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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As all of you know, we talk about Piety, Study and Action on the weekend. This month our focus is on Piety. What is Piety? Do you know without looking back at your notes or in your pilgrim's guide? Piety is the total dedication of our lives to God in a personal relationship with Christ. For many years, I let guilt be my captor and I couldn't have a personal relationship, but after hearing I was forgiven in personal confession, I could attempt this. This was a year before I made my weekend. Still I needed lots of help from my spiritual director and pastor, my reunion sisters and lots of community both at my church and Via de Cristo--not to mention the Holy Spirit. I know this relationship can continue to grow with the help of my spiritual director, pastor, reunion sisters and community and the Holy Spirit. It does require work on my part as well. My life is not my own, it is the Lord's. On page 36 in the pilgrims guide, this prayer can bring peace "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." Matthew Chapter 11 Verse 28

Worship and Communion, Morning Offering, Evening Thanks, Devotions, Meditations, Prayer, Examination of Conscience, Altar/chapel visits, Family prayer, Blessings before meals, Spiritual Direction are all part of our piety. Do we do all of them or just the convenient ones? Some are easy to do, others require more work or time. Have you ever been in spiritual direction? I have been blessed by the two spiritual directors that I have had as well as friendships with many pastors. I have in the past had a spiritual director who knew more about me than anyone else on this earth. He knew my insecurities, my good points and my many bad points. Being so open allowed the two of us to truly have a God representative/human relationship.

Have you found a reunion group or are you looking for a different one? Sometimes reunion groups have helped you as far as they can and it is time to look for a new one. Sometimes the group no matter how new/old it is, still works – Praise God. If you are in need of one, please let someone on secretariat or me know and we will see what we can do. It does take time to be able to be honest in the reunion group so don't walk away too quickly. If your group is available for new people to join, please let us know that as well.

There will be no fall weekends this year. Since we have struggled so in the past with our number of pilgrims on a weekend, secretariat felt in the best interest of all, including money issues that we cancel the fall weekends. We have some of our dates for next year already. Since there will be no fall weekends, we found a Saturday in October that there is NO OSU game. What a great time for a Via de Cristo gathering! Please mark that date and watch for all the details. Come join your community at large. Wouldn't it be great if people from all over our state came? Invite a friend and come join us!!

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I have a new appreciation for people who are writers. In making changes to our newsletter, it is not easy to come up with ideas to write about. We are hoping that people will write about their experiences with either the weekend or even reunion group. But please make sure not to break confidences. If another person is mentioned, please make sure to check with them first (include a little clause about "used by permission of 'insert name here'"). Send your articles to Nancy at vdcnewsletterohio@earthlink.net or at 4025 Andrews Road, Bellville, OH 44813.

As we are fast approaching the summer weekends, has God placed a name on your heart of someone to invite? We need pilgrims – please make sure to check out the dates. If we do not have the minimum of 12, the weekend is automatically canceled. The men's date is fast approaching. Please ask God whom you should ask to be a pilgrim and talk to him soon!

Have you signed up with Bob Gsellman (rgsellman@neo.rr.com) or with Ginny Derhammer (ginnyderh@aol.com) to offer your time for prayer palanca? (Don't worry about an "open" time.) This would be great gift, especially if you cannot come to send off, serenade, wake-up or the closing. Prayer Palanca is the heart of our weekends and something we cannot be without. Please e-mail them or call me and I will pass your time on to them. Prayer is the BEST PALANCA there is--even better than letters!!! We need your help on this.

I again ask for prayers for secretariat as we move forward. Lori Hertlein and Pastor Doug Pretorius have offered their resignations. We praise God for their work! We thank them for their many, many years of faithful service to this ministry. Changes are hard when you are replacing dedicated servants. Pray that God will give us the names of who he wants to call to this ministry.

Praise be to God and blessings to you all,

Cathy Doering
Lay Director

A FUN TIME QUIZ (How Good are You?)

There are 30 books of the Bible in this paragraph. Can you find them? This is a most remarkable puzzle. It was found by a gentleman in an airplane seat pocket on a flight from Los Angeles to Honolulu. Kept him occupied for hours. He enjoyed it so much he passed it on to some friends. One friend worked on this while fishing from his john boat. Another friend studied it while playing his banjo. Elaine Taylor, a columnist friend, was so intrigued by it she mentioned it in her weekly newspaper column. Another friend judges the job of solving this puzzle so involving she brews a cup of tea to help her nerves. There will be some names that are really easy to spot. That's a fact. Some people, however, will soon find themselves in a jam, especially since the book names are not necessarily capitalized. Truthfully, from answers we get, we are forced to admit it usually takes a minister or scholar to see some of them at the worst. Research has shown that something in our genes is responsible for the difficulty we have in seeing the book in this paragraph. During a recent fund raising event, which featured this puzzle, the Alpha Delta Phi lemonade booth set a new sales record. The local paper surveyed over 200 patrons who reported that this puzzle was one of the most difficult they have ever seen. As Daniel Humana humbly puts it, the books are right there in plain view hidden from sight. Those able to find all of them will hear lamentations from those who have to be shown. One revelation that may help is that books like Timothy and Samuel may occur without their numbers. Also, keep in mind that punctuation and spacers in the middle are normal. A chipper attitude will help you compete really well against those who claim to know the answers. Remember there is no need for a mad exodus, there really are 30 books of the Bible lurking somewhere in the paragraph waiting to be found. Here's a free answer—Chronicles.

(Answers may be found on Page 8)

FATHER'S DAY

A hundred years ago Teddy Roosevelt said, "What we need in our public officials is not genius, not even brilliancy, so much as the exercise of the ordinary, rather commonplace qualities of honesty, courage and common sense—the qualities that make a person a good spouse, a good parent, a good neighbor."

Our crisis in good fathering is ultimately more serious than any economic or political crisis. Very few people have been fathered in spirit and soul. We need to receive from Father God his re-parenting as true sons and daughters. The good news is that God wants to be our Father. Jesus came to show us His Father and ours.

Receiving the perfect Father nature of God is essential if we are to love Him and be assured of His love, trust Him, be secure in Him, pray to Him, yield to Him, live holy before him, receive his Guidance, serve Him, be like him, and much more. Spend time with you Father in His Word, His love letter to you. Receive his Father's love for you.

He is our Father by right of the blood of Jesus (John 1:12).

Our basis of eternal security is being in the Father's hand (John 10:28-29).

We pray to the Father in Jesus' name (Matthew 6:9).

God's Father love for us is his highest motivation to holiness (1st John 3:1-3).

His Fatherhood is the basis of understanding his guiding hand (John 5:20, 10:3-4, 27).

Every family derives its name from the Father, so God the Father is the model for headship in our families (Ephesians 3:14-15, Psalms 68:5-6).

Our Father wants us to yield to His gentle parental authority (Hosea 11:1, 3-4, Ephesians 6:4).

The basis of trusting Him is seeing Him as our totally able and faithful Father (Matthew 18:19-20, Hebrews 13:5, 2nd Timothy 2:13).

When we know Him as Father, we will trust His



*"Honor your
FATHER
as the Lord
your GOD has
commanded
you..."
Deuteronomy 5:16*

parental generosity (Matthew 6:32-33, James 1:17, Psalms 37:3-5).

Knowing Him as Father is the basis of receiving His parental affection (John 17:23, Hosea 11:4, Jeremiah 31:3, Deuteronomy 33:12).

His Father-heart is the basis for his parental attentiveness (Matthew 6:25-26, 31; 1st Peter 5:7).

When we rightly know Him as Father, we are secure in his acceptance and rest securely in Him (Galatians 4:5-7, Romans 8:15-16, 32-33; Zephaniah 3:17).

His relationship to us as Father is the legal basis of receiving all our inheritance in Christ (Ephesians 1:13-14, Colossians 1:12, 1st Peter 1:3-4).

The Father is seeking worshipers. When we understand His Father heart, we will worship Him in spirit and in truth (John 4:23-24).

Knowing our loving Father is the foundation for an intimate relationship with Him. First Corinthians 13:4-7 is a picture of the Father's love. Personalize it and receive it for yourself. My Father who loves me is patient with me, kind to me . . . My Father's love is not rude, nor self-seeking, not easily angered and keeps no record of wrongs. My Father's love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. My Father's love always protects me, always trusts me, always hopes (believes the best about me), always perseveres and never gives up on me. My Father's love never fails.

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Ohio Men's Weekend #69
July 28-31, 2011

Men's Team #69			Pilgrims and Sponsors		
Name	Call	Church	Name	Sponsor	Church/City
Barney Rowe	Rector	Resurrection Evangelical Lutheran, Stow	Danny Westbrook	Melinda Bratton	St. John's Lutheran
Jon Paul	Head Cha	St. Stephen Lutheran, Stow	David Krenrick	Clare Duncan	St. Paul Lutheran, Bellville
Pastor Laurel Bobb	Spiritual Director	Resurrection Evangelical Lutheran, Stow	Howard Trupp	Clemens	St. Mark's Anglican, Branford, Ontario
Pastor Ken Hacker	Spiritual Director	St. John Lutheran,	Wen Anderson	Barney Rowe	Gloria Dei Lutheran, Hudson
Adam Gsellman	Chapel Cha	Resurrection Evangelical Lutheran, Stow	Nelson Williams	Zane Ziegler	Emmanuel Lutheran, North Georgetown
Dale Mortensen	Music Cha	Prince of Peace Lutheran, Westlake	John Kleinhenz	Barney Rowe	Gloria Dei Lutheran, Hudson
Stu Smith	Music Cha	Prince of Peace Lutheran, Poland	Ronald Resch	Linda Resch	Messiah Lutheran , Reynoldsburg
Bob Gsellman	Palanca Cha	Resurrection Evangelical Lutheran, Stow			
Gregg Bobb	Head Kitchen Cha	Resurrection Evangelical Lutheran, Stow			
Skip Dodds	Kitchen Cha	Grace Episcopal, Willoughby			
Vince Mallen	Kitchen Cha	Advent Lutheran, Mentor			
Fred Gesell	Kitchen Cha	St. John Lutheran,			
Paul Crooks	Kitchen Cha	Barley Lutheran,			
Bob Dieter	Kitchen Cha	St. Stephen Lutheran, Stow			
Al Moorman	Kitchen Cha	Advent Lutheran, Mentor			
Jeff Wright	Head Rollo Room	St. Paul Lutheran, Bellville			
Mike Yaquinto	Rollo Room Cha	St. Stephen Lutheran, Stow			
Matt Gyulai	Rollo Room Cha	Resurrection Evangelical Lutheran, Stow			
Larry Bratton	Rollo Room Cha	Emmanuel Lutheran, North Georgetown			
David Kronenberger	Ideal Rollo	Royal Redeemer Lutheran, North Royalton			
Keith Lawson	Laity Rollo	Strongsville UMC, Strongsville			
Jeff Thomas	Piety Rollo	St. Stephen Lutheran, Stow			
Jim Caldwell	Study Rollo	Living Word Lutheran,			
Brian Kuntz	Action Rollo	Deerfield UMC, Deerfield			
Norbert Peiker	Leaders Rollo	St. Paul Lutheran, Bellville			
John McDowell	Environment	Community of Hope Lutheran			
Doug Hertlein	CCA Rollo	Peace Lutheran, Canal Winchester			
Dan and Lynn Steffey	Fourth Day Couple	Redeemer Lutheran, Cuyahoga Falls			
Thursday and Friday, July 28-29, 2011			Saturday, July 30		Sunday, July 31
Thursday – Send-off 7:30PM			Study	9:00AM	Gather in Kitchen
Pilgrims arrive at Retreat Center at 7:00			Grace Filled Days	10:20AM	Wake-Up Serenade
			Apostolic Action	1:40PM	
Friday			Obstacles to Grace	2:55PM	Environment
Ideal	10:15AM		Leaders	4:25PM	CCA
Habitual Grace	11:25AM		Serenade Practice	5:00PM	Life in Grace
Laity	1:50PM		(at TBD)		Group Reunion and
Actual Grace	3:00PM		Serenade	6:30PM	Ultreya
Piety	4:45PM				Closing
					QUIETLY!!!
					6:00AM
					9:20AM
					10:20AM
					12:00PM
					1:50PM
					5:00PM

Please pray and ask God who he is leading you to invite as a pilgrim. There is plenty of room for more pilgrims.

Bob Gsellman is the Palanca Cha for this men's weekend. He'd love to hear from you with your sign up time for prayer

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From the Rector—Barney Rowe

Dear 4th Day,

Team #69 is being molded by the Holy Spirit in a mighty way to receive new pilgrims. It has been a real blessing to be involved in the team formation and team meetings. Before the last team meeting I asked each person to count the number of churches they saw on the way to the meeting. When I asked them how many they saw they could tell me. Then I asked how many churches they would have seen had I not asked the question. Not very many responded. We all saw the churches before but did not recognize them because we were conditioned to not let them register in our mind. Same with cell phone towers, 18 wheelers, clouds, etc. We miss a lot because we are not focusing on those things. Same with the workings of God in our lives. We get conditioned to overlook some of the many times God is acting in our lives because we don't expect to see Him; and when we do, it doesn't register. Not until we are asked to specifically look, then we see more and more of Him. Now I am asking each of you to do something for Him. I am asking you to intentionally look into your environment (not just your church family) to see who God is putting in your view for you to invite to a Via de Cristo. They are there, you know, we just aren't "seeing" them. Pray about this and then use your apostolic action to be a leader and dare to step out and ask those whom God has prepared beforehand. Remember, Christ is counting on you and you are counting on Him. He will not fail us, pray that we will not let Him down. GLYASDI

Because He Lives,
Barney Rowe

TO SIGN UP FOR PRAYER TIME, please contact Bob Gsellman at 'rgsellman@neo.rr.com'.

Thursday PM	Friday		Saturday		Sunday	
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Ohio Women's Weekend #72
August 4-7, 2011

Women's Team #72			Pilgrims and Sponsors		
Name	Call	Church	Name	Sponsor	Church/City
Jane Koch	Rectora	St. Stephen Lutheran, Stow	Jane Hagen	Erline Sager	Grace Lutheran, Westerville
Fran Dieter	Head Cha	St. Stephen Lutheran, Stow	Evie Williams	V. K. Zeigler	Emmanuel Lutheran, North Georgetown
Pastor Al Sager	Spiritual Director	Christ Lutheran, Columbus			
Pastor Karl Gaston	Spiritual Director	Linden Lutheran, Columbus	Polly Caudill	Erline Sager	Eastside Grace Brethern – Blacklick
Sharon Gsellman	Chapel Cha	Resurrection Lutheran, Stow			
Karen Lindsey	Music Cha	St. Paul Lutheran, Bellville	Lisa Chapman	Sally Harp	Winter Green Ledges Church of God, Akron
Ginny Derhammer	Palanca Cha	Messiah Lutheran, Green			
Pat Dunivan	Escort Cha	Trinity Lutheran, Kent	Carol Kleinhenz	Barney Rowe	Gloria Dei Lutheran – Hudson
V. K. Ziegler	Head Kitchen Cha	Emmanuel Lutheran, North Georgetown	Kay Anderson	Barney Rowe	Gloria Dei Lutheran – Hudson
Melinda Bratton	Kitchen Cha	Emmanuel Lutheran, North Georgetown	Sandee Davis	Jane Koch	St. Stephen Lutheran – Stow
Jewellee Smith	Kitchen Cha	Trinity Lutheran, Norton	Sandy Randles	Sharon Keenan	First Presbyterian, Wooster
Sharon Keenan	Kitchen Cha	First Presbyterian, Barberton	Karen Masters	Patricia Neidert	First Presbyterian, Barberton
Karen Schwartz	Kitchen Cha	Hosanna Lutheran, Pataskala	Carol Yanquito	Janet Paul	St. Stephen Lutheran, Stow
Carol Ranney	Head Rollo Room	First Baptist, Crystal River, PA	Michelle Sattler	Alex Seyerle	St. Andrews Anglican, Lewis Center
Connie Wilson	Rollo Room Cha	St. Stephen Lutheran, Stow			
Carol Laser	Rollo Room Cha	St. Paul Lutheran, Bellville			
Nancy Martin	Rollo Room Cha	St. Paul Lutheran, Bellville			
Kozy Scott	Rolla Room Cha	Christ Lutheran, Columbus			
Chris Dieter	Go-For Cha	St. Stephen Lutheran, Stow			
Beth Minton	Ideal Rollo	Prince of Peace Lutheran, Poland			
Lana Gray	Laity Rollo	Divinity Lutheran, Parma Heights			
Cathy Doering	Piety Rollo	St. Paul Lutheran, Sharon Center			
Jackie Lann	Study Rollo	Trinity Lutheran, Kent			
Alex Seyerle	Action Rollo	St. Andrews Anglican, Lewis Center			
Lynn Steffey	Leaders Rollo	Redeemer Lutheran, Cuyahoga Falls			
Susan Weber	Environment	Cornerstone Free Methodist, Akron			
Judy Junker	CCA Rollo	Divinity Lutheran, Parma Heights			
Rhonda Gallagher	Silent Professor	St. Paul Lutheran, Massillon			
	Fourth Day Couple				

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Remember the Blessings of PALANCA!!!

Thursday and Friday, August 4-5, 2011	Saturday, August 6		Sunday, August 7	
Thursday – Send-off 7:30PM	Study	9:00AM	Gather in Kitchen	QUIETLY!!!
Pilgrims arrive at Retreat Center at 7:00	Grace Filled Days	10:20AM	Wake-Up Serenade	6:00AM
	Apostolic Action	1:30PM		
Friday	Obstacles to Grace	2:50PM	Environment	9:20AM
Ideal	Leaders	4:25PM	CCA	10:20AM
Habitual Grace			Life in Grace	11:30PM
Laity	Serenade Practice	5:00PM	Group Reunion and	1:25PM
Actual Grace	(at TBD)		Ultreya	
Piety	Serenade	6:30PM	Closing at St. Leonard's	4:00PM

From the Rectora—Jane Koch

You are the Light of the World.” Matt. 5:14

This is the theme for the upcoming women’s weekend. The Lighthouse is the symbol for the “light into the darkness”. Each one of us received the Holy Spirit at our baptism. Since that time the Light of Christ has been increasing within us. It is the desire of the Women’s Team #72 to bring that light to the pilgrims. By being the hands and feet of Christ each member of the team is lifting up her gifts in service in His Name.

Each of us is asked to be a light for Christ where we have been placed. We also know that when “this little light of mine” comes together with “that little light of yours” we can be an even more powerful beam in this dark world. As Christians we are meant to live in community; the #72 Team has begun to live together, share their light and shine, shine, shine for the Glory of Christ.

Bring your light to the Serenade on Saturday Night, wake-up on Sunday morning and/or the Closing on Sunday. The closing this year will be at St. Leonard’s so you will be able to witness first-hand the place where Christ has been at work among His servants. Let us raise our voices together to help the pilgrims move into their 4th Day with their lights shining and the community to support them.

Lovingly and Brightly in Christ,

Jane Koch, Rectora

Men’s and Women’s Weekends 2011 and 2012



Event	Scheduled Date	Location	4 Week Cut-Off Date	2 Week Cutoff Date
Men’s #69	July 28-31, 2011	St. Leonard Retreat Center Avon, Ohio	Six Pilgrims Enrolled	July 13, 2011
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 #72	August 4-7, 2011	St. Leonard Retreat Center Avon, Ohio	Six Pilgrims Enrolled	July 21, 2011
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

Leader’s School

September 10, 2011 (Time to be determined)

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Upcoming Meeting Dates in OHIO

Bellville	Our next Ultreya will be held on Sunday August 7, 2011	This month's meeting will be held as part of the Women's Weekend #72 Closing.	Paul Martin (419) 886-4420 pnmartin1@earthlink.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	Next meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 26.	More information regarding this Ultreya will be provided later in July.	Donna Gough (614) 948-3833 goughdonna@aol.com
Dayton	Held at 7:00PM on the first Saturday of each month.	Abiding Christ Lutheran Church 326 East Dayton-Yellow Springs Road Fairborn, OH 45324	Craig Fourman (937) 878-2888 CraigFourman@abidingchrist.org
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



From the Treasurer – Kip Kanya

Checking Account Balance \$ 1,735.74
Savings Account Balance \$ 4,299.14
Total \$ 6,034.78

2011 Income \$ 4,294.36
2011 Expenses \$ 5,081.45

Watch for upcoming details about the Ohio Via de Cristo "Return to the Mountaintop" fall gathering/picnic/Ultreya to be held on October 22 (no Ohio State football that day).

Answers to "A Fun Time Quiz (How Good are You?)"

Answers: Amos, Mark, Luke, John, Joel, Judges, Job, Hebrews, Esther, Acts, James, Ruth, Romans, Titus, Matthew, Genesis, Philemon, Chronicles, Daniel, Nahum, Hosea, Lamentations, Revelation, Timothy, Samuel, Numbers, Malachi, Peter, Exodus, Kings.

GOD LOVES YOU AND SO DO !!!!!