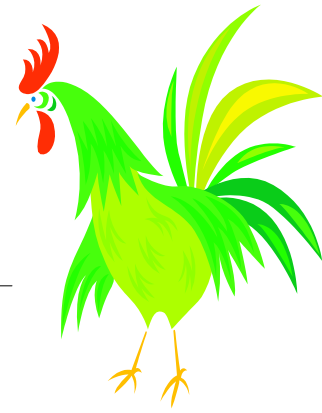


# Sonshine North Newsletter

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## Lay Director News

DeColores Brothers and Sisters!

When I assumed the duties of the Lay Director position at the start of the year, I did so with a humble heart and a level of excitement based on the cooperation and warm welcome I received from both the entire Sonshine North Via De Cristo (SNVDC) Secretariat and the active Via de Cristo community. The Secretariat has its work cut out for it, and we plan on building on what has already been accomplished in the past several years and to continue to expand our efforts and improve communication within the Via de Cristo community in the future.

Rectora Wanda Young has formed her Co-ed #4 team for the upcoming weekend on May 17-20, 2012. Team meetings began on March 17th at Crossroad Lutheran and will continue until May 5<sup>th</sup>. As this next Co-ed weekend approaches, I urge everyone to reach out to potential pilgrims and pray about serving as their sponsor to help make this a truly spirit-filled weekend. We are blessed to have a wonderful and dedicated Rectora and team now training in preparation for their weekend. Please continue to provide your prayers and support for the tasks ahead of them, because they will need both.

Remember to set aside the weekend dates on your calendar/schedule so you can assist serving in the kitchen, dining room, and chapel. We will need camp breakdown assistance as we close out the weekend. Paul Smith, who is in charge of physical arrangements, can always use an additional set of helping hands. Please check the palanca charts to see if there is something you can donate or do to enhance the weekend for our pilgrims. Also, I am sure John Klein would want me to remind you that along with the table and pillow palanca being a vital part of the weekend, the most important palanca of all is prayer palanca.

We have an exciting spring ahead. In addition to the Co-ed weekend, please check the list of the upcoming spring Ultreya's. Those who participate in everything will surely be blessed, and in return, you will bless the SNVDC community. Needless to say I am excited about all of the upcoming activities and hope to see you at the April 21th Ultreya at Spirit of Life Lutheran Church in Lake City with the pot luck starting at 5:00.

God Loves You and So Do I,  
Don Long, Lay Director, SNVDC

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***Are you Grouping?***

***Are you sharing  
Christ's love?***

***Are you serving in your  
church?***

***Remember Christ is  
counting on you!***

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## Leadership Training



The spring is here and Co-Ed team #4 is well under way in their team training.

We will soon be announcing future training opportunities for all. The fall weekends will approach quickly and we want to be sure that everyone has a chance to learn about each of the roles that make up a team!

Look for news about the following opportunities to come:

- 101 and 201 training - we go through why the weekend works by reviewing the dynamics and the history.
- Rector / Rectora training - by invitation only, if you are qualified, you will learn more about how to call a team and balance the dynamics.
- Weekend training - this is where you will learn more about the various position requirements
  - o Cha-Cha training - who doesn't want to be a Cha-Cha?
  - o Cook and server training - we need interested parties that can cook for a large group - pull your groupies together and learn how to cook in the kitchen at the camp
  - o Professor training - a great chance to review the methods of writing a rollo and the progression of the weekend

As always, we want and need your feedback. If you think of something that would benefit the community, please let us know.

We look forward to seeing you at the next training session...as all are invited!

Bettilyn Lunetta  
Training and Leadership



## Spiritual Direction

### BE DISCIPLINED

The Scriptures tell us about people who were willing to **discipline** themselves, and thus become God's instruments. That was true of the Patriarchs as well as the Prophets in the OT. It was true of the leaders in the NT. It was true of Jesus himself, for he decided in the very beginning of his ministry when he went through the wilderness temptations, that he would be disciplined. He would not give in to the enticing detours of self-indulgence or power or magic.

One of the lessons we learn on our Via de Cristo is to be disciplined! And all of us who are serious about our commitment must be disciplined. Sharing in our Group Reunion is one way to keep ourselves on track. It is extremely difficult if not almost impossible to do it alone. I read a story a few years ago of a certain member of a congregation who asked her pastor to help her strengthen her relationship with God. The pastor's advice was simple: develop a disciplined devotional life. "Spend part of each day reading the Bible in a systematic way, and then write your prayers and keep a journal." That would take discipline!

Henry Nouwen wrote in his book "Making All Things New": *If we are faithful to our discipline, a new hunger will be made known. This new hunger is the first sign of God's presence.* Discipline is the very essence of faith, and it is the very heart of true happiness. If only we could be more disciplined!

Pastor Dave Winter

# Ultreya Calendar for 2012



**April 21, 2012**

Spirit of LIFE  
2636 New Berlin Road  
Jacksonville, Florida 32226  
(904) 757-9114

**MAY - CO-ED WEEKEND**

**June 2, 2012**

Cross Roads Lutheran  
5101 Lakeshore Drive West  
Fleming Island, Florida 32003  
Secretariat 1:00-3:00  
The Team/Pilgrim Reunion 3:00-5:00  
(904) 264-6575  
Pot Luck 5:00-6:00  
Ultreya 6:00

**July 21, 2012**

Mandarin Lutheran  
11600 San Jose Blvd.  
Jacksonville Florida 32223  
(904) 268-4591

**August 18, 2012**

Trinity Lutheran  
14025 McDuff Ave. S.  
Jacksonville, Florida 32205  
(904) 359-5341

**SEPTEMBER - MEN AND WOMENS #57 WEEKENDS**

**October 13, 2012**

Advent Lutheran  
2156 Loch Rane Blvd  
Orange Park, FL 32073  
Secretariat 1:00-3:00  
The Team/Pilgrim Reunion 3:00-5:00  
904) 272-6370  
Pot Luck 5:00-6:00  
Ultreya 6:00

**November 17, 2012**

Lord of Life  
2801 Frederica Road  
St. Simons Island, Georgia 31522  
(912) 638-4673

**DECEMBER - WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO PARTICIPATE IN YOUR HOME CHURCH'S FESTIVITIES**

## Palanca Needs

Do you remember one of the first funny Spanish words you heard about on your weekend? Palanca was described as a LEVER and the fulcrum of that lever is always PRAYER! We should remember to pray before, during and after creating and presenting any form of Palanca we provide during the weekend. Since prayer is the basis for all Palanca, I list the online Prayer Chain (Prayer Vigil) as our primary need. We are about half way there for COED #4 (May 17-20):

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- > <http://3dayol.org/Vigil/GetVigil.phtml?pvid=6387&commid=311>
- > The above link will take you to the Prayer Chain for COED #4. Please sign up early and often! Don't forget to mark your calendar so you don't forget what time to pray wherever you are. If you have a groupie or know of anybody else who doesn't do email, volunteer to sign them up or contact me and I'll be glad to do it.
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- > The next priority is to feed our Pilgrims. We used to sign up for all kinds of fruits and vegetables, cheese, candy, coffee, soft drinks, and even cigarettes! (I go back a long way)
- > Now we ask for GREEN FOOD PALANCA so the food purchasing team can look for the best buys leading up to the weekends. \$5 will cover a breakfast or lunch, \$10 for dinner or \$20 for a full day. A \$50 donation will cover a pilgrim for the whole weekend. See me at Ultreya to sign up or just email me [jfklein64@gmail.com](mailto:jfklein64@gmail.com) to sign up and then send a check to our treasurer: Tom Culverwell, 3742 Manor Oaks Dr, Jacksonville, FL 32277-9710
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- > We still appreciate Homebaked Palanca: 2 dozen each cookies, muffins and coffee cakes. Let me know how many of each you can deliver to send-off.
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- > Special Palanca includes:
- > Thursday Arrival Snack at send-off: fruit, finger sandwiches, cheese & crackers on 8 trays. Let me know if you can deliver to camp or at send-off.
- > Pilgrim Guide bookcovers
- > Balloon Rainbow-help construct or donate supplies
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- > Physical Arrangements includes:
- > Mark & Load luggage at send-off
- > Van or SUV to haul food/ palanca to camp at send-off

Tear Down-(great Palanca for your Group) show up after lunch on Sunday

- > Kitchen pack-up
- > Move storage boxes to shed
- > Sweep & Mop kitchen & dining floors
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- > Remember- on Coed weekends both men & women can serve meals, serenade and be chapel angels.
- > Rule of thumb for group made palanca: Table palanca-50, Pillow palanca-25 pieces
- > <<http://o.aolcdn.com/cdn.webmail.aol.com/resources/core/images/cool.png>>John Klein-264 6785
- > [jfklein64@gmail.com](mailto:jfklein64@gmail.com)
- > Palanca Chair & Clipboard King



## Pre-Via De Cristo News



De Colores My Brothers and Sisters!

Don't you find yourselves thinking about your weekend? Something you see or hear will set off memories of that special time. You might even catch yourself humming or even singing out loud, that wonderful chicken song! I know I do! I'm sure like myself you wish you could go through the weekend a couple of more times just for a refresher course. If nothing else, just to get that wonderful feeling of being loved by God and so many in the community. Yet we all know, it is only once through as a pilgrim.

That doesn't mean you can't experience it again. One way, is to be on team. So get your team application updated so the Rectors and Rectoras know that you are interested.

Another and more important way is to sponsor a pilgrim. Just to see your sponsored babe chick respond to their weekend will bring back your memories and renew you with that wonderful feeling again. Not only will you feel good, but you will be helping someone else experience an incredible weekend full of God's love.

So, I encourage you to look around your environment (remember that?), and see who you can sponsor on an upcoming weekend. The more the merrier!

You can go on line to <http://www.snvdc.org/links.html> download the applications or call me and I will send you the forms.

God loves you and so do I,  
Karen Kwaak  
Secretariat - Pre-Cursillo  
904-282-1689  
904-759-9205

**Make a friend..... Be a friend.... Bring your friend to Christ**

## Physical Arrangement News

Physical arrangements is requesting the following from the Via De Cristo Community:

If you have a cook team that would like to be part of a team for Co-Ed #4 please contact Paul Smith at [psmith27@bells](mailto:psmith27@bells)

Also, The assistance from the Community during both set-up and tear down is greatly appreciated by both the Physical arrangements team and Co-Ed #4 team. Remember the more help we have the faster we get done.

Thank you,

Paul Smith

## Co-Ed #4 News

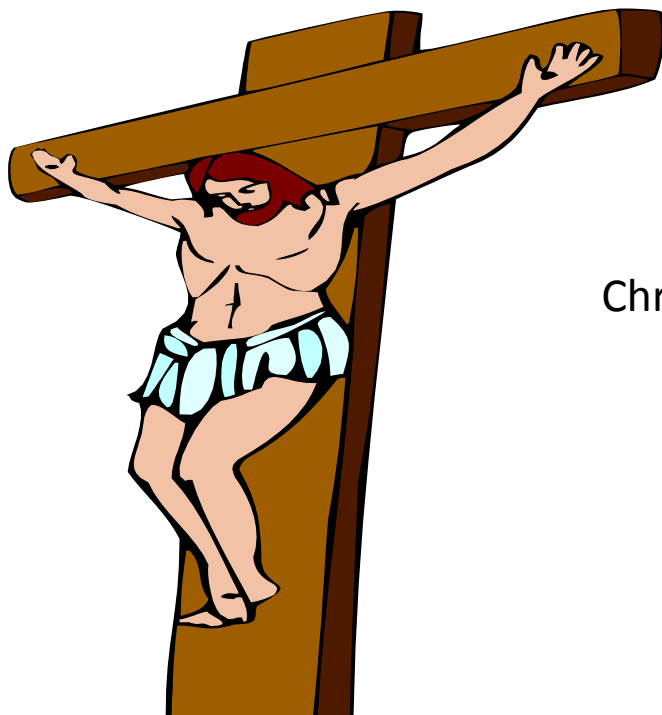
God has blessed us with a fantastic group to work with. The team is shaping up nicely and we have had two team meetings so far. Our first critiques are Saturday, April 21 - time is flying by. One more month and it will be behind us.

We would like to especially request prayers for more pilgrims.

We are look forward to seeing the community come out and serve during mealtime and in the chapel during rollos. You don't need to sign up just show up. Breakfast is served at 8:45 Friday and Saturday and 8:25 on Sunday. You should arrive 30 minutes prior to receive instructions from the Head Servers. Remember both Men and Women can serve meals during a Co-Ed weekend. Come serve breakfast and stay and do chapel palanca for the first rollo. Lunch is served at 1:10 on Friday, 1:50 on Saturday and 12:20 on Sunday. Dinner is served at 7:15 pm on Friday and Saturday and don't forget the serenade on Saturday at 7:40 pm. Meet up with everyone at the chapel out at Camp St. Johns. The time for service begins for you at the Send-off at 7:00pm. The send-off is at Advent Lutheran and so is the closing on Sunday at 5:00 pm. On the following page is a list of team members so you can begin praying for them. The rollo times are next to the rollo name so you know when to come do chapel palanca. Remember, Christ is Counting on you!

God's Peace and Blessings.

Wanda



Christ is counting on you!

# Co-Ed #4 Team

<b>Rectora Wanda Young</b>
<b>Head Cha Cha Ken Davis</b>
<b>Back Up Rectora Lynne McCrork</b>

<b>Head Rollo Room Al Speicher</b>
<b>Table Cha Cha Julie White</b>
<b>Table Cha Cha Melissa Sullivan</b>
<b>Table Cha Cha Laura Rowe</b>
<b>Table Cha Cha Scott Peterson</b>
<b>Table Cha Cha Ted Pappas</b>
<b>Table Cha Cha James Geiger</b>

<b>Head Outside Mark Scoble</b>
<b>Outside Cha Cha Ed Schwartz</b>
<b>Outside Cha Cha</b>
<b>Art Harnack</b>
<b>Head Outside Dorothy Oermann</b>
<b>Outside Cha Cha Kim Baier</b>
<b>Outside Cha Cha Twila Rhodes</b>

<b>Music Cha Cha Al Speicher</b>
<b>Chapel Cha Cha Adam Hopkins</b>
<b>Chapel Cha Cha Harriet Bryant</b>
<b>Mail Room Cha Byron Bollingberg</b>
<b>Mail Room Cha Diane Geiger</b>
<b>Head Server Chuck Rogers</b>
<b>Head Server Beverly Jackson-Davis</b>

## Friday Rollos

<b>10:30 am Ideal Rollo Sylvia Meister</b>
<b>12 noon Habitual Grace</b>
<b>2:00 pm Laymen Rollo Jenny Barnekow</b>
<b>3:35 pm Actual Grace</b>
<b>5:20 pm Piety Rollo John Mahoney</b>

## Saturday Rollos

<b>9:40 am Study Rollo Dottie Schwartz</b>
<b>11:05 am Days In The Life</b>
<b>2:35 pm Action Rollo Jim Kwaak</b>
<b>4:05 pm Obstacles To Grace</b>
<b>5:50 pm Leaders Rollo Jason Merritt</b>

## Sunday Rollos

<b>9:10 am Environment Tim Davis</b>
<b>10:05 am Life In Grace</b>
<b>1115 am Christian Community in Action Phil Jacobs</b>
<b>1:10 pm Total Security Les &amp; Ann Proehl</b>
<b>Associate Professor Sheri Harnack</b>
<b>Associate Professor Laura Mahoney</b>

<b>Lead Spirtual Director Pastor Jim Graeser</b>
<b>Ass't Spirtual Director Pastor Dave Winter</b>
<b>Ass't Spirtual Director Pastor Ellen Cross</b>

