



As The Rooster Crows...

Sonshine North Via de Cristo official Newsletter



Welcome - A Message from Your Director

Decolores!! Welcome to the new babe chicks from COED weekend #10!! What an awesome weekend we just finished up with. Rectora Beverly, the rest of the team and all 11 babe chicks came back from camp on Sunday, April 22nd with a renewed spirit and better understanding of God's amazing love and grace. I think that is the reason that we, as a community, work so hard to put these weekends on. Galatians 6:9 says, "And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up".

Reminds me of the famous saying "bloom where you're planted".

But our involvement should not just center around the weekends. It's the 4th day that we really should be focused on and encouraging one another to sustain and maintain a healthy and closer spiritual relationship with Christ and with one another. It's through grouping and participating in monthly ultreyas (or gatherings) that we keep the "weekend experience" alive. Although I enjoy seeing and

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Messages from Your Spiritual Directors

In 1940, Professor J. Edwin Orr believed it would be a good idea to take his seminary students to visit some of the historic sites where revival had been conceived in the church. The first site they visited was the Epworth home of John Wesley in England. When they went into John Wesley's bedroom, there were two worn impressions in the floor by his bed. Orr explained to his students that John Wesley had spent hours there on his knees praying for England's social and spiritual renewal.

As students were getting back on the bus to go to the next site, Professor Orr noticed that a student was missing. Going back upstairs, he found one young man kneeling in the same spot as John Wesley, praying, "Oh Lord, do it again! Do it again!" Orr placed his hand on the student's shoulder and said gently, "Come on, Billy, we must be going." Rising, Billy Graham got up and joined the other students on the bus.

As we all know, Billy Graham was likely the greatest evangelist of our time and brought revival and renewal to the church around the world. It all started with one simple prayer. More than ever our world needs revival and the church still needs renewal today. That is why our Via de Cristo weekends are so important.

God will do it again if we are committed to praying. The Bible says to pray in the spirit, on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. All it takes is one man or one woman to stand in the gap and pray. Will you commit yourself to praying for revival and renewal in the church today?

Do it again, Lord! Do it again!

Blessings, Pastor Tommie

working with folks in our community when we are on team together, it saddens me that I never or very rarely see some of these people at an ultreya. The Secretariat has been working hard to get our ultreya dates back on track to be held every 3rd Saturday of the month (except for June, July and December when we usually do not have one). With the further exception of the ultreya following the Team/Pilgrim Reunion for the upcoming 2018 Fall weekends which will actually take place on the 4th Saturday in October, you should be able to count on all other ultreyas to be held on the 3rd Saturday of the month going forward.

Knowing this in advance, why not mark your calendars now and save those dates so that you can strengthen your 4th day walk and fellowship with other brothers and sisters in Christ whom you may not have seen in a while.

Remember another famous saying, "an isolated Christian is a paralyzed Christian". Hope to see you all at an ultreya soon. God loves you and so do I!

Sylvia Meister

Lay Director

Con't Messages from Your Spiritual Directors

Welcome New Pilgrims!

We are so happy to welcome our new group of pilgrims from Coed Weekend #10 to our community. We pray that your weekend was inspiring and transformational.

It is our hope that you have returned to your churches and are excited about serving the Lord in your own church. If you do not have a church home, we hope you will visit one of the churches in our Sonshine North Community or one near you and find a church with which to worship and serve the Lord. From the beginning days of the church, believers devoted themselves to praising God, studying God's word, to communion, prayer, fellowship, giving to those in need and sharing things in common. (Acts 2:42-47).

We also pray that you will find an accountability group to walk along side you in your journey as a Christian. As was shared on your weekend, we have found that a small group of Christian friends is what most helps get us through the struggles we face and celebrate the joys of life. You can reach out to your sponsor or any of us to help you find a group.

We look forward to seeing you at our future Ultreyas as we persevere together in our Christian walk and hope you will want to serve on an upcoming Via de Cristo team.

May God bless your 4th day.

God loves you and so do we!

*Your Spiritual Directors,
Pastor Tommie Darm &
Pastor Robert Kinley*

De Colores



A Message from Your Assistant Lay Director

Greeting to our community where ever you may be.

I say that because it seems like our send off and closings are becoming attended by fewer and fewer. I remember my sendoff and especially my closing where I felt such love of a community. I remember people singing to send us off to the unknown and then the eye opener of all the people welcoming us when we returned for closing. This community feeling is a big part of what has kept me going through my 4th day walk, as I am sure it has been for many of you.

I know everyone cannot attend all functions and that's ok. I just don't want our community dwindling and not giving our future pilgrims the support in which we were blessed with. Reach into your memories and pull out those blessed feelings and lets amp up our support! I myself feel a renewed blessing when I attend and support each function of Via De Cristo.

God Love You and So Do I,

Karen Kwaak

Post Via de Cristo News

Welcome everyone. My name is AL Speicher and I am your SNVDC Post-Via De Cristo, Chair Person. There are a few items I would like to share with you as you continue your Fourth Day Walk.

I encourage everyone to stay connected to both the SNVDC activities and your church.

Grouping is an important aspect to continuing your Fourth Day Walk. Please meet with your sponsor to find a Group for you. If you need assistance in finding a Group, please contact me, my information is below. Ultreyas are an excellent way to keep in contact with other SNVDC members in our community. We have a monthly schedule posted on our website. Our Ultreyas have alternating times to meet. We vary between a lunch or an evening event. So check our website calendar regularly.

Please take time to meet with your pastors soon to let them know how much this weekend has meant to you. Ask them for ideas on how you can best serve in your church. This is an important aspect to your Fourth Day Walk.

Remember to be a leader and "bloom where you are planted"!

Do you know of someone whose life would be enriched by attending a weekend? Sponsoring a Pilgrim is a wonderful opportunity to watch someone bloom in God's love in just a few days! Just as the SNVDC community has supported you on your weekend, you can sponsor someone. There are new Pilgrim applications and a 'Sponsors Statement of Commitment' document in the packets you received at the Team/Pilgrim Reunion. These forms are also available on our website. If you have questions, please send me an email or call. May you continue to be richly blessed as you continue your Fourth Day.

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Palanca

What is Palanca?

Palanca is a Spanish word that means, "Lever." Just as a lever enables a person to move something, which is beyond normal strength, Palanca empowers the accomplishment of things, which would not be possible without the Grace of God.

It is a wonderful encouragement to the Pilgrims to remind them that they are being uplifted in loving prayer throughout the weekend. I want to thank everyone who signed up for the Prayer Vigil. It was completely filled for the entire weekend. Someone was always praying for the Pilgrims, team and all who came to serve! The Prayer Vigil for the Fall Men and Women weekends are ready to be filled! Please consider signing up! You will receive an email to remind you closer to the weekend. Here are the links:

Womens:

<http://www.3dayol.org/Vigil/GetVigil.phtml?pvid=14549&commid=311>

Mens:

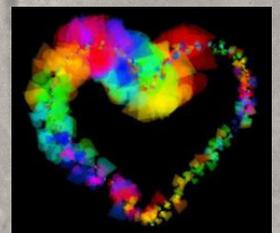
<http://www.3dayol.org/Vigil/GetVigil.phtml?pvid=14550&commid=311>

Thank you to all who sent Palanca for the weekend, be it food, soda, pillow or table Palanca! Your loving spirit shown through with your donations. The National Via de Cristo Gathering is in July and Palanca will be needed for this weekend also! Sonshine North is head of hospitality, so be on the lookout for opportunities to help.

Your Palanca Chair,

Diane Varner

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BIG Summer Events

You will hear more about these events soon, but get them on your calendars now!



*June 16th – Luther Springs – 4th Day
Family Fun Day Picnic 10:00 to 4:00*

*An Invitation from Joe Malone
the National Lutheran Delegate
for Sonshine North Via de Cristo.*

*Mark your calendars now for the annual gathering:
July 26th-29th 2018
In sunny Palm Beach Florida - Atlantic University*

*Christian Fellowship, Uplifting Worship
Developmental Workshops, Inspiring Speakers
Enjoying the gifts of the Holy Spirit*

This is also a great opportunity to meet others in the Via de Cristo community from all over the US and Canada.

This would be a retreat weekend or an overnight getaway or you can just come for the day.

Registration details are now available. Please review the link below.

This link is to the registration forms and on these forms it will talk about cost. Cost is based on length of stay, meals, Etc.

http://www.goldcoastviadecristo.org/nls_meeting.html (Florida residency registration is located at the bottom of the page).

****SonShine North will be responsible for providing Hospitality and Communion during this weekend. If you would like to help with hospitality, such as providing store bought snacks, greeting or anything else for hospitality please let Sabrina Anderson Harding or Bettilyn Lunetta know. If you would like to assist with communion please let Paul Lunetta know at paullunetta@comcast.net.*

*COME JOIN THE FUN!!!!
God loves you and so do I!*



*August 18th – Middleburg UMC –
Combined Ultreya/Gathering with Emmaus
Community*

A message From Rectora Beverly

The Sonshine North Via de Christo co-ed weekend #10 welcomed four men and seven women Pilgrims into this community of workers for Christ. We know that each Pilgrim experienced the weekend differently from all their fellow Pilgrims. We know that there were tears and laughter. And questions; lots and lots of questions. And we know that each Pilgrim was led to see Christ in a different, but brighter and more compelling way.

The Team was fabulous as always. Woven into the Team framework was a promise made to each other that we would work so closely together that everything would be seamless. Each and everyone was a star who brought something to the weekend that, if it had no been there, the weekend wouldn't have been as great as it was.

I learned that, as the Rectora, the hardest part was the time before the first Team meeting when I still thought I was still in control and that it all depended on me. Once I moved on from that misconception the weekend was a blast!

*Beverly Davis
Rectora Co Ed 10*

Co-Ed #10 Photo



What a great looking bunch!!

Pilgrims:**Male:**

Bob [Barto](#)
 Archie Hansford
 Gerry King
 Tony [Kwaak](#)

Female:

Patti [Barto](#)
 Michelle Duncan
 Bobbie [Febbo](#)
 April Isenberg
 Jeanie King
[Babbs](#) Radcliff
 Michelle Stephens

Team Members:**Rectora**

Beverly Davis

Back up Rectora

Mary [Bollinger](#)

Head Cha

Chuck Rogers

Head Rollo Room/Music Cha

Marie Allen

Table Cha's

Faith Halvorsen

Mike [Vrban](#)

Rachel [Poppel](#)

Bryon [Bollinger](#)

Brenda Nevitt

Wayne Hubert

Co Head Out Side Chas

Jenny [Winter](#)

Jerry [Belks](#)

Out Side Chas

Deanna Ordonez

George [Scoble](#)

Paul Halvorsen

[Chrisandra](#) Karstetter

Co Head Chapel

Twila [Rhodes](#)

Phil Jacobs

Chapel Runner

James Cooper

Mail Room

Judy Hassler

Asst Mail & Snack Room

Kasey Napoli

Snack Cha

Tom [Touw](#), Sr.

Co Dining Room Cha's

Genia Bryant

Tom Allen

Ideal Rollo

Karen [Kwaak](#)

Lavity Rollo

Don Weeks

Piety Rollo

Jim [Kwaak](#)

Study Rollo

Kerry Underwood

Action Rollo

Joey Ratiiff

Leaders Rollo

Kathy Ordonez

Environment Rollo

Don Long

C.C.I.A Rollo

Joanne Martin

Associate Professors

Al Decker

Kitty Howell

Gerri Buchanan

Lead Spiritual Director

Pastor Robert Kinley

Associate Spiritual Leaders

Pastor Joy [Bolander](#)

Pastor Neil [Avirett](#)

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 Sonshine Norht Via de Cristo - Public Page*

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www.SNVDC.ORG*

*Email at:
snvdcfl@gmail.com*