

# Living Water Via De Cristo News

## March/April 2009 Issue 144

ULTREYA! – April 4, 2009  
Hosted by St. Paul's, Sterling, IL  
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Here are the directions

1. From Interstate I-80 to Route 40 North
2. You will go through Rock Falls and cross the river and will be in Sterling
3. Turn right on 3<sup>rd</sup> street
4. Turn left on 16<sup>th</sup> Ave

Potluck begins at 5:30 with services to follow  
Bring a dish to share and your own table service  
Nursery is provided for children up to age 5



### UPCOMING DATES

**Team Meeting – April 4, 2009 – Rock River Christian Camp**

**Ultreya – April 4, 2009 - St. Paul's, Sterling, IL**

**Men's Weekend – April 16 – 19 - Rock River Christian Camp**

**Women's Weekend – April 23 -26, 2009 - Rock River Christian Camp**

**FROM THE LAY DIRECTOR(S) ...**

Grace and Peace to Everyone,

Isn't it great to see robins again!

Spring is just around the corner, and then we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and Savior. It is by our Savior's blood that we are set free of our sins. And it is by that same blood that we will be doing our best in helping others to come into a closer relationship with Jesus.

We have two teams that are in the process of completing their training sessions and then they will be ready to do God's will. We still have lots of room for more candidates so don't forget to ask friends and family members if they would like to attend.

We wish to encourage everyone to attend the send-offs, serenades and Clausuras. And if you can assist with tear-down of the camp on Sunday of the women's weekend, it would be a tremendous help to our weekend chair.

Our new retreat site, Rock River Christian Camp, has some rocky walkways so be prepared with a pair of shoes that won't cause you any problems.

God loves you and so do we,  
Jim and Lynn Shaw

**FROM THE ASSISTANT LAY DIRECTORS . . .**

Have you ever been given a job or school assignment that at the time seemed impossible? We can both say that we have found ourselves in that situation. Questions of how, why, and when begin to surface. You may find yourself overwhelmed. Why was I given this assignment? What is the purpose of this? Is this fair that I'm the one that has to do this, or figure this out? After the initial shock, reality sets in, and you know that somehow you have to figure out a way to do your best to complete the assignment. After all, it is your assignment, and you've been entrusted to get it done. If you're like us, you understand that the power of prayer is remarkable in accomplishing the task. Does it mean it always goes smoothly and perfectly? No, but with confidence, we have faith that God is supporting us in the endeavor. He will place people and resources in our lives to help us. He will be with us every step of the way.

As the Men and Women's LWVDC #39 Weekends edge closer on the calendar, all of us in the LWVDC Community are faced with many questions about how the weekend will all work out at Rock River Christian Camp in Polo. In whatever way you are participating, you may have questions of how, why, and when everything will work out. Baltasar Gracian once said, "Great ability develops and reveals itself increasingly with every new assignment." God has given us a new assignment. We must reveal our patience, kindness, knowledge, and understanding to one another as we face possible challenges on this first weekend at this new location. Ultimately, God is in control, and one of our main assignments is to pray for wisdom to serve obediently and faithfully. We have leaders that have been working diligently to iron out the details of the weekend. We must also remember that God has chosen this weekend and this camp for the candidates that will attend. He will be with us every step of the way. That's His promise.

Praying for Wisdom, Jim & Debbie Case

## **FROM THE RECTOR**

I strongly suspect that all who have been involved in selection of a VdC team have come away thinking that God has put together a super team for that weekend. I'm certainly in that camp. I was before our first team training session and am even more so after three sessions for #39 are in the books. An awesome group of men He has assembled!!

As we all know, we're going to a new facility this spring—Rock River Christian Camp, located north & west of Polo. RRCC (and BTW is located no where near the Rock River) is posing some challenges. Challenges, we are confident, that will be nicely accommodated for the weekend.

Keeping in mind that this is being written about a month before the men's weekend, this is what we can expect at RRCC:

- A) Directions to the camp can be found by going to our website [www.livingwaterviadechristo.org](http://www.livingwaterviadechristo.org) and linking to RRCC. While it may seem to be located off the beaten path, driving directions to the camp are extremely easy: first, go to Dixon, then take Rte. 26 north thru Dixon and past Polo until you come to Rte. 64 west, then turn left (west) and go just over three miles till you're there. There are three driveways into the camp from Rte 64.
- B) The send-off will be held in the largest and newest camp building (dining hall) which is located next to the office. Ample parking is available along the gravel service lane adjacent to the dining hall and office.
- C) The serenade will be handled much differently that has been done in the past. We ask all serenaders meet no later than 6:00 PM Saturday at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Polo, which you pass on Rte. 26 going to the camp. Women serenaders will be greeted by Pr. Terrie (who is Pastor there) and Rectora Teri who are both familiar with the lay of the land.

When the men's team and candidates go from the Rollo room to the dining hall for dinner, cell phone calls will be made immediately from the camp alerting Pr. Terri and Rectora Teri at St. Mark's—that will be the signal for serenaders to “mount up and immediately caravan to the camp.”

Upon reaching RRCC, which should be a 15 minute trip, serenaders will be met by a cadre of men wearing fluorescent vests and shining flashlights who will guide vehicles from Rte. 64 to parking areas near the Rollo room. Serenaders will gather in the Rollo room (it's large) to warm up guitars & voices and wait for the signal to walk a half block to the dining hall. Because some walking may be done on gravel or turf in low light conditions, sensible shoes are recommended.

- D) The Clausura will be held at St. Mark's in Polo, and is scheduled for 5:00 PM Sunday.

Any changes to these plans, will be distributed via email as soon as made. We ask that you keep all of us in your thoughts and prayers: Weekend #39 candidates, known and yet unknown (hint hint) and team members.

God bless always.....bob groene  
March 16, 2009

## **RECTORA**

We are all anxious for spring and wait to see the signs that it is just around the corner...the robins have returned, the temperatures are starting to warm up, and we long to be outside and shed the heavy clothes of winter. I am looking forward to seeing the trees bud, and the flowers pop up to bring color back to our environment. In the same way, our Women's team #39 has begun to blossom in ways that only our gracious Father could have known. Each member in his/her own way is becoming just what God intended. Many moved out of their comfort zones to take on new responsibilities and are gaining confidence to complete the task. It reminds me of a favorite VdC phrase..."Bloom where you are planted!" God cultivated the fertile soil (team members), planted the seeds (Holy Spirit), sent water, food, and light (Jesus), and now revels in the beauty that is unfolding.

We grow together with purpose; to bring a new group of pilgrims closer to God.

We ask for your continued prayers and support, and again to bring candidates to the weekends. All of us have a job to do; no job is greater than another. Let us work joyfully to bring Living Water to this new camp.

As Bob mentioned in his article, the serenade will be done differently at RRCC. We hope that this will not only be time efficient, but energy efficient as well. Imagine Satan as he witnesses carloads of joyous Christian men and women traveling to share God's love with new members of the community! I smile just thinking about those caravans of carolers. As with the first round of merry music makers, calls will be placed to Rector Bob and a couple of others to inform them when to set out from St. Mark's. We look forward to seeing you there!

In His service,  
Teri & Linda

## **PRE-WEEKEND**

The weekends are fast approaching and as of the time this is being written we have 5 men and 8 women candidates. There is room for more! Please pray about who God wants to be there, ask them, and then let the Holy Spirit do the work. If you have applications out that are just waiting to be sent, please send them as soon as possible. If we are getting close to the weekend we ask that you call us with the candidate's name and church but please still mail the application. Our number is 309-797-5561. This way, we can let Bob and Teri know and they can plan accordingly. Applications are available on our website. If you have an old one, remember that the price has gone up to \$110.00 for the weekend. If some one other than the candidate will be paying for the weekend, please let us know that information so we can pass it on to the Head Cha.

Pam & Gary Gross  
Pre-Weekend Chairs

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

Emails for prayer requests, joys and concerns to be shared with the community can be emailed to Linda Berry at [vdcpayers@comcast.net](mailto:vdcpayers@comcast.net) or [lindajeff05@yahoo.com](mailto:lindajeff05@yahoo.com) Home Phone 815 878-9567 or mailed to Linda Berry, 1728 S. Main St., Princeton, IL 61356 or check out our website [www.livingwaterviadecristo.org](http://www.livingwaterviadecristo.org)

## **WEEKEND**

Well our first weekend at Rock River Christian Center is quickly approaching. As Weekend chair there are many new logistic issues to address and without your help Prayers and physical help they won't get done with the efficiency that is needed.

The first area of help obviously is prayers.

The second are is help on Thursday afternoon 16 Apr 09 helping get the camp set up, extra time and hands will be needed so we get everything to the right place. This camp is a little more spread out than before so extra hands will be useful.

The third item is I need someone to step forward and take the responsibility to transport the candidates' luggage from the camp to the church for the Clausuras for both the Men and Women's weekends. Polo is about a 20 minute drive from camp. Having a name is critical so please pray about it and contact me at [papanel@mail.com](mailto:papanel@mail.com) or by phone 309-781-6408. Having this information by 1 Apr would be greatly appreciated.

Obviously the last big assignment will be on Sunday afternoon 26 Apr and that is to get the boxes packed, trailer loaded and camp back so there is no additional cost for cleaning which could be as high as \$200 if camp has to do it. This would not be good use of God's resources.

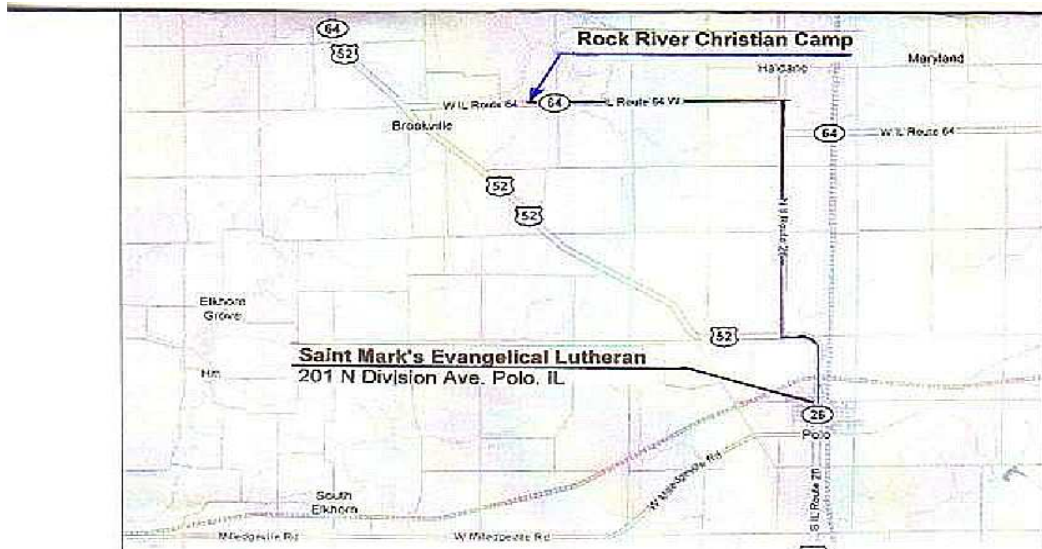
As you probably know the Clausura will be at St Marks Lutheran Church, 201 N. Division Ave Polo, Ill. Volunteers will be needed to usher, serve refreshments and of course insure the church is left as we found it.

God loves you and so do I  
Nels Lindell

## **SERENADE CAR POOLING/PRAZER PALANCA**

We are asking the community to please car pool to serenade. The following locations have been set up for car pooling: First Lutheran – Princeton, First Lutheran – Geneseo, and Calvary in Moline at 4 p.m. The caravans will be leaving no later than 4:15 to head to Polo.

Lastly, the Secretariat has discussed at great length the prayer time with the Rollista's prior to the rollos and due to the time constraints of staying on schedule and keeping everyone waiting for the Rollista to complete this very important time in the roll of the weekend we are asking that only one outside person be it one reunion sister or brother, spouse or significant other pray with the rollista and chapel cha's prior to giving their rollo. We are not saying don't come - the time to pray for the Rollista is during the Rollo and as we are in the business of lifting our fellow wo/man up in prayer we welcome all community support during the Rollo it is just before and after that we ask only one person outside of team join in the group prayer time. A quick hug will tell them all they need to know and that you are there praying that God's story be heard through their words.



From the Quad Cities area take Route 88 to Dixon then Route 26 North. Stay on Route 26 till you see Route 64 West. You want to turn Left on Route 64 (do not turn right on 64). The camp is approximately 2 miles on the right. From the south, or east take Route 26 through Dixon. Stay on Route 26 till you see Route 64 West You want to turn Left on Route 64 (do not turn right on 64). The camp is approximately 2 miles on the right.

For those looking for a nice place to eat, there is a new restaurant located at the intersection of Route 26 and Route 64 East called The Dogwood Inn – they have great home made pies. It will be a log cabin type building located on the left side of the road.

St. Mark's Lutheran Church is located on the left side of Route 26 just before you head out of town.

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