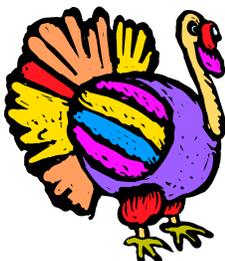




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Decolores!

The fall weekends have come and gone. Thank you so much to everyone who served these weekends by being on team, helping with meals, hosting meetings, supplying palanca, and most of all, lifting everyone with your prayers. Thank you to those who braved the cold for Saturday Songs and who made it to Send-offs and Closuras. In this issue, we will hear surprising news from the Weekend Chair, prepare for Ultreya, welcome Babe Chicks, and hear from one of our fall Rectors. Anyone who would like to contribute to the newsletter is very welcome! Articles can be emailed to: news4inkyvdc@gmail.com.

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Upcoming Weekends

#21 Coed South
March 12-15, 2014
Camp Lakeview
Seymour, IN

Just for Laughs-Thanksgiving style

It's the day before Thanksgiving, and the butcher is just locking up when a man begins pounding on the front door. "Please let me in," says the man desperately. "I forgot to buy a turkey, and my wife will kill me if I don't come home with one." "Okay," says the butcher. "Let me see what I have left." He goes into the freezer and discovers that there's one last scrawny turkey left. He brings it out to show the man. "That one is too skinny. What else you got?" says the man. The butcher takes the bird back into the freezer and waits a few minutes and brings the same turkey back out to the man. "Oh, no," says the man, "That one doesn't look any better. You better give me both of them!"

TADPOLE



A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



And he said: "I tell you the truth, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven."
- MATTHEW 18:3 NIV

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From our Weekend Chair

Greetings from the Weekend Chair!

As you're reading this letter, we rejoice in another wonderful year of weekends. Every year, it is so powerful to see the pilgrims (and team) experiencing such amazing weekends. With another dynamic year behind us, we look forward to another promising year of life changing weekends. In 2014, we certainly experienced unique and Spirit filled weekends full of grace and love but also filled with challenges. Our Lord Jesus was surely present guiding and walking with us through those difficulties.

I personally experienced one of the most difficult challenges during the South Men's weekend # 72. I'm sure it challenged Rector Steve Siroky, when we experienced an ice storm at Camp Lakeview. As Sunday morning dawned, we were graced with steps, sidewalks and streets of solid ice. Walking out of my cabin, I almost fell multiple times as I trekked my way to the showers. Many thoughts and concerns were spinning around, how would we safely get to the chapel and dining hall? Would we have a Closura and would we be able to leave the camp going up hills of ice? The Lord was right there leading us through it all.

During Weekend # 64, I served as the head kitchen cha and Kevin Booker brought his insulated mobile container for us to use called a "Cambro". This portable hot box keeps food steaming hot for hours and by using aluminum pans allows for easy cooking and clean up. One was finally supplied for Camp Lakeview that we used during the past spring weekend (its available for future weekends). We would later realize how helpful it would indeed be. Under the leadership of Brian Schwarz, we were able to serve a hot breakfast and lunch in the Rollo room far away from the dining hall.

The Lord certainly was with us as we spent most of the day in the Rollo room. As the ice melted we were able to hold the Closura, without the community and finally were able to leave for home. The Lord protected us all as we traveled back home to our families. It was a powerful weekend as we overcame every challenge presented before us!

Why tell you this story of struggle? We have a challenge before us! As you know that we have experienced a reduced attendance over the past years. Of course increasing the number count is not the primary objective but wouldn't you want more pilgrims to experience the amazing presence of our Lord during a Via de Cristo weekend? Even if there was one pilgrim during a weekend, it would still be an amazing weekend but that would not be the best use of our resources as good stewards of our Lord.

In light of this challenge, we on the Secretariat are embarking upon a rediscover / recommit campaign to re-energize our movement. By creating regional, area and church coordinators, we are confident this will create the spark of communication and revitalization needed to increase our 4th day involvement. While we work toward renewing a more active 4th day, we have decided as a trial run to have one spring coed weekend at Camp Lakeview in 2015.

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*Walking
Together
With
Christ*

From our Weekend Chair (cont.)



The dates for the Spring Coed weekend are March 12th through 15th. The Secretariat is actively seeking to re-establish a Coed weekend in the Spring up north, Lord willing.

Our normal schedule will resume for the 2015 fall dates, additional information is forthcoming. We truly believe that communication is crucial to the renewal of Via De Cristo. I personally challenge each and every member of the INKY VDC community to study the Word regularly, participate in Reunion Groups, perform service projects, help with worship services (lector, communion assistant, usher, etc.) and hold each other accountable for our actions. These steps will help us to fully participate in our 4th Day as we Walk as Christ would have us do and as we are **Walking Together With Christ!**

GLYASDI,
John London
Weekend Chair

Rector's Report

These Rector's Reports come courtesy of Linda Dauss and Steve Stewart. Linda was the Rector for the Fall Women's North team, #73. Steve was the Rector for the Fall Men's North team, #72.



Women's VDC #73 was an amazing God Filled weekend.

The team and new pilgrims all learned if you didn't know the answer to a question, you can always answer with, "JESUS". God's love and servant's hearts were present the entire weekend. We all wanted to be a sheep "BAH, BAH. There were tears, laughter and a abundance of God's love. Did I mention God's love was present? You could see it, in everyone's eyes.

Thank you all who said prayers, gave palanca, and gave of yourself to make this weekend possible. Well done good and faithful servants.

God's love to you, it was a fantastic weekend.

Linda Dauss

Men's Via de Cristo weekend # 72 was a wonderful, God filled weekend, full of men sharing their faith joyfully in prayer, service and song!

What could be better on this side of heaven? Our God **IS** an awesome God! He was present in the hearts of all the men that attended this weekend. Amen?

Oh yea and "AAARRGGHH" we had some laughter and fun too!

It was my honor and blessing to be the Rector of Men's weekend # 72.

Thank you all for your prayers and support.

Steve Stewart
Rector Men's VDC # 72



And the babe chicks...

New Pilgrims

We have many new pilgrims since our last newsletter. Please join us in welcoming the new pilgrims from our fall weekends.

Men's North #72

Rector: Steve Stewart

Bob Donahue
Jim Ficorilli
Steve Karapantos
Scott Mauch
Roland Pruett
Chris Taylor
Zach Zimmerman

Women's North #73

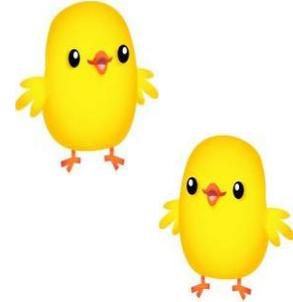
Rector: Linda Dauss

Dantra Finkler
Amy Gerl
Alissa Knepple
Barbara Knepple
Theresa Mandery
Suzie Dee Pardue
Patricia Rosner
Pam Ramsey
Janet Sundt

Coed South # 20

Rector: Bill White

Eva Amonette
Marieta Fargo Boone
Greg Branson
Mari Dew
Norman Dew
Jackie Hack
Daniel Hof
Tina Hof
Patt Koeneman
Tim Leeson
Linda Michaelis
Barbara Preston



Ultreya

The INKY Via de Cristo will hold its annual meeting in conjunction with the Ultreya to be held **Saturday November 8, 2014. Fellowship will begin at 1:30. The meeting will convene at 2 pm at Pleasant View Lutheran Church located at 801 West 73rd St., Indianapolis, IN.**

At this meeting, INKY will conduct elections to fill the three Secretariat positions whose terms expire this year. This election is open to all who have attended a Via de Cristo weekend.

The positions coming open are:

Spiritual Director Palanca Chair Secretary

Additional nominations will be accepted from the floor from duly qualified candidates. All members of our community are urged to prayerfully consider if they may feel Our Lord nudging their heart to step forward and offer themselves for service in any meaningful way. If you have any questions about serving on secretariat, contact a member via email or phone. You can find contact info on the web site www.inkyvdc.org.

Our elections are not about winners and losers but about offering our service to God by saying, "Here I am Lord. Use me as you choose."

Come find courage to continue onward! Come be renewed with the Spirit! Embrace your community and help us welcome new babe chicks! Consider car-pooling if you have a long distance to drive. You will be happy you came!

