

Living Water Via De Cristo News

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ULTREYA

Saturday, June 6, 2009

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

2000 LUTHER DRIVE

PERU, IL (815) 223-1144

Potluck supper begins at 5:30 PM (Singles/couples bring one dish to share; families bring two. Everyone brings their own table service.) Babysitting will be available for children up to 5.

Couples bring one dish to pass, families please bring two. Coffee and water and ice are provided by the host church, but any other drinks will need to be brought by the community.

DIRECTIONS

1. From I-80 take exit 73 for Plank Rd.
2. Keep Right at the fork, follow signs for Peru
3. Turn right at Plank Rd.
4. Turn left at Peoria St/Peoria Ln
5. Turn right at Luther Dr
6. Turn right to stay on Luther Dr – church will be on the right



FROM THE LAY DIRECTOR(S) ...

Grace and Peace to Everyone,

The hectic pace of April has come to an end. We had two great spring weekends that brought more of God's children closer to Him. Our many thanks go out to both men's and women's teams for the wonderful job that they did. There were a few obstacles at Rock River Christian Camp, but the leadership of the two teams overcame those and the term "flexible" became the rule of the weekends. All in all we have heard mostly good comments about the new campsite and that it will work well for us during future weekends.

If any of you have not heard yet, Gary Gross will be Rector for mixed weekend #40 this October. Thank you, Gary, for answering God's call to service.

Just a reminder that June's Ultreya will be our annual meeting; this is where we will be electing new members for secretariat. So please attend this important event.

Since this will be Lynn's and my last article for the newsletter as lay directors, we would like to thank everyone for allowing us the opportunity to serve.

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

FROM THE ASSISTANT LAY DIRECTORS . . .

Have you looked out your windows this spring? You may find, like we have, that our windows are in desperate need of cleaning. It's difficult to see the world clearly through our own windows. Washing the windows isn't always a fun job because we have to give up a lot of time to get it done, so it's hard to make the commitment, but we do. Together, we pull out the window cleaner and watch carefully for the sun direction to avoid streaks as we begin the process of washing one window at a time. When we're finished we're astonished to see the vivid colors present just outside our windows. Without this process, our windows would continue to build up dirt and film, and we wouldn't be blessed with the ability to see clearly.

In some ways, that's what teaming a LWVDC Weekend is like for us. Our lives tend to accumulate the stresses and heartaches that make it difficult for us to sometimes see the blessings all around us. When we team a weekend, God uses us as servants for the candidates, but he cleanses us right along with them. He reminds us that as we serve Him, we become humbled by His grace that puts everything else in our lives back into perspective. Yes, it's a lot of work, but isn't it a gift to see clearly again!

Have **you** thought about teaming this fall? Could you use a big dose of grace in your lives? Yes, it will be a lot of work and a commitment of time, but the end result is great fellowship and seeing your life in full color again. Pray first, and ask God if this might be the right time for you to serve. Watch carefully for the **Son** direction to help avoid the streaks of stress and heartache that you may encounter. The colors of the rainbow await you!

GLYASDW!

Jim & Debbie Case

RECTOR

To all my fellow brothers and sister of Living Waters Via de Cristo.

It has only been a few weeks since weekend #39 has been completed. Now is the time to already start preparing for weekend #40. This means that the team building process has already begun. Of course the team started with me being selected as the Rector and has build to two of us as of this date. I am glad to announce that Debbie Case has accepted the position as head cha to work along side me for weekend #40. Thank you to Debbie.

I know that it is not just Debbie and I that are on team at this time since I know that we have the whole community of Living Waters behind us working and praying for the success of weekend 40. Yes I know some of you have already turned in participation forms to work team and I thank you for that. Many more need to make the commitment to participate so that the team selection process can run smoothly. I ask that you consider devoting your time to the training sessions and working on the weekend. Don't worry about what you will be doing on the weekend. God will provide you with what you need to do the tasks of your service for the weekend. Read Matthew 6:25-34 to confirm that thought. Please continue to pray for all team and candidates for weekend 40.

Remember, I (we) can do all things through Him who strengthens me (us) Philippians 4:13.
Gary Gross Rector weekend #40 ggross@qconline.com

PRE-WEEKEND

Praise the Lord for the success of both spring weekends! As we look forward to the Fall Mixed weekend, let us continue preparing now for God's work in 2009. Pray about whom you would like to ask to the Mixed weekend held on October 15-18. Remember that we will continue to be at the new facility, Rock River Christian Camp, near Polo, IL. Also remember that there will be new people taking over our role as Pre-Weekend Chairs and to look for their address to send the candidate applications. Please print off a new application from the LWVdC web site or use the one attached to the newsletter, as they are available. Let's try to get our application in at least a month ahead of time, so the team can plan for everyone's needs. May all be blessed as we work for God's glory through this tool of Via de Cristo.

Gary and Pam 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 or 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.livingwaterviadechristo.org

Living Water Via de Cristo Team Participation

Weekend#40: Mixed Weekend October 15-18, 2009 *New Retreat Site: Rock River Christian Camp, Polo, Illinois**

Team Training Dates: August 15& 29, September 18/19(overnight), October 3

Training sessions begin at 8:30 a.m. to approximately 3:00 p.m. Overnight begins at 7 PM on Friday

Location of team trainings will be announced later. All team members should, regardless of experience, attend **all** team meetings. ***Continuing Education class is required for first time team members.* This class will be offered on **Saturday, June 13 from 1:00-3:30 PM at First Lutheran Church in Geneseo.** *Training sessions are only offered twice a year. I understand that as a team member I will be expected to:*

- attend the training sessions in their entirety, except by special arrangement with the Rector/a:
- regularly worship and participate in local church activities:
- be active in a reunion group.

_____ *I would like to submit my talents, my prayer support, and myself for Living Water VdC Weekend #40.*

Served on any previous team? () Yes () No *If "yes", my last team service was on Weekend # _____*

My special talents: (music, guitar, kitchen experience, etc.) _____

Reunion Group Participation () Yes () No *All team members are requested to be involved with an active reunion group to serve on team.*

My home congregation is: _____ in _____

Because of physical limitations or dietary needs, if I serve on team, I will need the following accommodations: _____

_____ I am trained and certified for CPR. _____ I hold a food service license, issued by _____

_____ I am unable to serve on team, but would be willing to be a prayer warrior for #40

_____ I am willing to help set-up on Thursday afternoon or tear-down on Sunday afternoon of the weekend.

Name: _____ e-mail address (optional) _____

Address _____ telephone #: () _____ Cell # () _____

* RRCC is a smoke-free facility

Thank you for your willingness to serve the Lord through this renewal weekend. Please return this form to the following leaders by **July 1, 2009** . *Application submission does not guarantee placement on team, only willingness to be called.*

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