Thanks to Pr. David Darling for his support to Via de Cristo & hosting the Spring Ultreya. And THANK YOU to the Holland area VdC Community for providing a bountiful meal & all the smiles & HUGS!! Such a fulfilling day, filled with GOD & family.

I know we are all busy with the busy-ness of life these days; however, taking the time to attend was such a blessing for all. Our prayers are for all of our VdC Brothers & Sisters to make the time to attend one of the upcoming VdC events! With the July 9th Service Ultreya to the Fall Weekends – Send-off or Serenade or Closura, won’t you prayerfully consider joining us in service to GOD?

Watch for the “VdC Email Blasts” with all the info to keep you in the know about upcoming events!!

GOD Loves YOU and So Do I!

Cheryl P. Inskeep

VdC Spring Ultreya

What a grand & glorious day April 9th was as we traveled to Holland, Indiana for our INKY VdC Spring Ultreya!!

(The new part of 69, south of Bloomington, had just opened up! It was pristine – hardly any traffic – very few road signs – no billboards – NO rest areas!)

We were hosted by St. James Lutheran Church in their newly renovated Sanctuary. What a beautifully done restoration. I encourage you to stop in & have a look for yourselves. The history of the church is amazing. There aren’t many older churches that have been lovingly restored & this one certainly has been.

What a BLESSING to have 60+ in attendance!! A grand reunion group for sure, greeting old friends & new friends & seeing how the little ones have grown - our VdC Community continues to support one another in prayers & service to our Heavenly Father.

National VdC Weekend

This year the National VdC weekend is in Sylvania, Ohio up near Toledo from July 21-24. The more the merrier and since it is relatively close. We are hoping some folks from the community can go.

Attending a National Gathering is like serving on a weekend only without any responsibility (for the most part). Worship, fellowship, listening to speakers on our walk with the Lord and breakout sessions on how to improve our local VDC. All that and more!

Pr. Doug Givan

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Find out more about National VdC Weekend using the link at the InKyVdC web site

Secretariat News

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the members of our churches, schools, work environments, etc. to collect items to be packed. We hope that each person attending will bring some items on the list to be included in the packs. Our afternoon will include the opportunity to pray over these palanca packs, a sing-a-long, fellowship time, hugs, smiles, snacks and a meal after our work is finished. The Ziplock gallon bags will be provided. We will have 1,000 bags to fill. Not all of the bags will have the same things in them. If you can provide 50 items, we’ll use it! If you can provide 100 items, we’ll use it! If you can provide 500 items, we’ll use it! Whatever you bring, we’ll use it! Below are suggestions but the possibilities are endless. Nuts, small packs of peanut butter, chips, crackers, small juice bottles, ramen noodles, tuna and crackers, Vienna sausages, gummies, trail mix, playing cards, socks, nail clippers, toothpaste, toothbrush, liquid soap, wet wipes, protein bars, granola bars, journals, puzzle books, coloring books and crayons, cheese and crackers. We are hoping to get some help coordinating the different areas of the service project gathering.

**Food coordination** – we will need snacks and drinks. KOG will provide the meal.

**Sing-a-long coordination** – perhaps someone to contact various musicians to come together to play and lead songs. If everyone brings a few of the Pilgrims Guides they have tucked away – the songs should be covered.

**Spread the Word** – perhaps reunion groups could sponsor some items. Call someone you were on team with and see if they would be interested. Perhaps a church community might be interested in sponsoring some items.

**Receivers** – Suggestions are welcome for organizations where the palanca will go. Let us know if you are willing to help, have any questions or additions. To help us plan, please RSVP to Bob & Cheryl Inskeep at communications@InKyVdC.org and put ‘SERVICE ULTREYA RSVP’ in the subject line. In the email tell us who you are, how many are coming and if you can bring something for the packs. **RSVP**

Just so you know – Saturday at 5:01 is the KOG 501 service. It’s a “come as you are” service. Anyone who wishes to attend is invited.

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**In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’**

Acts 20:35 (NIV)

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### The Service Ultreya Challenge

We are asking people to sign up for an item that they will be challenging their church or reunion group communities to bring to the service project. Can you add to this or do you have another pledge? Contact Bob & Cheryl Inskeep @ communications@InKyVdC.org to update the Challenge on the [Web](#).

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Romans 12:12 – Be Joyful in HOPE, Patient in Affliction, Faithful in Prayer; what a wonderful Scripture to initiate and close Women’s VdC Weekend #75! The journey started with discerning the call to be Rector and God’s plan to teach me a new level of trust and being open to His leading. The trust was for allowing Him to prepare the way for each detail and person to be called to serve on team, the pilgrims to attend, being in community partnership, and most of all – being in prayer faithfully was a lesson and blessing beyond measure. Every detail throughout the entire process was covered with prayer and community support. As I began to pray for guidance on assembling a team, God lead me to pray for all teams and Pilgrims of my initial weekend in 2005 and subsequent 11 servant weekends. With the numerous people I came into contact through VdC, He graciously brought forth many names to ponder and discern. Although many of these wonderful people were unable to serve, we were able to reconnect and reflect on the blessings of our VdC journeys. Through His blessing and trust, my prayers expanded beyond my own limits and ability. By giving Praise and Thanks, He formed His team of 36 Servant Hearts who were willing to serve and extend grace, love and compassion. As a willing team we began preparing our servant hearts to share the message of Love, HOPE and Grace. HOPE was the theme that God laid on my heart and the acronym, H.O.P.E. – (He Offers Peace Everyday) and singing the words of the Hymn, “Blessed Assurance” helped to galvanize the team during our meetings that forged a bond and united our hearts in service. The team and the entire INKY VdC community joined together by extending invitations to women God placed on their hearts to attend. As days and weeks went by we were blessed as God added to the numbers who would attend and 23 Pilgrims accepted the invitation to Women’s Weekend #75. The joy extended beyond the numbers as we witnessed God’s work in the lives around us. It has been said by the team that it was a “Great VdC Weekend.” Well, I have not been on a weekend that was not “great!” My new quote is: “A Great Weekend is the weekend you are serving!” Serving may be physically as a team member, extending an invitation, sponsoring a pilgrim, attending send-off, serenade, closura, prayer palanca and so much more. The opportunities are limitless if you have HOPE and allow God to take the lead. As I pondered on the weekend I felt a sense of awe as I saw grace overflowing by a dedicated team and accepted by wonderful pilgrims who were open to receiving this blessing of love. As God orchestrated every facet of the weekend it was hard not to anticipate, even though we tell pilgrim’s not to anticipate, as part of our VdC nomenclature. But, as the weekend unfolded it was like every piece of the puzzle was placed in its proper place with the fingerprint of God and I was excited to see every move that was made! The result was God richly blessing 23 pilgrims through the servant hands and feet of 36 team members in conjunction with a loving VdC Community. This Grace filled weekend left an endearing mark of Christ’s ultimate love for us and the excitement of HOPE for the future as He prepared our willingness to share this Good News with the world. My final thoughts are – well as you might guess – HOPE. We have HOPE that future weekends will be secured by the seeds that were planted at this VdC Weekend. Our churches and communities will be impacted by these women who came together for 72 hours to learn about and accept grace as the unmerited love of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. What better HOPE can we have than that! So, “be joyful in HOPE, patient in affliction, and faithful in prayer.” Blessings of Love, HOPE and Sonshine

Debbie Kloos
Women’s #75 Rector
I want to go back and visit Epworth Forest camp in North Webster, Indiana. It’s the camp where I made my weekend, and where I have served a number of teams. The memories are countless, the images still very moving, the experience the most incredible in my life. I hope you can also remember your original weekend, and the sight, sounds, and smells of the Spirit of our Lord.

A favorite memory is the chapel where we held worship, and the times I’ve kneeled at the Altar rail. The great food in the dining room surrounded by a warm fire and the fellowship of many. The view of the lake and having Sunday morning worship lake side all great memories. I remember commandeering the golf cart and chasing the geese only to get in “trouble” by the Rector…

On the Friday morning of my weekend I asked one of the Pastor’s to come and pray with me. The two of us, in the chapel, birds chirping, the smell of wine and candle wax from the just-held worship service, and prayer. Tears, pain, struggle all left at the feet of Jesus. A part of our Fourth day our Service Sheets invite us to have an Altar visit from time to time. Some evening after a meeting or service go back into your sanctuary and go to the altar area. Just pause. Just quiet your mind. Listen to God.

The Altar visit always alters our way of thinking and it happens every time we partake in Holy Communion and/or prayer. As you reflect back on your weekend with me there is something hard we must do. We have to let that wonderful, inspiring memory go. We have to thank God for all the experiences, for all the prayers, for all the memories, and then go and make new ones.

Plan to come in July to our National Gathering in northern Ohio and make new memories. Come and participate in “new” worship, prayer, and visiting the altar. Come, the table is being prepared and all our invited and welcomed!

May our God of the Day of Pentecost move us to make new memories, new friends, and to serve in new ways in our local and national Via de Cristo. I’ll leave the golf cart alone if you’ll come with me to the altar…

GLYASDI,
Pr. Doug Givan
NLS Spiritual Director
An elderly lady was well-known for her faith and for her boldness in talking about it. She would stand on her front porch and shout "PRAISE THE LORD!"

Next door to her lived an atheist who would get so angry at her proclamations he would shout, "There ain't no Lord!!"

Hard times set in on the elderly lady, and she prayed for GOD to send her some assistance. She stood on her porch and shouted, "PRAISE THE LORD, GOD I NEED FOOD!! I AM HAVING A HARD TIME. PLEASE LORD, SEND ME SOME GROCERIES!!"

The next morning the lady went out on her porch and noted a large bag of groceries and shouted, "PRAISE THE LORD."

The neighbor jumped from behind a bush and said, "Aha! I told you there was no Lord. I bought those groceries, God didn’t."

The lady started jumping up and down and clapping her hands and said, "PRAISE THE LORD. He not only sent me groceries, but He made the devil pay for them. Praise the Lord!"

A little boy opened the big and old family Bible with fascination, and looked at the old pages as he turned them. Suddenly, something fell out of the Bible, and he picked it up and looked at it. It was an old leaf from a tree that had been pressed in between the pages.

"Momma, look what I found," the boy called out.

"What have you got there, dear?" his mother asked.

With astonishment in the young boy’s voice, he answered: "I think it’s Adam’s suit!"
The heart and essence of the Via de Cristo is to bring Christians to a full awareness of what is meant by living the life of Grace, adding new strength and vitality to their Christianity.

The purpose of the Via De Cristo is to develop in Christians a consciousness of their Power and Mission to become leaders in Christian renewal, and the desire to continue to live the life of Grace, personally and together with their brothers and sisters in Christ.

Prayers...
Thank you GOD for the Fall Rectors hearing Your Call to serve You & Your lambs, on the 2016 Fall Weekends — Rectors Jeff Warning, Yvonne Stewart, and Robin Schwarz.
Thank you GOD as You form the 2016 INKY VdC Fall Weekend-Teams & Pilgrims.
Prayers for — the VdC Community, July—Service Ultreya, supporting the Fall Weekends, those sponsoring Pilgrims.

For All Service Men & Women & their Families, Past, Present & Future, as We Honor & Thank Them for Their Sacrifice to God & Our Country.

Cheryl Inskeep knows 60-1 personally.

If you have urgent prayer request please email the Communications Chair, Bob and Cheryl Inskeep at communications@inkyvdc.org. If you wish to include your phone number, it will remain confidential.