

On Eagle's Wings...

...I carried you on eagle's wings and brought you to myself. Exodus 19:4

Nov./Dec. 2011



Message from the Lay Director

I find that the old expression, "The more I know, the more I know I don't know," applies in all areas of my life, including Via de Cristo. After attending two NLS meetings and trying to learn more about our history, I have found that there is a great deal more to know and understand. Many questions I receive from our community members lead me to believe that there are gaps in everyone's knowledge. I have also learned that this information is available to us from our national organization in the form of Training 101 and 201.

To address the lack of knowledge in myself and our community, I plan to provide secretariat members with a copy of both training modules at our November meeting. We will discuss how and when we understand his passion to initiate training. Knowing more about the Cursillo method of perseverance is always beneficial. Paul, when speaking of perseverance in Hebrews 10:23-24, tells us to; "Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds." Knowing more about Via de Cristo will spur us on to love and appreciate who we are in

Christ as we go forth in our 4th day.

A huge thank you to everyone who had anything to do with our fall men's and women's weekends. The teams were great, we had plenty of snacks and the serenades were well attended. I am looking forward to the Co-ed Weekend #2, on April 19-22, 2012.

The first phase of our questionnaire can be found in this issue. We had a group from the secretariat and some community members meet to discuss what we needed to accomplish with this questionnaire. A two phase questionnaire was the result of our meeting. The first questionnaire, (enclosed with this newsletter), will address how we are doing and if there are things that need to be changed. You can fill it out anonymously online, or you can also mail it in or turn it in at the November 12th Ultreya.

The second phase of our questionnaire will be in January, 2012, and will be used to update our database and get more people online.

Please feel free to contact any secretariat member with questions of concern, or use our HOIVdC email address. We want to hear from you!

In Christ, Cecil Brown

Tuesday, Nov. 8, 2011: 6:00 pm	Secretariat Meeting	First English Lutheran Church Peoria, IL
Saturday, Nov. 12, 2011: 5:00 pm: Team Reunion 6:00 pm: Potluck 7:00 pm: Ultreya	Ultreya/Team Reunion 4th Day Speaker: Rebecca Bell	First English Lutheran Church Peoria, IL
Tuesday, Dec. 13, 2011: 6:00 pm	Secretariat Meeting	First English Lutheran Church Peoria, IL
Tuesday, Jan. 10, 2012: 6:00 pm	Secretariat Meeting	First English Lutheran Church Peoria, IL
Saturday, Jan. 14, 2012: 6:30 pm: Group Reunion 7:00 pm: Ultreya	Ultreya 4th Day Speaker: Keith Feigum	Living Waters Lutheran Church 7229 N. Knoxville Peoria, IL
Thursday, April 19, 2012: 6:30 pm	Co-ed Weekend #2 Send-Off	Faith Lutheran Church Washington, IL
April 19 thru 22, 2012:	Co-ed Weekend #2	East Bay Camp, Bloomington, IL
Sunday, April 22, 2012: 4:30 pm	Co-ed Weekend #2 Closura	Faith Lutheran Church Washington, IL

Inside this newsletter you will find phase 1 of our 2-part questionnaire, asking you to tell us how we are doing, and if you think there are some things that we should change in the future. Part 2 of this questionnaire will be inside the January 2012 newsletter, and it will be used for updating our member's information database.

Please fill out this phase 1 questionnaire as soon as possible. You can do this online, by going to the following website address:

http://bradley.qualtrics.com/SE/?SID=SV_0GtfKN04F3HmOKo

Or, if you'd prefer, you can fill out the printed questionnaire inside this newsletter, and then put it inside an envelope and mail it to:

Heart of Illinois Via de Cristo
P.O. Box 5482
Peoria, IL 61601-5482

Or, you can turn-in your completed questionnaire at the November or January Ultreyas.

Starting at 6:30 pm at our January, 2012 Ultreya, we will be using approximately 20-30 minutes of time for HOIVdC community members that do **not** currently have a reunion group, to meet with each other to group, and to discuss the possibility of starting up some new reunion groups. Existing reunion groups are also invited to "group" at this same time.

If you have any questions, please contact Tony or Tiffney Palmer at 309/747-3176 or via email to: tiffneyp@gridcom.net

We are in need of 4th Day Speakers for some of the upcoming Ultreyas. If you would like to be a 4th Day Speaker, please contact Rosie Biegler at 309/685-0160 or by email to: comppd4@gmail.com

If anyone has a Weekend Rollo Training Manual/Notebook, (or a disc of one), please call Mike Schwindenhammer at 309/682-2722, or return it to him as soon as possible.

Let's Reminisce...

Having just taken part in the men's and women's Fall weekend events, I'm thinking back over my Heart of Florida Via de Cristo weekend in 1991 and about the WOW experiences. There was the Grace of God, I learned more about than ever before. There was the love, caring, sharing, and acceptance I had never experienced before. Then there was the serenade. In Florida the men serenaded the women and vice versa. I remember the awe of seeing all those men come in carrying bouquets of flowers for we ladies!

At the Heart of Illinois closings, most every participant speaks of the awesomeness of our serenades. Think about your weekend, what was special, what was awesome?

The Heart of Illinois Via de Cristo is my, your, and our community. We are encouraged to love, support and serve God, each other and our church. Let's do that by supporting HOIVdC through attending the Ultreyas, saying "yes" to serving on the weekend teams, supporting the participants, send-offs, closuras, and the awesome serenade, too.

God loves you and so do I, **Norma Millard**

The Weaver

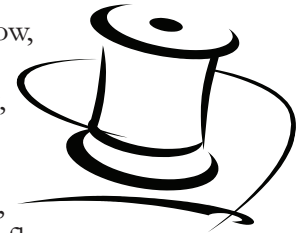
My life is but a weaving,
Between my Lord and me,
I cannot choose the colors,
He worketh steadily.

Oftimes he weaveth sorrow,
And I in foolish pride,
Forget He sees the upper,
And I, the underside.

Not till the loom is silent,
And the shuttles cease to fly,
Shall God unroll the canvas,
And explain the reason why.

The dark threads are as needful,
In the Weaver's skillful hand,
As the threads of gold and silver,
In the pattern He has planned.

Author Unknown



**A well-read
Bible is a sign
of a well-fed soul.**

Please send any prayer requests or praises to God that you would like communicated to the HOIVDC community by sending an email to: **hoiviadecristo@gmail.com**

If making a prayer request for someone, please be certain it is okay to use their full name in the newsletter. If they would prefer, we can only publish their first name.

Please pray for the following HOIVDC community members:

- For Linda Kerler, (and Dave), on the death of Linda's mother, Betty Harms, on October 21st.

- For Tina Rabenau and her surgery scheduled for November 3, 2011.
- For Pastor Paul Park and his continued recovery from cancer.
- For Beverly Pyles and her continued recovery.
- For Dave Martin and his continued recovery from tongue cancer.
- For a friend of Elden Decker's, named Kayla, who recently lost her fiance when he was having gall bladder surgery.
- For Betty Leggott's son, Keith, for recovery from surgery.

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Heart of Illinois Via de Cristo is a non-profit lay ministry and a member of the National Lutheran Via de Cristo Secretariat. Our mission is to focus on personal spiritual enrichment, provide another source for development of Christian leaders for the institutional church and commit to the on-going evangelization of our environment for Christ. A newsletter is published by the Heart of Illinois Via de Cristo Inc., approximately six times per year. Articles for possible publication should be submitted to the Lay Director or Communications person. Heart of Illinois Via de Cristo Ultrayas are held eight times per year and are open to all who have attended a Via de Cristo, Cursillo, Walk to Emmaus, Tres Dias or any similar weekend. Ultrayas are also open to others who have not yet attended a weekend providing an opportunity to become familiar with the Via de Cristo concept.

Save A Tree! Get Your Newsletter Via Email!

As printing costs increase, we would like to encourage everyone to consider receiving their newsletter via email or downloading it from our VdC website. If you would like to receive your VdC newsletter via email, please send an email request to Mark or Laurie Doolittle, at: hoiviadecristo@gmail.com

Reunion Group Information

Information on days, times, locations and contact persons for participating reunion groups can be found on the Via de Cristo website. If your group would like to be listed or your group information has changed, please contact: Tony or Tiffney Palmer at 309/747-3176 or via email at: tiffney@gridcom.net

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