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My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The Fall is such a beautiful time of year. The leaves on the trees are changing colors. Some storms have produced beautiful rainbows. Have you ever seen a double rainbow? Wow, is it beautiful! Ohio State is back to playing football. Now we know it is fall.

Things are gearing up as we get into fall. We get back into routines like school, activities, church, Sunday School, committee meetings. This is a wonderful and busy time of year.

Where is God in all this? He created the beautiful scenery, the trees, the rainbows and us as well. We are now three quarters of the way through this year. Are you still on fire for the Lord or has your fire gone to an ember? Everyday life sometimes gets in the way of doing ministry for the Lord. Can you hear him calling you back to himself? He is just waiting for all of us to call his name. Remember when you were a kid and you got your birthday or Christmas gift? Chances are, if it was a toy, doll or a set of Lincoln logs, you experienced joy. When we call on our Lord and spend time with him, He feels that joy.

After the summer Women's Weekend, I purchased the Heaven is for Real book for my Kindle. I liked it so much I also bought a copy for our church library. While the story is very sad at first and hard to read that this little boy is so sick, there is much joy in this book. Many of you have lost a spouse or child, please read this book. The Father knows your pain and walks with you.

In our Sunday School class, a Lay Leader is doing a study on the book, When Christians Get It Wrong. This should be reading for every church. We are only in the first chapter and we have already seen some eyes open. I believe it gives us insight on why people leave the church. Remember, we are all sinners and saints. No one except Jesus is perfect, no matter how hard we try.

What ministries do you participate in? Several years ago, we (my church) purchased many scarves for our food pantry people. Since the Holy Spirit brought this to mind in February/March of this year, I have made over 25 scarves. I realized there is no way I can make 200 scarves so everyone can have one. I asked people from the congregation and friends, to join us twice a month and make scarves for these people. We hope to have enough scarves for when people come to the food pantry in December, they will get a scarf. This is a big undertaking, but isn't it nice in the winter to have a warm scarf to wrap around your face? We currently have between 15 and 20 people who have answered this call. We are still hoping others will join us.

We have planned a Grand Ultreya so we might gather with our brothers and sisters statewide. It's one of the rare opportunities that we all have to meet, pray, sing, worship and study together. I hope you will all try to join us. See the flyer in this newsletter. A reminder will be sent shortly before that Saturday, October 22.

I would continue to ask for prayers for Secretariat. We have much work to do for the Lord. We need your help and input. Watch the upcoming newsletters for where you can help. If you have a specific gift and would like to use it for Via de Cristo, please contact me.

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PLEASE NOTE: If you have any questions or suggestions please feel free to call any Secretariat member. Also, anyone from the community is welcome to attend Secretariat meetings.

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UPCOMING VIA de CRISTO EVENTS

Event	Scheduled Date	Location	4 Week Cut-Off Date	2 Week Cutoff Date
Men's #70	April 19-22, 2012	Holy Cross Cursillo Center Columbus, Ohio	March 22, 2012	April 5, 2012
Men's #71	October 11-14, 2012	Holy Cross Cursillo Center Columbus, Ohio	September 13, 2012	September 27, 2012
Women's #73	May 17-20, 2012	Holy Cross Cursillo Center Columbus, Ohio	April 29, 2012	May 3, 2012
Women's #74	October 25-28, 2012	Holy Cross Cursillo Center Columbus, Ohio	September 27, 2012	October 11, 2012
Fall Gathering Grand Ultreya!		October 22, 2011 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM		Lutheran Memorial Outdoor Camp 2790 State Route 61 Fulton OH 43321
Rector/Rectora School	November 5, 2011 (Time TBA) For future Rectors/Rectoras only		Hosanna Lutheran Church, Pataskala OH	
Via de Cristo Annual Meeting	January 28, 2012		Messiah Lutheran Church Reynoldsburg, OH	

GRAND ULTREYA

*Ohio Via de Cristo "Return to the Mountaintop"
fall gathering/picnic/Ultreya*

Please join us for food and fellowship on **Saturday, October 22, 2011**. (There is no OSU game that day.) We will meet at **11 AM** at **Cedar Lodge at Lutheran Memorial Camp at 2790 State Route 61 in Fulton, OH 44321**.

What to bring

- Food to share – potluck
- Drinks
- Songbooks and pilgrims guides

What is provided

- Paper Products – plates, cups, silverware, napkins

Pastor Al Sager will be our speaker. **Jen Briner** will provide music for us. We will also have a study session. We will sing and worship together. Please join us for this Grand Ultreya!

Questions – contact Cathy Doering cdoering1@aol.com or cell phone 330-618-0858.

Directions

From the North – Take I-71 South to Exit 140 (Sunbury/Mt. Gilead). Turn right off the ramp and follow Oh-61 N to 2790 St. Rt. 61. We are in the Cedar Lodge.

From the South – Take I-71 North to Exit 140. Follow Oh 61 North to camp.



Upcoming Meeting Dates in OHIO

Bellville	Second Sunday of even-numbered months at 5:30PM (Next: Oct. 9)*	St. Paul Lutheran Church 48 Church Street Bellville, OH 44813	Paul Martin (419) 886-4420 pnmartin1@earthlink.net
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 gduzbraille@sbcglobal.net
Cincinnati	Held at 7:30PM on the first Saturday of each month.	Trinity Lutheran Church 1553 Kinney Avenue Mt. Healthy, OH 45231	Kevin Hoch (513) 931-8797 khoch@cinci.rr.com
Clayton	Held at 6:30PM on the third Saturday of each month.	United Christian Church 8611 Hoke Road Clayton, OH 45315	Wes Scoates (937) 837-1683 Scoatesw@aol.com
Columbus	Future Utreyas on November 22, 2011 January 24, 2012	Further information on time, location and program will be forthcoming.	Donna Gough (614) 948-3833 goughdonna@aol.com
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 amhughes722@sbcglobal.net
Kent	Sunday, November 13 with Social at 4:30, Potluck at 5:00 and Service at 5:30	Trinity Lutheran Church 600 South Water Street Kent, OH 44224	Dave Lann (330) 296-6929 vdclann@yahoo.com
Parma	Sunday, October 16 Gather at 3:30	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 vince.mallen@yahoo.com
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 vince.mallen@yahoo.com

* October 9th at Bellville will focus on Reunion Groups: their value, renewing existing ones, establishing new ones.

These people have made monetary donations to Via de Cristo of Ohio:

Doug Hertlein

Jeanne Ormsby

Wendell and Kay Anderson

Clarice Soppe

Mary Ervin

The Community of North Georgetown

Pastor Doug Pretorius

Raymond Wilding

We are grateful for your continued support. Praise God!

The current balance for Via de Cristo is \$4,368

Faith Stories

Music is God's way of reaching deep into my soul.

When I listen to my favorite classical music, I marvel at the genius of the composers and the skill and artistry of the musicians. I praise God for the gifts He has given those people because that music has become a gift to me from our Glorious God. In the same way, traditional worship services with organ music, choir anthems, time-honored liturgy and old hymns are my favorite. I treasure the hymns because of the richness of their poetry, praises, stories, prayers, comfort, encouragement, and descriptions of joy and wonder! (Read several of them in the hymnbook sometime to see what I mean.) The harmonies make such beautiful music to my ears. God sings to me as I sing all the words of the hymns to Him.

But on my Via de Cristo Weekend, I gained a new appreciation for contemporary praise songs. I had previously heard them only as repetitious phrases, less filled with meaning than my favorites, the well-known hymns. But when I saw the joy on the faces of pilgrims and team members who sang those praise songs from their hearts, and connected the words to the things we were hearing about in the rollos, I realized there is a different richness in them. I knew God had given me a new gift.

The real treasure, though, is knowing that our Infinite God can come to his people in infinite ways, and hears the infinite variety of his people's praises. (Nancy Martin)

At a past Ultraya, I overheard a woman ask her husband what he was going to do when they took a break before going into groups. His reply was to sit there by himself, like he always did. He evidently felt that he had been ignored at past meetings. I went over to him and introduced myself . . . a big smile came on his face. I stayed with him and talked until people started separating into their groups. I hope I made him feel welcome enough to come back.

There was also the time we had the opportunity to help someone when we were on vacation. We stopped at a gas station and my wife went inside to get something to drink. A young man approached me while I sat in the car. He told me that his car had broken down and that he and his family were stranded. He had some money, but not enough for his car repair and food. He said no one else would even listen to him. He was embarrassed to have to ask for money, but could we help him out. We felt we could not say no, so we gave him enough for his car & food and probably a little extra. He said if we gave him our name & address he would send us the money, but I told him no, just "pass it on". I felt that's what Jesus would want me to do for the least of his people. (anonymous)

Will you share with the Via de Cristo Community how God has reached into your soul? Will you tell us how He has touched you, either on you Weekend or during your Fourth Day since your Weekend? Perhaps you can tell about how He has used you to touch someone else in His name. Your story can be simple or grand. Send it to me at vdcnewsletterohio@earthlink.net or to Editor Nancy Martin, 4025 Andrews Road, Bellville, OH 44813.

GOD LOVES YOU AND SO DO !!!!!

OH GOD, DO I HAVE THE TIME?

I'd like to walk under the open sky long enough to let the rain fall down on me, and the sun warm my face;

But I haven't time, Lord, but I haven't time.

I'd like to be attuned to the song of the birds and of all creatures hymning the world to you;

But I haven't time, Lord, but I haven't time.

I'd like to have eight full glorious hours of sleep, to wake refreshed and new with joy in the morning;

But I haven't time, Lord, but I haven't time.

I'd like to visit those ill and confined who need a smile and a touch of human care;

But I haven't time, Lord, but I haven't time.

I'd like to write long letters to my friends and family telling each how life is with me, thanking them for being part of my life;

But I haven't time, Lord, but I haven't time.

I'd like to bring healing and peace to the imprisoned, the stranger, and to the dying;

But I haven't time, Lord, but I haven't time.

I'd like to be still one evening long enough to see the subtle change from light to dark, the deepening hues of night fall;

But I haven't time, Lord, but I haven't time.

I'd like to praise You, for all we've been given, with all the breath within me;

But I haven't time, Lord, but I haven't time.

Take from us the burden of rushing through our lifetime. Redeem the time with us, in us, through us. Help us live in your time; our times are in your hand.

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KAIROS WEEKEND

A Kairos Weekend is coming to the Southern Ohio Correctional Facility from October 20-23, 2011. It is a weekend filled with God's grace and love, presented to a small group of inmates by a team of men who have completed a Via de Cristo weekend. The team asks for our help:

Prayer: by far the most important need of all! The entire weekend will be covered by the prayers of the faithful. Be a part of the Prayer Vigil by signing up for a timeslot during the Weekend. Contact someone you know on the team or contact Michael Murray or Eddie Cooper (see below). And pray for all the inmates, the prison staff, the team and the Weekend from now on.

Baking: If you know someone on the team, you can help by baking cookies and giving them to a team member to take for the Weekend. More than a thousand dozen cookies baked by loving hands are needed so that all inmates and staff may receive cookies which have been prayed over to carry the love of God to each person. Ask a team member for specific instructions for the cookies.

Decorating: Your family or group can also decorate paper "placemats" or make posters or banners to display during the event. They have a great impact on the inmates who are surprised that someone cares enough to make them.

If you don't know a man on the team, contact Mike or Eddie to ask if there is someone near you to whom you can deliver the cookies, placemats or banners. Mike at murray.287@osu.edu or (419) 688-9282 Eddie at eddie.cooper@worthingtonindustries.com or (614) 309-7409