollo	Carol Kohs	Messiah Lutheran, Reynoldsburg	
Study Rollo	Jeanne Gaston	Linden Lutheran, Columbus	
Action Rollo	Carol Pretorius	St. Paul Lutheran, Bellville	
Leaders Rollo	Mary McGinnis	St. John Lutheran, Dublin	
Environment	Nancy Martin	St. Paul Lutheran, Bellville	
CCA Rollo	Jane Koch	St. Stephen Lutheran, Stow	
Head RR Cha	Karen Schwartz	Reynoldsburg UMC, Reynoldsburg	
Table Cha	Beverly Willis	Pleasant Greene Baptist, Trotwood	
Table Cha	Jane McKinley	Christ Lutheran, Bexley	
Table Cha	Dee Dee Culler	Mt. Zion Lutheran, Lucas	
Table Cha	Rhea Mathias	Hosanna Lutheran, Pataskala	
Go-for Cha	Sherry Patterson	St. Paul Lutheran, Newark	
Hd. Kitchen Cha	Jackie Lann	Trinity Lutheran, Kent	
Kitchen Cha	Sue Hines	Church of Christ, Worthington	
Kitchen Cha	Melissa Stitt	St. Paul Lutheran, Massillon	
Kitchen Cha	Amy Hodges	St. Luke Lutheran, Gahanna	
Kitchen Cha	Jeri Shobel	Trinity Lutheran, Girard	
Kitchen Cha	Paula Quinn	Trinity Lutheran, Mt. Healthy	
Fourth Day Couple			

ULTREYAS

North Dayton Area Ultreya will be this Saturday March 15. They are held the third Saturdays of each month, 7:00 pm, at United Christian Church, 8611 Hoke Road, Clayton OH 45315. For questions, please call Wes Scoates at 937-533-7605 or Pr. Mel Musser at 937-719-3005.

North Central Ohio area Ultreya will be Sunday, April 13 at 3:00 pm in Bellville at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 48 Church Street, 44813. Please bring a dish to share. For questions, please call Ken and Josie Riling, 419-886-2437.

To include information about your area Ultreya in the Via de Cristo Ohio Newsletter, please contact vdcnewsletterohio@gmail.com or Nancy Martin at 419-886-4420.

A Message from the Outgoing Lay Director

My name is Cathy Doering. It has been my honor and blessing (well, most of the time) to have served you all as Lay Director of the movement called Via de Cristo.

I had been on Secretariat since 2006 joining it after I had been Rectora on the summer weekend in Avon. My life turned a little crazier once I was elected Lay Director in 2010 and then was Rectora again in May of 2010 in Columbus. I was blessed by the people who were willing to stay on Secretariat even when they felt the call to other ministries. I am grateful for all the past and current members of Secretariat.

Also in 2010, I struggled to help my parents, who needed more help but didn't think they did, and my daughter, who moved back home due to a failed marriage. My dad became wheel chair bound where he still is. My church was undergoing a transition and in June, we got our new pastor. In 2011, my church lost our previous pastor whom I loved as my brother in Christ.

I have during the past four years struggled with my leadership abilities, often wondering what God was thinking by putting me "in charge". It was only the prayers of others and spiritual direction that kept me going when I wanted to resign and bury my head in the sand. I have done what I felt God wanted me to do even when others did not agree with me. I am grateful for the prayers and support I received. I have loved this movement.

Some of you have asked what I will do with all my time now that I am not on Secretariat and am taking some time to rest. I continue to be involved in my church as I am Financial Secretary, run the January suppers for our food pantry clients and am co-chair of the Strawberry Festival in June. I am the coordinator of service for my 88 year old parents. I am also the treasurer of a newly formed non-profit organization-- Aunt Susie's Cancer Wellness Center for Women in Stark County. We hope to start our pilot program this July to help women with cancer, their caregivers and families.

I am currently involved in a Bible study at church, reading Discipleship Essentials by Greg Ogden. If Via de Cristo were to read one book besides the Bible, this would be the book. It is a great study. Reunion groups should consider doing it.

I am taking some time to listen for the voice of God and see what he has planned for me to do in the future. I will continue to hold up this movement in my prayers and I hope that you all will as well. Warren (Butch) Seeley and the Secretariat need your prayers and I would encourage you to get involved. Use your gifts to help – we all have them and they are to be used.

Blessings and prayers for you all,
Cathy Doering

(Intended for the recent Annual Meeting, which she was unable to attend)

Via de Cristo of Ohio has received the promise of two gifts, each of \$1,000, which will match your donations. We thank those donors for their great generosity and encourage ALL of you who are able and willing to send your donation to Via de Cristo, P.O.Box 530081, Cincinnati, OH 45253. To date, donations have reached \$455.00. Please make YOUR gift today!

Synopsis of Minutes of Secretariat Meeting on February 15

Discussion covered Reunion Ultreyas for each set of Weekends; Leaders' School changes; a summer picnic and Annual Meeting at a better-weather time of year; Rector Training (Karen Schneider resigned the position); contact with ELCA and NALC to promote VdC; the Five Year Strategic Plan and co-coaches (see Feb. Newsletter); changing to new application forms; some rearrangement of parts of Weekend format; open Secretariat positions of Rector Training, Facilities-Logistics Coordinators for Columbus and Avon, and possible 4th Day coordinator; ideas and plans by Christy Brill as Technology/Media Specialist; probable dates of April 23-26 and May 14-17, 2015 for Weekends; a Grand Ultreya (statewide) for August 16; and a clergy weekend on a Wednesday-Saturday in the fall. Secretariat meetings will be the third Saturday of each month and anyone from Via de Cristo may attend. Contact any Secretariat member to learn the locations.

So, what about YOU?

Help Wanted:

CHRIST IS COUNTING ON YOU !

Call Butch Seeley [1-800-3372667](tel:1-800-3372667) if you are interested in any of the open Secretariat positions or in being a co-coach for your area of Ohio. Call him with any other ways you can help.

Contact Donna Gough for more details of the minutes of the last Secretariat meeting using goughdonna@aol.com or 614-948-3833.

God Loves You and So Do We!!

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