



*Via de Cristo of Ohio Newsletter*  
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# De Colores!

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I come before you humbly asking for prayers for those devastated by the events of last week. Hurricane Sandy with all the storm surge, wind, rain and snow has wiped out communities, businesses, houses, churches and people's lives. Please pray for God's mercy on all of those affected.

Pray for our elected leaders, our churches and our community. This is the best palanca you can give anyone.

The women's weekend is fast approaching. How will you help with the weekend? Will you attend send off, serenade (men only), wake up and possibly even come to closing? We need your prayer palanca, your written palanca for the Pilgrims and the Team, your presence to show these Ladies what a community looks like. It seems like such a small thing but its impact is monumental.

In the coming year, we have scheduled our annual meeting for Saturday, January 26 at Messiah Lutheran in Reynoldsburg. Please plan on attending. More details will come in the next Newsletter.

Our four weekends have been scheduled for next year. Please pray about whom you might invite to these weekends. Talk to God before talking to the persons about inviting them.

The weekends are: Men's #71, April 18-21; Women's #75, May 2-5; Men's #72, August 8-11; and Women's #76, August 15-18.

On weekends, we talk about Piety, Study and Apostolic Action. These are important helps in our daily walk with our Lord. Reunion Groups and Ultreyas give us the support to be Christ's light to the world.

May our God bless you today and always.

God loves you and so do I!

Blessings,  
Cathy Doering  
Lay Director

You may sponsor a pilgrim for only \$15

Christ is counting on you, but not just to sponsor a Pilgrim. There are other ways He counts on us and we on Him. Your piety and study—and listening to the Holy Spirit—will lead you to the action the Lord wants YOU to take for Him.

The newly-established Scholarship Fund is available for you to use for your Pilgrim or for you to increase with your donation for future Pilgrims. To use the fund, mark your Sponsor's application accordingly. To donate to the fund, make your check to VdC of Ohio, mark it Scholarship Fund, and mail it to PO Box 53081, Cincinnati, OH 45253.

## OTHER VIA de CRISTO ACTIVITIES

**Via de Cristo of Ohio Annual Meeting** is Saturday, January 26, 2013, at Messiah Lutheran, Reynoldsburg  
SAVE THE DATE and look for more information TBA

National Lutheran Secretariat Annual Meeting, July 25-28, 2013, West Palm Beach, Florida

## UPCOMING VIA de CRISTO WEEKENDS

Men's Events	Scheduled Date	Location	Target Registration Date	Last Registration Date *
Men's #71	April 18-21, 2013	Holy Cross Cursillo Center Columbus, Ohio	NOW!	April 4, 2013
Men's #72	August 8 – 11, 2013	St. Leonard's Retreat Center Avon, Ohio	NOW!	July 25, 2013
Women's Events	Scheduled Date	Location	Target Registration Date	Last Registration Date *
Women's #74	November 15-18, 2012	Holy Cross Cursillo Center Columbus, Ohio	NOW!	November 1, 2012
Women's #75	May 2 – 5, 2013	Holy Cross Cursillo Center Columbus, Ohio	NOW!	April 18, 2013
Women's #76	August 15-18, 2013	St. Leonard's Retreat Center Avon, Ohio	NOW!	August 1, 2013

"Last Registration Date" is to facilitate communication to Pilgrims from the Registrar and to aid Team planning

*Has your Reunion Group considered being co-sponsors of a Pilgrim?*

From the Rectora, Women's Weekend #74

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Please join with me in lifting up in prayer the team and pilgrims of Women's Weekend #74. We have felt the power of the Holy Spirit in our team meetings as we have spent time getting to know one another, practicing rollos, and preparing to use the gifts God has given us to serve the pilgrims on the weekend. He has been speaking to us through our theme verse, Psalm 51:10, "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me".

There are many ways that you can support the weekend like signing up for a prayer time, writing palanca notes, participating in serenade or Sunday morning wake-up. However, it doesn't stop there! We need to keep the prayers going for the 4<sup>th</sup> day, not just for the new pilgrims, but for all of us that our commitment may be strengthened. If you have a pilgrim application, make sure to get it to Kevin as soon as possible.

God Loves You and So Do I!

Gloria Kemmet, Rectora Team #74

Pilgrims for Women's Weekend #74			Team Members for Women's Weekend #74		
LouAnn Crill	North Community Lutheran, Columbus	Lynette Wahl	Gloria Kemmet	Rectora	Kirkmont Presbyterian, Beavercreek
Nathalyn Haynes	Victory Christian, Kettering	Beverly Willis	Linda West	Head Cha	Faircreek Church, Fairborn
Brenda Walton	St. Peter of the Fields	Jackie Lann	Craig Fourman	Spiritual Director	Abiding Christ Lutheran, Fairborn
Mary Pumroy	Abiding Christ Lutheran, Fairborn	LeannFourman	Mel Musser	Spiritual Director	Arise in Christ Luth., Donnelsville
Leanna Errett	Abiding Christ Lutheran, Fairborn	LeannFourman	Beverly Willis	Palanca Cha	Pleasant Green Baptist, Trotwood
Julie Kumanchik	Abiding Christ Lutheran, Fairborn	Carol Kromphardt	Leann Fourman	Chapel Cha	Abiding Christ Lutheran, Fairborn
Debbie Fox	Abiding Christ Lutheran, Fairborn	Cindy Worthington	Judy Pochard	Music Cha	First Church of God, Hamilton
Ellen Noel	Abiding Christ Lutheran, Fairborn	Raleigh Sandy	Ann Hughes	Go-for Cha	Abiding Christ Lutheran, Fairborn
			Rhea Mathias	Ideal Rollo	Hosanna Lutheran, Pataskala
			Paula Quinn	Laity Rollo	Trinity Lutheran, Mt. Healthy
			Teresa Lepley	Piety Rollo	Faircreek Church, Fairborn
			Jackie Lann	Study Rollo	Trinity Lutheran, Kent
			Irene Hoch	Apostolic Action	Trinity Lutheran, Mt. Healthy
			Amy Tuvell	Leaders Rollo	United Christian Church, Clayton
			Marian Walsh	Environment Rollo	St. John Lutheran, Grove City
			Wilma Keller	CCA Rollo	St. Paul Lutheran, Newark
			Carol Kromphardt	Head RR Cha	Abiding Christ Lutheran, Fairborn
			Karen Schwartz	Rollo Room Cha	Hosanna Lutheran, Pataskala
			Julie Weinzierl	Rollo Room Cha	Hosanna Lutheran, Pataskala
			Cindy Worthington	Rollo Room Cha	Abiding Christ Lutheran, Fairborn
			Heather Nichols	Rollo Room Cha	Trinity Lutheran, Mt. Healthy
			Julie Brimhall	Rollo Room Cha	Messiah Lutheran, Reynoldsburg
			PJ Musser	Head Kitchen Cha	Arise in Christ Luth., Donnelsville
			Debbie Kellley	Kitchen Cha	Grace Lutheran, Columbus
			Judith Finley	Kitchen Cha	United Christian Church, Clayton
			Beth Renken	Kitchen Cha	Abiding Christ Lutheran, Fairborn
			Kim Harris	Kitchen Cha	Messiah Lutheran, Reynoldsburg
			Kris Wilkerson	Kitchen Cha	Far Hills Community, Centerville
			Jackie Fahnestock	Kitchen Cha	Arise in Christ Luth., Donnelsville
			Bob and Maryann Kettering	4 <sup>th</sup> Day Couple	Good Shepherd Lutheran, Sauer

**Please offer your prayers for the Pilgrims, the Team, and for God's hand of blessing to be on Women's Weekend #74.**

## 72 Hour Prayer Palanca

Please choose your own Prayer Palanca time(s) from 4 PM Thursday to 6 PM Sunday for the Women's Weekend. For the Weekend, email your choice(s) to Palanca Cha Beverly Willis at [bwillis2@who.rr.com](mailto:bwillis2@who.rr.com) or phone at 937-667-6248.

There may be several people praying at any one time. Praise God!

No time will go uncovered by prayer as several people have asked Beverly to assign any open times to them.

The Emergency Phone Number is (937) 776-4199.		Remember the Blessings of PALANCA!!!			
Thursday and Friday, November 15 - 16, 2012		Saturday, November 17		Sunday, November 18	
Thursday		Study Rollo	9:10 AM	Gather in Kitchen	QUIETLY!!!
Pilgrims arrive at Cum Cristo Center 7:00 PM		Sacraments	10:25 AM	Wake-Up Serenade	6:00AM
Weekend begins with Send-off - 7:30 PM					
Friday		Apostolic Action	2:05 PM	Environment Rollo	9:10 AM
Ideal Rollo	9:55 AM	Obstacles to Grace	3:25 PM	Life in Grace	10:15 AM
Habitual Grace	11:10 AM	Leaders Rollo	4:55PM	CCA Rollo	11:45 AM
Laity Rollo	1:55 PM	Serenade Practice	<b>5:00PM*</b>	Group Reunion and	2:10 PM
Actual Grace	3:10 PM	(at Linden Lutheran, 1230 Oakland Park)	<b>Please Note</b>	Ultreya Rollo	
Piety Rollo	5:10 PM	Serenade	6:20PM	Clausura (Closing) at	5:00PM
				Messiah Lutheran, 1200 Wagoner Road,	Reynoldsburg



*There are many paths we walk in our 4<sup>th</sup> Day.  
There are many stories to share.  
Read on for one of them.  
Please share your story with us.*



### **Did God Really Say to Love Everyone?**

I knew I would serve on “a” Kairos weekend before I finished my Cursillo\* weekend! This was out of thanksgiving for what the Lord did for my stepson, Frank, at that time incarcerated at DeSoto Correctional in Florida, who, starting with Kairos, has had his life turned around by the Lord, and is serving as an Anglican priest in north Florida. (\* Cursillo preceded and gave birth to Via de Cristo in the US.)

The first time I served on a Kairos weekend, at Broward Correctional in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, I was worried. In the team meetings, we were constantly being told we must love those we serve in the prison “unconditionally”. Well, folks, I DIDN’T. I wasn’t even sure I LIKED them, much less loved them. Their crimes against people caused them to be locked away from the rest of society, and I thought that was JUST FINE. All through the team formation process, I worried and prayed about this, and “felt around” in myself for that “unconditional love”.

When the weekend started, I still didn’t love them. As we walked into the sally port in small groups, I prayed, telling the Lord I would serve food, coffee, and palanca (this was back before Kairos terminology changed), and I would do it cheerfully, but He would have to do the loving, because I couldn’t. As the candidates arrived, I was MORE sure I could not love them! One of them, Irene, was someone I would NOT want to meet in a dark alley!

Later on, there were the introductions. One young lady, by name Marjorie, had me thinking, “Well SHE doesn’t belong here. She belongs in her own backyard, playing with her children.” Several introductions later, Robin made me think, “She belongs on a college campus!” A third one also impressed me. I thought, “This lady looks like she could do well as a banker or real estate broker! What’s she doing here?” Later I found out that is EXACTLY what all three women were... a young mother, college student, and real estate broker!

All of a sudden, it came on me in a blinding flash! God was not moving ME into THEIR environment, He was moving THEM into MY environment so I could love them! I was so overwhelmed I started crying, and had to go hide out for a few minutes until I digested this! And I was blessed to be sharing in a ministry where people need to SEE the unconditional love. It’s not MY love... it’s the love of the LORD shining THROUGH me! That unconditional love spilled over for ME, too, and that one Kairos weekend has, over the years, turned into 19 weekends, and I hope there are more to come.

Prison residents didn’t and don’t KNOW that Jesus loves them in spite of what they have done. The need to SEE that there is a way back to a blessed life through Jesus’ love. The only people who can show that to them are those who know it in their own lives! To be part of a miraculous chain of love, visit [kairosOhio.org](http://kairosOhio.org), and fill out a volunteer form. It’s the next step begun by your Via de Cristo weekend!

Donna Gough

For upcoming Kairos weekend dates and full information, go to the Kairos website [kairosOhio.org](http://kairosOhio.org)

## Look here for an Ultreya near you

Upcoming Meeting Dates  
in OHIO

Bellville (North Central Ohio Area)	Information to be announced	St. Paul Lutheran Church 48 Church Street Bellville, OH 44813	Joel Marhenke (419) 567-8432 <a href="mailto:jjmarhenke@earthlink.net">jjmarhenke@earthlink.net</a>
Boardman (Youngstown Area)	Held at 7:00 PM on third Saturday of odd-numbered months	Boardman United Methodist Church 6809 Market Street Boardman, OH 44512	Sue Drewette <a href="mailto:gduzbraille@sbcglobal.net">gduzbraille@sbcglobal.net</a>
Cincinnati	First Saturday each month At 4:30 pm	Trinity Lutheran Church 1553 Kinney Avenue Mt. Healthy, OH 45231	Kevin Hoch (513) 931-8797 <a href="mailto:khoch@cinci.rr.com">khoch@cinci.rr.com</a>
Clayton	Held at 6:30PM on the third Saturday of each month. (Pot luck at 6:00)	United Christian Church 8611 Hoke Road Clayton, OH 45315	Wes Scoates (937) 837-1683 <a href="mailto:Scoatesw@aol.com">Scoatesw@aol.com</a>
Columbus	Information to be announced	Messiah Lutheran Church 1200 Waggoner Rd. Reynoldsburg, OH 43685	Jim Wilson (614) 367-6545 <a href="mailto:jandcwilson@gmail.com">jandcwilson@gmail.com</a>
Dayton	Held at 7:00PM on the second Saturday of each month.	Abiding Christ Lutheran Church 326 East Dayton-Yellow Springs Road Fairborn, OH 45324	Ann Hughes (937) 431-1087 <a href="mailto:amhughes722@sbcglobal.net">amhughes722@sbcglobal.net</a>
Kent	<b>November 10, 5:00-8:00pm</b> (Potluck at 5:00, message and Holy Communion)	Trinity Lutheran Church 600 South Water Street Kent, OH 44224	Dave Lann (330) 296-6929 <a href="mailto:vdclann@yahoo.com">vdclann@yahoo.com</a>
Parma	Information on upcoming Ultreyas to be announced	Divinity Lutheran Church 11877 Blossom Avenue Parma Heights, OH 44130	Loretta Cross Home (440) 842-4499 Work (440) 845-2060
Western Reserve – Seven Hills	Held at 7:00PM on the second Saturday of each month.	Seven Hills United Methodist Church 7593 Elmhurst Drive Seven Hills, OH 44131	Vince Mallen (440) 257-2235 <a href="mailto:vince.mallen@yahoo.com">vince.mallen@yahoo.com</a>
Western Reserve - Mentor	Held at 7:00PM on the fourth Saturday of each month	Mentor United Methodist Church 8600 Mentor Avenue Mentor, OH 44060-5874	Vince Mallen (440) 257-2235 <a href="mailto:vince.mallen@yahoo.com">vince.mallen@yahoo.com</a>

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**If you have not served on a Weekend but would like to in the future,** or have not served recently, please contact Lay Director Cathy Doering at [Cdoering1@aol.com](mailto:Cdoering1@aol.com) or (330)239-0027. (You must attend Leaders' School before serving on a weekend.)

### November Message

From the Ohio Spiritual Director

*“Commit your work to The Lord,  
and your plans will be established.”*

- Proverbs 16:3 (NRSV)

When I did my weekend, I didn't have “facts” to encourage me to go. I had people. I didn't read a report, scan an advertisement, or watch a commercial. I heard a sister and brother in Christ invite me to share something which had been a positive influence in their Christian walk. It may have been different for you. Some people ask for more facts before they fill out that application. Some are given a brochure advertising upcoming weekends. In the end, I have to believe that it is The Holy Spirit's urging which moves a person to attend a Via de Cristo weekend. And Who moves them to feel Christ's love on their weekend. And Who enables them to invest more fully in God's work after their weekend.

*“Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Your faithful and kindle in us the fire of Your love.”*

Via de Cristo has as its purpose to inspire, challenge, and equip people for Christian action in their homes, churches, and communities. Toward that end, we arrange for Weekends to come about, knowing that the outcome for any of our work is in God's hands.

The Via de Cristo Weekend is just the beginning for involvement in the Via de Cristo movement. Seeds are sown on the weekend for Christian growth in Piety, Study, and Action. After the Weekend, Reunion Group helps to keep us growing. Person to person.

*“To be on a pilgrimage is to go through Christ to the Father under the impulse  
of the Holy Spirit, bringing others along with you.”*

We live in a time when the voice of the world is so noisy and insistent that it's easy to not feel the impulse of the Holy Spirit working in and through us. Our Reunion Group can keep us attentive. Sometimes, the little Pilgrim's Guide contains exactly what a Reunion Group needs to keep on keeping on: The Morning Offering; Prayers; an order for Evening Suffrages; a brief and an extended Examination of Conscience; The Apostles' Creed; Remembrance of Baptism; a few Psalms; De Colores; and the Prayer to the Holy Spirit. From time to time, as you reunion, reflect together on one of these portions and see how you may be inspired, challenged and equipped for Christian action within your own environment.

*“The burden of life is from ourselves, its lightness from  
the grace of Christ and the love of God.”*

- William Bernard Ullanthe

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Pastor Lisa Peterson



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<p><i>Did you know?</i>                  For only \$15, YOU can sponsor a Pilgrim.                  (If you’d like to use the Scholarship fund, put that on the application. If you like, you may donate a Pilgrim’s full cost of \$75.)</p>	<p>Get on the Web – Ohio Via de Cristo  <a href="http://www.viadecristooh.org">www.viadecristooh.org</a>                  National Via de Cristo Website <a href="http://www.viadecristo.org">www.viadecristo.org</a>                  Kairos Website <a href="http://www.kairosohio.org">www.kairosohio.org</a></p>
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Addresses for Churches mentioned in this Newsletter

Serenade Practice--Linden Lutheran Church, 1230 Oakland Park Avenue, Columbus 43209  
 Secretariat Meeting--Living Word Lutheran Church, 7539 Dustin Road, Galena 43021  
 Women’s Weekend Closing--Messiah Lutheran Church, 1200 Waggoner Road, Reynoldsburg 43068

*God LOVES you . . . . and so do we!*

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NOTE: Questions or suggestion--please call any Secretariat member. Anyone from Community is welcome to attend Secretariat meetings. The next meeting is December 1, 2012 at 9:30 am at Living Word Lutheran Church in Galena.

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