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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Grace and peace to you from our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We are in the season of Lent. Many of you have given up things as was/is the custom. This is a good practice. As many of you know, I am a “do-er” by nature. It is easy for me to get involved and do things – it is even part of my last name. But this Lent, I decided to join Pastor’s study on the book of Acts. The wonderful early church was not without its problems – no different from today. What held them together was the power of Prayer. It seems like a small thing, but the Holy Spirit was sent to them because the power of Prayer is a huge thing. The disciples used their knowledge and wisdom to pray and teach. You could say they used their gifts which we are all called to do. When a need for something else came before them, they appointed people who had gifts in that area. A lesson for us all: use the gifts that God has given you—some you may know and some you may not. In taking a spiritual inventory of gifts, some are well defined, some need some work and some are just not your gifts. You probably use the gifts that are apparent, but the ones that are just middle of the line can be worked on and used as well.

We all know of the verses, *Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you.* Matthew 28:19-20. What of the verses in Hebrews 12:14-15a? *Pursue peace with everyone, and the holiness without which no one will see the Lord. See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God.* This grace from God is not ours alone; it is every person’s on this earth. We need to spread that news!

My challenge to you this Lenten Season is to read the book of Acts. See that the struggles of the first church are not unlike our struggles today in our churches, families and ministries like Via de Cristo. Ask the Holy Spirit to give you wisdom on what you are currently involved with and how you are to share the grace of God with others.

Pray for our upcoming weekends, the teams and for all Christians that we may boldly share the grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ with everyone we meet. Share your Joy, Junk and Jesus with family and friends. What brought you joy today, what was your junk or sin, where did you see Jesus? What great table conversations this could be at any table, anywhere!

Blessings to you all,
Cathy Doering
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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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Ohio Men's Weekend #68
April 28 to May 1, 2011

As of April 8, 2011

Men's Team #68			Pilgrims and Sponsors		
Name	Call	Church	Name	Sponsor	Church/City
Norbert Peiker	Rector	St. Paul, Bellville	Rob Ludwig	Mary Lynn Sutter	St. Peter Lutheran, Norwalk
Sandy Mueller	Head Cha	Living Word, Galena	Rick Edwards	Lee Gatton	St. Luke Lutheran, Zanesville
Pastor Al Sager	Spiritual Director	Christ Lutheran, Bexley	Charlie Timberlake	Mark Timberlake	St. Paul Lutheran, Bellville
Pastor Peter Kruse	Spiritual Director	First Lutheran, Donnelsville	Jim Stephan	Kip Kanya	Divinity Lutheran, Parma Heights
Dean Gatton	Chapel Cha	Vineyard, Columbus	Dale Linder	Al Sager	Hope Lutheran, Columbus
Dan Brill	Music Cha	St. Andrews Angelican	Larry Gamble	Lee Gatton	St. Luke Lutheran, Zanesville
Dick Brenneman	Palanca Cha	St. Paul, Bellville	Ken Hedges	Mark Ludrosky	Christ Community Chapel, Hudson
Mike Ryan	Go-To Cha	Vineyard, Columbus	Ron Bacu	Lisa Bacu	Lord of Life Lutheran West Chester
Ron Craig	Head Kitchen Cha	Trinity Lutheran, Stow	David Krenrick	Clare Duncan Clemens	St. Paul Lutheran, Bellville
Dan Steffey	Kitchen Cha	Redeemer Lutheran, Cuyahoga Falls	Howard Trupp	Clare Duncan Clemens	St. Mark Anglican, Branford
Dave Lann	Kitchen Cha	Trinity Lutheran, Stow	David Blackford	Dean Gatton	Vineyard – Westerville
Don Piddock	Kitchen Cha	First Lutheran, Donnelsville	Ken Hagen	Pastor Al Sagar	Grace Lutheran, Westerville
Dick Hatch	Kitchen Cha	Hosana Lutheran, Pataskala	Ron Farabaugh	Chuck Griffith	Vineyard – Columbus
Mike Meier	Kitchen Cha	St. Paul, Westerville	Jay Scott	Pastor Al Sagar	Christ Lutheran, Bexley
Kevin Hoch	Head Rollo Room	Trinity Lutheran, Mt. Healthy			
Brian Peters	Rollo Room Cha	Messiah Lutheran			
Joel Marhenke	Rollo Room Cha	St. Paul, Bellville			
Jim Back	Rollo Room Cha	First Lutheran, Upper Sandusky			
Sean Quinn	Rollo Room Cha	Trinity Lutheran, Mt. Healthy			
Kip Kanya	Ideal Rollo	Divinity Lutheran, Parma			
Steve Briner	Laity Rollo	Living Word, Galena			
Marl Ludrosky	Piety Rollo	Trinity Lutheran, Kent			
Chuck Fahnestock	Study Rollo	First Lutheran, Donnelsville			
Mark Timberlake	Action Rollo	St. Paul, Bellville			
Ralph Minton	Leaders Rollo	Prince of Peace, Poland			
David Wolfe	Environment	First Lutheran, Upper Sandusky			
John McDowell	CCA Rollo	Community of Hope Lutheran			
Barney Rowe	Observing Rector	Resurrection Evangelical, Stow			
Janis and Joel Marhenke	Fourth Day Couple	St. Paul, Bellville			
			Still Room for More		

The Emergency Phone Number is (614) 668-1127.

Remember the Blessings of PALANCA!!!

Thursday and Friday, April 28-29, 2011	Saturday, April 30		Sunday, May 1	
Thursday – Send-off 7:30PM	Study	9:00AM	Gather in Kitchen	QUIETLY!!
Pilgrims arrive at Cum Cristo Center at 7:00	Grace Filled Days	10:20AM	Wake-Up Serenade	6:00AM
Friday	Apostolic Action	1:40PM	Environment	9:20AM
Ideal 10:15AM	Obstacles to Grace	2:55PM	CCA	10:20AM
Habitual Grace 11:25AM	Leaders	4:25PM	Life in Grace	12:00PM
Laity 1:50PM	Serenade Practice	5:30PM	Group Reunion and Ultreya	1:50PM
Actual Grace 3:00PM	(at Linden Lutheran)		Closing (Messiah Lutheran Church, 1200 Waggoner Road, Reynoldsburg)	5:00PM
Piety 4:45PM	Serenade	6:30PM		

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE PILGRIMS AND TEAM

FROM THE RECTOR—

Greetings to the Via de Cristo Communities,



Wonderful news! God has heard our many prayers. We will have an Ohio Men's Via de Cristo #68 weekend April 28th through May 1st. Registrar Kevin Hoch has so far received 13 pilgrim registrations and will accept more. Guided by the Holy Spirit, God's Team of 29 men from 19 congregations from across Ohio and the western edge of Pennsylvania will serve to further build His Kingdom. What joy! What excitement! Thank you for your prayers, my Brothers and Sisters.

Your team is asking for your help. Palanca, palanca, and more palanca... How can you and your VDC Community help? Our dreams and wishes include sponsorship of team dinner (Thursday, April 28th) and Saturday evening dinner (April 30th), palanca bags, Pilgrim's Guide covers, many palanca letters, your support in every way imaginable, and most of all your prayers (see below). Celebrate with pilgrims and team members, as Jesus Christ is in our midst. Our joy shall be your joy. Thank you.

In Christ's Service,
God loves you and so do I,

Your Brother Norbert
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Thursday, April 28	Friday, April 29 AM	Friday, April 29 PM	Sat., April 30 AM	Sat., April 30 PM	Sunday, May 1
10:30PM	12:30AM	12:30PM	2:30AM	12:00PM	12:00AM
11:00PM	1:00AM	1:00PM	3:00AM	12:30PM	12:30AM
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	8:30AM			7:30PM	7:30AM
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				11:00PM	
				11:30PM	12:00PM

Ohio Women's Weekend #71
May 12-15, 2011

As of April 8, 2011

Women's Team #71			Pilgrims and Sponsors		
Name	Call	Church	Name	Sponsor	Church/City
Mary McGinnis	Rectora	Living Word, Galena	Debbie Ludwig	Mary Lynn Sutter	St. Peter Lutheran, Norwalk
Jen Briner	Head Cha	Living Word, Galena	Samantha Ludwig	Mary Lynn Sutter	St. Peter Lutheran, Norwalk
Pastor Orinda Hawkins-Brinkley	Spiritual Director	St Peter's Lutheran, Columbus	Heather Nichols	Paula Quinn	Trinity Lutheran, Mount Healthy
Pastor Doug Pretorius	Spiritual Director	St. Paul, Bellville	Loretta Livengood	Paula Quinn	Trinity Lutheran, Mount Healthy
Sheryl Freese	Chapel Cha	Living Word, Galena	Holly Caudill	Erline Sager	Eastside Grace Bretheran, Blacklick
Pam Newman	Music Cha	Vineyard Church, Columbus	Sarah Ludwig	Mary Lynn Sutter	St. Peter Lutheran, Norwalk
Carol Kohs	Palanca Cha	Messiah, Reynoldsburg	Flora Jean Watson	Mary Lynn Sutter	St. Peters Lutheran, Pontiac
Theresa Lepley	Gopher Cha	Abiding Christ, Fairborn	Linda Resch	Julie Brimhall	Messiah Lutheran, Reynoldsburg
Donna Gough	Head Kitchen Cha	St. Andrews Angelican, Lewis Center	Mindy Kaspari	Beth & Ralph Minton	Prince of Peace Lutheran, Poland
Ruth Robinson	Kitchen Cha	Christ Lutheran, Cambridge	Pat Kurz	Jim Wilson	Messiah Lutheran, Reynoldsburg
Jackie Fahnestock	Kitchen Cha	First Lutheran, Donnelsville	Holly Kushner	Beth & Ralph Minton	Prince of Peace Lutheran, Poland
Debbie Snider	Kitchen Cha	Hosanna, Pataskala	Still Room for More		
Olga Foushee	Kitchen Cha	Living Word, Galena			
Linda Green	Kitchen Cha	Peace Lutheran, Gahanna			
Linda West	Head Rollo Room	Faircreek Church, Fairborn			
Jane Koch	Rollo Room Cha	St. Stephens, Stow			
Joyce Griffith	Rollo Room Cha	St. Paul, Westerville			
Danielle Peters	Rollo Room Cha	Messiah, Reynoldsburg			
Amy Tuvell	Rollo Room Cha	United Christian, Clayton			
Wilma Keller	Ideal Rollo	St. Paul, Newark			
Margie Stone	Laity Rollo	Linden Lutheran, Columbus			
Carol Pretorius	Piety Rollo	St. Paul, Bellville			
Jackie Lann	Study Rollo	Trinity Lutheran, Kent			
Marilyn Payne	Action Rollo	Living Word, Galena			
Jeanne Gaston	Leaders Rollo	Linden Lutheran, Columbus			
Shenita Wilson	Environment	Messiah, Reynoldsburg			
Susan Kannevischer	CCA Rollo	Living Word, Galena			
Dan and Christy Brill	Fourth Day Couple	St. Andrews Angelican, Lewis Center			

The Emergency Phone Number is (614) 832-3343.

Remember the Blessings of PALANCA!!!

Thursday and Friday, May 12-13, 2011	Saturday, May 14	Sunday, May 15
Thursday – Send-off 7:30PM	Study 9:00AM	Gather in Kitchen QUIETLY!!!
Pilgrims arrive at Cum Cristo Center at 7:00	Grace Filled Days 10:20AM	Wake-Up Serenade 6:00AM
Friday	Apostolic Action 1:40PM	Environment 9:20AM
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Actual Grace 3:00PM	(at Linden Lutheran)	Ultreya
Piety 4:45PM	Serenade 6:30PM	Closing (Christ Lutheran in Bexley) 5:00PM

THE BLESSINGS OF PALANCA!!!

Come take a little trip with me . . . in your mind! Close your eyes, and think of your special Via de Cristo weekend! Think of the one special moment that meant the most to YOU. Where are you? In the Rollo Room . . . the Chapel . . . the Dining Hall? No matter where YOU are, there is one special something there too . . . PALANCA.

Palanca is what makes Via de Cristo possible! It happens with and through the prayers of the community that surround it with love and protection! Palanca is the OIL that makes the machinery of Via de Cristo function! Besides prayers, palanca can take many forms . . . tear stained letters, food for nourishment, spiritual “bits and pieces” or just “warm fuzzy” gifts that say “God Loves You and So Do I!”

So why did we take this trip down memory lane? To remind you how much palanca meant to you, to ask you to PASS IT ON, and to do so as early as possible! Come to the send off, bringing your gifts of palanca, love and a big warm smile!

CHRIST IS COUNTING ON YOU . . . and so are we



Via de Cristo could not take place without community support. Here are some of the ways YOU can help to pass along the blessings YOU received to others.

Prayer. First, foremost and most important. Prayer turns a man-made weekend into a spiritual encounter with Christ! From the calling of the leaders and team, through the Closing, the weekend needs on-going prayer support.

Send Off. This is where our pilgrims can get the first look at the community we ask them to join. It’s not just for sponsors and pilgrims but for all of us. We can be visual encouragement as they step into what may be strange territory. Afterwards, there is the opportunity to support them with community prayer, to share information, turn over palancas and renew friendships.

Palanca. We all remember how blessed we were by gifts of food, spiritual bits and pieces and warm fuzzies on our weekend. It’s our way of saying “God Loves You and So Do I!”

Kitchen. Surprise. Did you know that during meal preparations the community can come in and help? You don’t chop onions or carrots for the pilgrims but for the LORD himself. In giving this blessing you become blessed.

Serenade and Wake-Up. Another place where the presence and importance of the community is evident. YOU can make a difference.

Closing. The place to renew YOUR weekend and support the new babe-chicks as they step into their 4th day. A true mutual support group. Sharing at its best.

Upcoming Registration Deadline Dates**Men's Weekend #68**

Weekend Scheduled Date	Location	4 Week Cut-Off Date	2 Week Cutoff Date
April 28-May 1, 2011	Holy Cross Catholic Cursillo Center Columbus, Ohio	March 31, 2011	April 14, 2011

Women's Weekend #71

Weekend Scheduled Date	Location	4 Week Cut-Off Date	2 Week Cutoff Date
May 12-15, 2011	Holy Cross Catholic Cursillo Center Columbus, Ohio	April 14, 2011	April 28, 2011

Men's Weekend #69

Weekend Scheduled Date	Location	4 Week Cut-Off Date	2 Week Cutoff Date
July 28-31, 2011	St. Leonard Retreat Center Avon, Ohio	June 29, 2011	July 13, 2011

Women's Weekend #72

Weekend Scheduled Date	Location	4 Week Cut-Off Date	2 Week Cutoff Date
August 4-7, 2011	St. Leonard Retreat Center Avon, Ohio	July 7, 2011	July 21, 2011

Report on Columbus Ultreya

By Donna Gough (used with permission of Kozy Scott)

The Ultreya last night (Tuesday, March 22) in Columbus was so special I felt everyone should hear about it. At Christ Lutheran Church in Bexley, Lyn Reed wowed us by having her church's contemporary music group to play – keyboard, guitar, small percussion instruments, flute, CELLO and vocalists – so the music was outstanding! Kozy Scott's testimony held everyone spellbound! She talked about growing up in a big family (her "herd"), the Lutheran Church (another "herd"), going to a Lutheran college, etc., and she liked being part of a herd! Just a few years ago, she moved here from Fort Wayne, Indiana, and missed her "herds". Through a 4th of July Parade and her children attending VBS there, the family connected with Christ Lutheran Church, and she was back in a "herd".

Kozy shared the difference Via de Cristo had made in her life, in encouraging and enabling her to share the faith she's always had. One addition to their family devotions has expanded that sharing and brought her family closer together. In addition to Christ in Our Home and the Bible, each day the family shares on "Joy, Junk, and Jesus"! They each share an experience of the day that brought them joy, something that didn't, that was kind of "junky", and where in the day Jesus may have been close, or they drew closer to Him! The small group sharing on Kozy's talk was sparkling!

Pastor Al Sager tied it all to the Gospel, especially about her sharing and leading, and quoted one Scripture from Hebrews 12:15 (that was used by the Spiritual Director at our PREVIOUS Ultreya and which brought Pastor AL into closer awareness of the Lord) that rang bells in everyone's heart and mind. The gist of it was WE, the Christians are to "see to it" that the grace of God is available to everyone!

After Holy Communion, we all signed palanca for both weekends, signed up for the prayer vigil, and enjoyed a nice variety of snacks and socialization!

Information about some Ultreyas is incomplete. Community members with any information about standing dates, times and locations of Ultreyas in their area are requested to send it to vdcnewsletterohio@earthlink.net or to Nancy Martin, 4025 Andrews Road, Bellville, OH 44813. Please send information about specific Ultreyas, such as speakers or programs, as well. May's issue will carry more Ultreya information.



EMERGENCY CONTACT NUMBERS



When in sorrow, call	John 14	When men fail you, call	Psalm 27
If you want to be fruitful, call	John 15	When you have sinned, call	Psalm 51
When you worry, call	Matthew 6:19-34	When you are in danger, call	Psalm 91
When God seems far away, call	Psalm 139	When you faith needs stirring, call	Hebrews 11
When you are lonely and fearful, call	Psalm 23	When you grow bitter and critical, call	I Corinthians 13
For Paul's secret to happiness, call	Colossians 3:12-17	For understanding of Christianity, call	II Corinthians 5:15-19
When you feel down and out, call	Romans 8:31	When you want peace and rest, call	Matthew 11:25-30
When the world seems bigger than God, call	Psalm 90	When you want Christian reassurance, call	Romans 8:1-30
When you leave home for labor or travel, call	Psalm 121	When your prayers grow narrow or selfish, call	Psalm 67
For a great invention or opportunity, call	Isaiah 55	When you need courage for a task, call	Joshua 1
For how to get along with fellow men, call	Romans 12	When you think of investments and returns, call	Mark 10
If you are depressed, call	Psalm 27	If your pocketbook is empty, call	Psalm 37
If you are losing confidence in people, call	I Corinthians 13	If people seem unkind, call	John 15
If discouraged about your work, call	Psalm 126	If you find the world growing small and yourself great, call	Psalm 19
For dealing with fear, call	Psalm 34:7	For security, call	Psalm 121:3
For assurance, call	Mark 8:35	For reassurance, call	Psalm 145:18

Emergency contacts may be reached direct. No operator assistance is needed.
 All lines to heaven are open 7/24/365. Feed your faith and doubt will starve to death.

Did You Know?

The cost of sponsoring a weekend at the Cursillo Center in Columbus is slightly over \$1,200; at the St. Leonard Center the cost is over \$2,000 (facility rental and food).

Team members are asked (if able) to contribute an amount to help defray the cost of a weekend. If you would like make a donation please sent your contribution to:

Via de Cristo of Ohio
 P. O. Box 53091
 Cincinnati, OH 45253



The Treasurer's Report contributed by Kip Kanya

Checking Account Balance	\$ 2,299.21
Savings Account Balance	<u>\$ 1,107.75</u>
Total	\$ 3,406.96
Certificate of Deposit Balance	Total \$ 3,189.79

One Last Note: Prayer is such an important part of each weekend. Each team member and each pilgrim asks for your prayers throughout the weekend. You are welcome to come and pray during the rollos if you wish. Just coordinate your arrival time with the Palanca Cha Dick Brenneman (740-694-1755). Thank you for your prayers.

WEEKENDS AND EVENTS FOR 2011

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 National Via de Cristo Website www.viadecristo.org
 Kairos Website www.kairosOhio.org

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 Cordially invites you to attend the
 2011 National Lutheran Secretariat Annual Meeting at Queens University of Charlotte, NC.

July 28 – 31, 2011

Delegates from Ohio Via de Cristo are Raleigh Sandy, Donna Gough and Doug Burrows