

Sonrise Edition

Wisconsin Via de Cristo February, 2004

Upcoming Weekends!

March 2004 Weekends

Men's Sonrise 43: March 4 - 7

Women's Sonrise 44: March 11 - 14
Immanuel/Trinity Lutheran Church
Fond du Lac, WI

Ultreya: Sunday, March 28, 2:00 pm
Ascension Lutheran Church
901 County V, Fond du Lac
(Hwy 45, exit south on 'V')

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Co-Ed Weekend

June 24 - 27

Christus Lutheran Church
Clintonville, WI

Team Formation Dates:

May 21 & 22, June 5, June 12

Ultreya: Sunday, July 11

Applications Due: May 22

November 2004 Weekends

Men's Sonrise 46: November 4-7

Women's Sonrise 47: November 11 - 14
Covenant Lutheran Church
Stoughton, WI

Team Formation Dates

Sept. 24 & 25, Oct. 9, Oct. 23

Ultreya: Sunday, November 28

Applications Due: September 25

Applications may be submitted with the \$30.00 fee and mailed to: Denise Organ, 1718 Windsor Court, Beloit, WI 53511

Annual Meeting April 17

The Annual Meeting will be held at Ascension Lutheran Church, Fond du Lac, on April 17th. We will begin with training at 10:00 am, with lunch at 11:30 and the business meeting at noon. Please come!

Call for Palanca!

Palanca is visible, tangible, lasting evidence of God's love, brought to these pilgrims by . . .

US!!!

I'll bet you still have the Palanca from your weekend. Most of us do. We bring it out and read it when life gets tough or God seems far away, and we are renewed.

Do not miss the opportunity to share the blessings that were given to you. Get lots and lots of Palanca to your parish rep. as soon as possible.

A Call for Your Presence

Put a little SonShine in your winter! Come to lend a hand in some way:

Food and munchie donations

Set up -- 1:00 pm Thursday

Organize for Stations -- 7:00 pm Friday

Decorate for Agape - 9:00 am Saturday

Prepare Salad Buffet - 3:00 pm Saturday

Candlelight Service - 8:00 pm Saturday

Pack up and Clean Up - 1:00 pm Sunday

Clausura - 2:30 Sunday (Sing and the new 4th-dayers come into the sanctuary)

A Call for Your Prayers

Post this list on your mirror, on your computer screen, your fridge, or anywhere that will make it easy to pray often for these pilgrims and team members

Men's Weekend March 4-7

Pilgrim List:

Bob Hunt	Dave Stoppie
Eric Swenson	Greg Pigarelli
Harvey Jeffers	John Richmond
Lynn Wagner	Pat Reddi
Rod Nordby	Russ Trachte
Steve Roberts	Thom Nida
William Young	Scott Nauman
Randy Crouse	Jeff Petersen
Doug Hawkins	Bill Schroeder

Team List:

Kevin Witt	George Silock
Rob Rogers	Al McKillips
Bill Immich	Jim McClurg
Kim Pritzlaff	Dan Rostallan
Richard Koch	Eddie Ward
Dennis Hoppe	Scott Robinson
Dennis Dignan	Dave Vrba
Greg Halverson	Dennis Gohlke
Doug Spradlin	Norman Eckliff
Joe Lewis	Steve Kriegel
Bob Leichtfuss	Rick Dowling
George Woldseth	Russell Melland
Arne Kloes	Pastor Jim Reiff
Dell Sailer	Bob Cook
Cris Sievenpiper	Bill Sutlief
Jim Button	Steve Snow
Nelson Cox	Denis Hilgendorf
Mike VandeLeest	Jim Marsho
Dick Pettit	Chet Organ
Woody Barthel	Joe Eders
Merle Knudtson	Larry Behr
Will Vande Slunt	Dave Carey

Women's Weekend March 11-14

Pilgrim List:

Nancy Anderson	Sherry Babe
Tammy Vrba	Diane Chopp
Judy Dain	Patti Dremler
Fran Grant	LaVerne Hayes
Alice Himmler	Phyllis Hunt
Robin Koch	Janet Knutson
Wilma Jacobs-Meyer	Becky Kriz
Stacie Nicla	Lois Ninneman
Edie Peters	Denise Pigarelli
Deb Reddi	Shari Routh
Julie Scott	Jody Smith
Carrie Studnicka	Diane Swenson
Betsy Voermans	Patty Wegner
Ellie Wilmethq	Nanett Young
Henrietta Serrano	Sara Hilgendorf
Cindy Verzal	Beth Hawkins
Kristen Petersen	

Team List: Pastor Gail Sowell

Ruth Barthel	Cindy Bisser
Melissa Bobula	Val Burg
Deacon Mike Burg	Margie Burt
Judy Button	Judy Cook
Phyllis Cook	Cindae Dignan
Chris Doll	Mark Doll
Diane Dowling	Joan Eckliff
Anne Ereke	Marge Kline
Dolores Grabbert	Carol Kloes
Nanci Granquist	Amy Gratton
Sandy Hendrickson	Aim Sue Immich
Phyllis Hoppe	Sue Jablonski
Janis Kemnitz	Julie Lois
June Kieckhaefer	Krista Loecher
Colleen Knobloch	Rhonda Knudtson
Cindy McKillips	Regina Mehring
Cindi Metzger	Christy Mullins
Christy Mullins	Sue Mullins
Gladys Mungo	Mary Nelson
Marischen Nordmeyer	Chris Palka
Lollie Perlberg	Lisa Rogers
Shari Sailer	Sandi Snow
Valerie Sievenpiper	Deb Stano
Barb Stevens	Becca Sunby
Donna Targo	Gloria Witter

Interested in serving on Team for upcoming weekends?

If you are interested in serving on team for any of the up coming Via de Cristo weekends please contact our Coordinator Denise Organ at missnise@yahoo.com. She will be more than happy to pass your name onto the Rector and Rectora.

From the Convenor:

As we come to the end of 2003 and 2004 (April to April) we can give thanks to our God for continuing to bless our ministry. I pray that each of us has grown in our relationship with Christ through all we do.

We have been blessed with a wonderful group of men and women to serve on the Via de Cristo Board, we have been blessed with loving and serving men and women on the teams and 4th community for the past year. I thank you for all the time and talents each of you has shared.

I would like to stress the need for each of us to take the time and group with others. I believe it is through the weekly meeting and sharing that we can walk with each other and lift each other up. Dig up that green card call some friends and make a group. It's in the sharing of our journey of faith that we grow closer together and with Christ.

Christ is counting on you.

God Bless, Bill Immich

Missing Manuals !!

We are asking everyone to look in the garage, down in the basement or in the trunk of the car for missing manuals.

A number of manuals have disappeared. Please, if you come across one or two, return them to any member of the Via de Cristo board. Thank you.

The Gift of Song:

If you or a group have a musical talent that you would be willing to share, musician for the Agape Dinner, music for Stations of the Cross please let us know. Contact Dennis Organ at missnise@yahoo.com.

A Carrot, an Egg, & a Cup of Coffee

A wise mother wanted to give an important life lesson to her grown children. She brought three pots of water to a rapid boil. In one she placed carrots, in the second she placed eggs, and the last she placed ground coffee beans. She let them boil, without saying a word. In about twenty minutes she turned off the burners. She placed the carrots and eggs in a bowl and the coffee in a mug. Turning to her offspring, she asked, "Tell me what you see."

"Carrots, eggs, and coffee," they replied. She brought them closer and asked them to feel the carrots, take an egg and break it open, and to sip the coffee, and to tell her what they observed.

They responded that the carrots were soft, the eggs were hard-boiled, and the coffee was quite tasty. But, they asked, "What does this mean?"

The wise mother explained that each of these objects had faced the same adversity—boiling water—but each reacted differently. The carrot went in very strong, but after being subjected to the boiling water, it softened and became weak. The egg had been fragile. Its thin outer shell had protected its liquid interior. But, after sitting through the boiling water, its inside became hardened. The ground coffee beans were unique, however. After they were in the boiling water, they had changed the water for the better.

Which are you? When adversity knocks on your door, do you become soft and lose your strength? Though you look the same, does your heart become hardened and stiff? Or are you like the coffee bean, who actually changes the hot water, so changing the very circumstance that brings the pain?