

On Eagle's Wings...

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

Sept./Oct. 2011



Message from the Lay Director

Greetings from Charlotte,

I am writing this letter as Felipa and I are on our way to the National Lutheran Secretariat in Charlotte, NC. This is our second NLS.

Several people in the past described the wonderful time they had and how similar it is to our weekends. We have chapel morning and evening, speakers and workshops during the day, and great food and fellowship. We were asked several times before we were able to make it, and now we are asking others to share what we have experienced.

Was any request to go more important than the others? No! We went when we were able and the Holy Spirit moved us. The same was true for our HOIVDC weekend. It seems to happen the same way for all of us. That is why I feel that it is so important for everyone in our HOIVDC community to ask someone each weekend. Is it your responsibility to find someone to attend this fall? Of course not! But we never know whether this will be the time the Holy Spirit moves the person you are asking. So please, after prayerful consideration, ask someone. If everyone asks just

one person, the Holy Spirit will fill our weekends.

As your secretariat begins a new year, it is our collective goal to make your HOIVDC more responsive to your needs. We have two major goals for this year. First, to increase the amount and speed of communication to and from you. A system to post prayer requests and other important notices within 24 to 48 hours is under development. We will have a g-mail address for you to communicate with our newsletter team, Mark and Laurie Doolittle, ask questions and submit newsletter items. I also encourage you to contact any secretariat member listed on the last page of this newsletter. Second, a committee is developing a questionnaire to be sent to everyone in our HOIVDC community. Our goal is to update our database, and determine how your organization can better meet your needs and enhance your 4th day walk.

Please continue to keep your secretariat in your prayers, for we know that, "...in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God".
Philippians 4:6b

Cecil Brown

Saturday, Sept. 10, 2011: 7:00 pm	Ultreya 4th Day Speaker: Nate Watson	St. Paul's Lutheran Church Bensen, IL
Tuesday, Sept. 13, 2011: 5:30 pm	Secretariat Meeting	First English Lutheran Church Peoria, IL
Saturday, Sept. 24, 2011: 9:00 am	Outside Team Training	Zion Lutheran Church Peoria, IL
Thursday, Oct. 6, 2011: 6:00 pm	Men's Weekend Send-off Rector: Terry Rabenau	Faith Lutheran Church Washington, IL
October 6 thru 9, 2011:	Men's Weekend #27	East Bay Camp, Bloomington, IL
Sunday, Oct. 9, 2011: 4:30 pm	Men's Weekend Closura	Faith Lutheran Church Washington, IL
Thursday, Oct. 13, 2011: 6:00 pm	Women's Weekend Send-off Rectora: Felipa Brown	Faith Lutheran Church Washington, IL
October 13 thru 16, 2011:	Women's Weekend #28	East Bay Camp, Bloomington, IL
Sunday, Oct. 16, 2011: 4:30 pm	Women's Weekend Closura	Faith Lutheran Church Washington, IL
Saturday, Nov. 12, 2011: 5:00 pm: Team Reunion 6:00 pm: Potluck 7:00 pm: Ultreya	Ultreya/Team Reunion 4th Day Speaker: TBD	First English Lutheran Church Peoria, IL

Please bring snacks and soda to the Send-off(s) for both of the upcoming weekends. Contact Ron Goetze with any questions, at 309/745-9652 or by email to: rhgoetze@frontier.com

We need 3 to 4 volunteers at each weekend's Send-off, (be at Faith Lutheran at 5:15 pm), to load the team's luggage and to drive/deliver it, (using your own vehicles), to East Bay Camp and unload there. Volunteers will also be needed on each Sunday, (be at East Bay Camp at 2:00 pm), to bring the luggage back to the Closura at Faith Lutheran in Washington.

Because of low-ridership over the last few years, there will no longer be a bus provided for Saturday night serenade trips from Faith Lutheran Church in Washington to East Bay Camp in Bloomington.

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

You'll notice that the Heart of Illinois Via de Cristo newsletter has a newly-updated "look" to it. This is just one part of a new emphasis on better communications and information-sharing to the greater HOIVDC community.

We have also launched a new HOIVDC email account that will be used to communicate more effectively to the HOIVDC community; it is; hoiviadecristo@gmail.com

Please let us know if you would like to see any other information communicated to the HOIVDC community.

The November/December newsletter will also contain a questionnaire to gather information for updating our HOIVDC member's names and address database. Mark & Laurie Doolittle

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.

Please pray for the members of our fall weekend teams and for the participants of each weekend.

Men's Weekend #27 Team Roster:

Rector:	Terry Rabenau
Board Advisor:	Cecil Brown
Head Cha:	Mark Doolittle
Head Inside Cha:	Marshel Poff
Head Outside Cha:	Elden Decker
Ideal Rollo:	Bob Lindberg
Laity Rollo:	Tom Morss
Piety Rollo:	Steve Brown
Study Rollo:	Ed Prechel
Action Rollo:	Bob Beckenbaugh
Leaders Rollo:	Mike Larson
Environment Rollo:	Larry Shank
CCIA Rollo:	Elden Decker
Total Security:	Terry Rabenau
Silent Professor:	Tom Schreiner
Silent Professor:	Wayne Seney
Silent Professor:	Bill Noack
Music Cha:	David Stone
Chapel Cha:	Jim Claude
Palanca Cha:	Ron Millard
Mailroom/Banner Cha:	Dave Hullinger
Server Cha:	Jack Croasdale
Server Cha:	Roger Ericsson
Server Cha:	Jim Kellerstrass
Spiritual Director:	Steven Tibbetts
Spiritual Director:	David Hofer

Women's Weekend #28 Team Roster:

Rectora:	Felipa Brown
Board Advisor:	Evie Biegler
Head Cha:	Laurie Doolittle
Head Inside Cha:	Ann Caudill
Head Outside Cha:	Susan Bressner
Ideal Rollo:	Kay Griepentrog
Laity Rollo:	Pat Sanford
Piety Rollo:	Becky Zentko
Study Rollo:	Jan Poff
Action Rollo:	Ronna James
Leaders Rollo:	Bev Fordham
Environment Rollo:	Tiffney Palmer
CCIA Rollo:	Helen Goetze
Total Security:	Felipa Brown
Silent Professor:	Lori Hardman
Silent Professor:	Barb Nungester
Silent Professor:	Betty Wiechman
Silent Professor:	Rebecca Bell
Music Cha:	Nancy Claude
Music Cha:	Deb Meyer
Chapel Cha:	Tina Rabenau
Palanca Cha:	Joan Hamilton
Mailroom/Banner Cha:	Elaine Hullinger
Server Cha:	Jan Hillig
Server Cha:	Sandie Storer
Server Cha:	Carrie Harp
Spiritual Director:	Dick Hanson
Spiritual Director:	Elise Rothfusz

Please don't forget the Serenades—be in the Main Chapel at East Bay Camp by no later than 7:00 pm on each Saturday night.

Please remember to bring Palanca for the new participants and the team members to each weekend's Send-off **or** to the Serenade(s).

To sign-up for each weekend's 72-Hour Prayer Vigil, please call or email the Palanca Chas;

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

Ron Millard at 309/444-4225 or by email at: ron_norma_millard@frontier.com
Joan Hamilton at 815/993-0314 or by email at: jamma8910@yahoo.com

Or you can sign-up on-line at: www.3dayprayer.org

Once there, just scroll to the Heart of Illinois Via de Cristo sign-up page to pick your prayer time.

prefer, we can publish only their first name.

Please pray for Mark Doolittle, that God would reveal His plan to Mark for finding new employment opportunities.

Also, please pray for others within our HOIVDC community who are facing difficult employment or job situations.

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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.

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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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