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De Colores!

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A Message from the Ohio Lay Director Butch Seeley

Little by Little

Dear Brothers and Sisters,
Grace and peace to you in the name of our risen Savior Jesus Christ,
Please lift up the following in prayer:

Women's Weekend: May 15-18-Linda Morton, Rectora
Holy Cross Retreat Center, Columbus
Grand Ulteya: Sunday, June 1, 2014, 3:00 pm
Messiah Lutheran Church, Reynoldsburg
Co-ed Weekend: August 21-24-David Lann, Rector
St. Leonard's Retreat Center Avon
Clergy Weekend: Monday-Thursday, October 6-9, 2014,
Chuck Fahnestock, Rector
St. Peter and Paul Retreat Center, Newark

I came across an interesting fable the other day,...

A Crow, half-dead with thirst, came upon a Pitcher which had once been full of water; but when the Crow put its beak into the mouth of the Pitcher he found that only very little water was left in it, and that he could not reach far enough down to get at it. He tried, and he tried, but at last had to give up in despair. Then a thought came to him, and he took a pebble and dropped it into the Pitcher. Then he took another pebble and dropped it into the Pitcher. Then he took another pebble and dropped that into the Pitcher. Then he took another pebble and dropped that into the Pitcher. Then he took another pebble and dropped that into the Pitcher. At last, at last, he saw the water mount up near him, and after casting in a few more pebbles he was able to quench his thirst and save his life.

Little by little does the trick

I hope to see you at one, if not all of these Community-in-action events!
Our God reigns,
Warren (Butch) Seeley #28

What is the story of your faith experience, your VdC weekend experience, your Fourth Day experience? What was your call from the Holy Spirit to say something to somebody or do something for someone? Who has been your angel from God? Please share your story by email at vdcnewsletterohio@gmail.com or by US Mail to 4025 Andrews Road, Bellville OH 44813. Someone in our Community will be blessed by it.

Will you join with us in corporate prayer for Via de Cristo of Ohio?

It's the second Tuesday of every month from 7:00-7:30pm. When we lift our thoughts and voices together to our Lord, it's uplifting to each one of us.

If you or someone you know has changed a street address or phone number(s) or e-mail address, please send the information to Archivist Christy Brill at goosebrill@msn.com or 614-899-7429 and to Editor Nancy Martin at 419-886-4420 or vdcnewsletterohio@gmail.com

You're invited to a Grand Ultreya!

**Sunday, June 1, 3:00 PM
 Messiah Lutheran Church
 1200 S. Waggoner Road
 Reynoldsburg 43068**

**Bring your favorite "Pot Luck"
 Drinks and table service provided**

Program and Holy Communion to follow meal

Come to welcome our newest Cursillistas from the recent Men's and Women's weekend and for fellowship with Community brothers and sisters.

Via de Cristo of Ohio Prayer Chain

Prayer is at the heart of everything we do in the Via de Cristo movement. And prayer for others in need or for yourself is the purpose of this VdC Prayer Chain. Prayers of thanksgiving and joy are also welcome on the Prayer Chain. The email address is vdcprayerchain@gmail.com. Add this to your contacts for easy access when a need arises. Please note that, due to privacy concerns, you should ask permission to include names of individuals before placing them on the Prayer Chain. Otherwise list them by first name only or as "Known to God". We don't want to cause embarrassment for someone.

There is power in prayer and when we pray in community with others, I believe that power is intensified. There is reference to our prayers being like incense throughout the Bible.

'Let my prayers rise before you like incense.' Psalm 141:3 *Our Good God hears!*

Wilma Keller, Ohio VdC Prayer Chain

Here are open 72 hour Prayer Palanca times for Women's Weekend #77. Please send your choice to Palanca Cha Wilma Keller at wkeller55@hotmail.com or phone her at 740-348-5771.

THURSDAY, May 15	SATURDAY, May 17	SUNDAY, May 18
9:00 - 9:30 PM	1:00 - 1:30 AM	1:30 - 2:00 AM
10:30 - 11:00 PM	1:30 - 2:00 AM	2:30 - 3:00 AM
FRIDAY, May 16	2:30 - 3:00 AM	3:30 - 4:00 AM
10:00 - 10:30 AM	8:00 - 8:30 AM	5:00 - 5:30 AM
11:00 - 11:30 AM	3:00 - 3:30 PM	9:30 - 10:00 AM
12:30 - 1:00 PM	4:30 - 5:00 PM	10:00 - 10:30 AM
6:00 - 6:30 PM	9:00 - 9:30 PM	12:00 - 12:30 PM
7:30 - 8:00 PM	11:30 - 12:00 midnight	1:30 - 2:00 PM
		2:00 - 2:30 PM



De Colores!

The Women's Via de Cristo weekend is quickly approaching. We finished our last team meeting and we eagerly await the Women's Weekend. God has been so gracious in weaving this amazing team together. I'm excited to see what God has planned for the Pilgrims. It's not too late to turn in a Pilgrim Application form to Kevin Hoch. We are up to 12 Pilgrims! Praise God!

I would like to thank the Via de Cristo Community for all their prayers and support. I am humbled by the outpouring of love and support. You all are the hands and feet of Jesus. I hope to see you all at our Clausura on May 18, at Messiah Lutheran Church in Reynoldsburg at 6:00 pm, as we come *Marching in the Light of God!*

Just a gentle reminder...when you are carpooling to Messiah, please do not park under the basketball hoops. Messiah has an outreach program and the hoops are there for the neighborhood to enjoy.

May God be with us all, as we prepare for the upcoming Weekend. Continue to...."Trust in the Lord with all your heart."

Christ is counting on us! We are counting on Christ.

Linda Morton
Rectora

Pilgrims for Women's Weekend # 77

Pilgrim	Church	Sponsor
Joyce Kraly	Trinity Lutheran, Crestline	Diana Seaman
Lisa Woolever	Linden Lutheran, Columbus	Jeanne Gaston
Casey Faustino	Trinity Lutheran, Girard	Rhonda Gallagher
June Marshall	Trinity Lutheran, Girard	Rhonda Gallagher
Valda Washburn	St. Paul Lutheran, Bellville	Ruth Lindsey
Lois Bibart	Christ Lutheran, Bexley	Erline Sager
Terri Yant	Christ Lutheran, Bexley	Erline Sager
Dawn Reed	Emanuel Lutheran, Marion	Marty Jerew
Marge Armstrong	St. Paul Lutheran, Bellville	Alwine Stull
Roslyn Jones		Dawn Princehorn
Michelle Larkins	St. Paul Lutheran, Clyde	Fred Gessell
Ashley Seeley	Vineyard Church, Columbus	Wendy and Warren Seeley

Please pray for the Pilgrims and Team and for God's blessings on the Weekend.

The emergency phone number for the Weekend is **330-569-4048**.

Women’s Weekend # 77 Team Members

Team Call	Team Member	Church
Rectora	Linda Morton	Beautiful Savior Lutheran, Powell
Head Cha	Wendy Seeley	Upper Arlington Lutheran, Columbus
Spiritual Director	Pr. Allan Sager	Christ Lutheran, Bexley
Spiritual Director	Pr. Rhonda Gallagher	Trinity Lutheran, Girard
Spiritual Director	Pr. Denise Sager	Lake Highlands UMC, Dallas TX
Spiritual Director	Pr. Diana Seaman	Trinity Lutheran, Crestline
Music Cha	Karen Lindsey	St. Paul Lutheran, Bellville
Chapel Cha	Erline Sager	Christ Lutheran, Bexley
Palanca Cha	Wilma Keller	St. Paul Lutheran, Newark
Asst. Palanca Cha	Ruth Lindsey	St. Paul Lutheran, Bellville
Ideal Rollo	Rhea Mathias	Hosanna Lutheran, Pataskala
Laity Rollo	Phyllis Wahl	St. Paul Lutheran, Westerville
Piety Rollo	Carol Kohs	Messiah Lutheran, Reynoldsburg
Study Rollo	Jeanne Gaston	Linden Lutheran, Columbus
Action Rollo	Irene Hoch	Trinity Lutheran, Mt. Healthy
Leaders Rollo	Mary McGinnis	St. John Lutheran, Dublin
Environment	Nancy Martin	St. Paul Lutheran, Bellville
CCA Rollo	Jane Koch	St. Stephen Lutheran, Stow
Head RR Cha	Karen Schwartz	Reynoldsburg UMC, Reynoldsburg
Table Cha	Beverly Willis	Pleasant Greene Baptist, Trotwood
Table Cha	Linda McFerrin	Epiphany Lutheran, Pickerington
Table Cha	Dee Dee Culler	Mt. Zion Lutheran, Lucas
Table Cha	Dawn Princehorn	St. Jacob Lutheran, N. Canton
Go-for Cha	Sherry Patterson	St. Paul Lutheran, Newark
Hd. Kitchen Cha	Jackie Lann	Trinity Lutheran, Kent
Kitchen Cha	Sue Hines	Church of Christ, Worthington
Kitchen Cha	Melissa Stitt	Trinity Lutheran, Girard
Kitchen Cha	Amy Hodges	St. Luke Lutheran, Gahanna
Kitchen Cha	Jeri Shobel	Trinity Lutheran, Girard
Kitchen Cha	Paula Quinn	Trinity Lutheran, Cincinnati
Kitchen Cha	Carol Yaquinto	St. Stephen Lutheran, Stow
Fourth Day Couple	Dan & Christy Brill	St. Stephen Anglican, Lewis Center

PALANCA!

Palanca for a VdC Weekend can be so many things. The most important Palanca is your prayers for the Pilgrims and Team Members! But Palanca can also be items—letters, snacks or food for the Weekends, and small cards or items which are representative of God’s love and grace.

For any tangible Palanca you’d like to give, please be sure to get it to any Team member by Wednesday, May 14 for the Women’s Weekend. You may also bring it to the Cum Cristo Center when you come for Serenade.

To choose a time for the 72 hour Prayer Palanca for the Women’s Weekend, please contact Palanca Cha Wilma Keller at 740-348-5771 or wkeller55@hotmail.com or contact a Team member.

You can deliver your Prayer Palanca to God’s ears anytime!

**Emergency Phone Number
330-569-4048**

Thursday and Friday, May 15-16, 2014		Saturday, May 17		Sunday, May 18	
Thursday--Pilgrims arrive at Cum Cristo Retreat Center in Columbus at 7:00 pm Send-Off at 7:30 pm		Study	9:00 AM	Gather in Kitchen	QUIETLY!!
		Sacraments	10:20 AM	Wake-Up Serenade	6:00AM
		Apostolic Action	1:15 PM	Environment	9:15 AM
		Obstacles to Grace	3:25 PM	Life in Grace	10:10 AM
Friday		Leaders	4:25 PM	CCA	11:35 PM
Ideal	10:00 AM	Serenade Practice	5:00PM	Group Reunion and Ultreya	1:000 PM
Habitual Grace	11:15 AM	(Linden Lutheran Church, 1230		Spiritual Director’s Message	
Laity	1:40 PM	Oakland Park Ave., Columbus			
Actual Grace	2:55 PM	43224)		Clausura (Messiah Lutheran	6:00 PM
Piety	4:45 PM	Serenade	6:35PM	Church, 1200 S.Waggoner Rd.,	
				Reynoldsburg)	

News from Men's # 73

Twelve Pilgrims were met by an "Awesome" Team on April 24th through the 27th. On behalf of all who served on this weekend, thanks to all the Community for their prayers, other Palanca and meals prepared. The Holy Spirit was at work the entire three days, as witnessed by both Team and Community who attended the closing. Continue to pray for the new Cursillistas on their Fourth Day journey.

God Loves You & So Do I
 Dick Brenneman, Rector
 Ohio Via de Cristo Men's # 73

From Amy, daughter of my Reunion Sister, Carol

"For In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind." John 1:4, NIV

The rain is coming down, the lightning has been flashing and the thunder rolling. The dog is sticking close to my side and the kids are wondering what the weather is really doing and then we discuss jet streams and clouds. But really we all just wanted to know.....When is the sunlight coming back?

We often judge storms by the dog's reaction in our house. She used to hide behind the shower curtain with every thunder boom. As she has gotten older and wiser, she sticks close to her protector or is it to those she is protecting? If the storm is tornado-worthy or close, then she is pacing or hiding behind the curtain. (Interestingly, if we are in the basement, she calms down immediately.)

This seems somewhat like our own human struggles with life.....are we sticking close to our Lord and Protector, looking for His guidance, or pacing and wanting to believe, but just not sure? Or hiding behind the curtain feeling all is lost?

As we were outside in a brief lull of the rain and weather activity, lamenting it all, wishing for light.... the sun breaks free and the most bright light shines right in my face. It felt so good and warm. It was bright, but behind my eyelids it was perfect! After a hectic start of the day and the weight of OAA testing in the house, the sun was glorious and I was waiting for the Hallelujah chorus to begin. (Since it did in my head, I think that counts!). It was just such a blessing to see the light and be reminded of what is to come. The storms will pass. The light is still there behind the clouds.

Is that not the way of the Lord? He is always there behind the clouds. We have to trust that He is there. When you either need it most or least expect it, He shines brightly into our lives just like the sun in the midst of the storm. We look to Him for love and acceptance to face our fears, trials, tribulations....human shortcomings and find the reassurance that He is with us, always.

Through every storm have faith. By his grace, he will lead you through.

God Loves You and So Do We!!

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