

# SONBEAM

*Via de Cristo Newsletter*

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## VDC NEEDS YOU!



There is a very important annual meeting and election coming up with opportunities to fill vital positions on the Secretariat. We have found it to be a joyous privilege to work in unity with others to empower the Sonbeam VdC Community to continue to be a vibrant part of the Body of Christ. Do we want to see new life? Do we want to see growth? Do we want to see change? We do!

Most of us pray for Our Lord to use us as He wills and we tell Him we are willing to walk through a door if He will just open one. He has opened a door. Are we hearing that “still small voice” calling us to be His representative on the Secretariat Board?

The Secretariat hasn’t had anyone present themselves as a candidate for the open positions. Is it possible God has not spoken to even one? We think not. There are many reasons we don’t answer a call: too busy, too tired, too old, too young, too inexperienced, or even good intentions sidetracked by procrastination.

As there can be no election without candidates, we have rescheduled the annual meeting and election until September 10<sup>th</sup> to give you time to contact the nominating committee of your willingness to serve. Please send a written notification to Lynn Conlen, Secretary at [lconlen@sonbeamvdc.org](mailto:lconlen@sonbeamvdc.org) of your intention. Don’t wait --Do it today!



### SPRINGS IN THE VALLEY [Excerpt July 25]

*“To whomsoever I shall send thou shalt go.” Jer. 1:7*

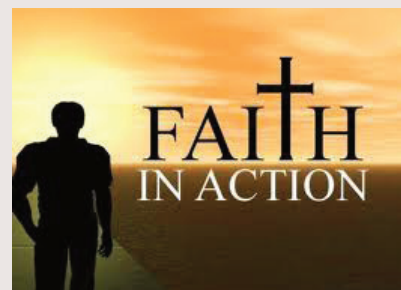
Have you ever read George Eliot’s poem called “Stradivarius”? Stradivari was the famous old violin maker whose violins, nearly two centuries old, are almost worth their weight in gold today. Says Stradivari in the poem:

*“If my hand slacked  
I should rob God--since He is fullest good,  
Leaving a blank instead of violins.  
He could not make Antonio Stradivari’s violins  
without Antonio.”*

You are God’s opportunity in your day. He has waited for ages for a person just like you. If you refuse Him, then God loses His opportunity which He sought through you, and He will never have another for there will never be another person on the earth just like you.



*Bring to God your gift, my brother,  
He’ll not need to call another,  
You will do;  
He will add His blessing to it,  
And the two of you will do it,  
God and you.*



# **QUALIFICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS**

## **OF SECRETARIAT MEMBERS**

**Secretariat members shall come from the Sonbeam Via de Cristo Community. Each member shall:**

- Regularly attend church and be active in their church community
- Be an active member of reunion group(s)
- Participate in Ultreyas and weekend activities
- Have team experience

### **OPEN POSITIONS – DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:**

#### **Lay Director:**

- To serve as the chief executive officer of Sonbeam Via de Cristo
- Represent Sonbeam to the community and other VDC organizations
- Call and conduct meetings of the Sonbeam Secretariat and Community
- Coordinate the work of the Sonbeam Secretariat and Community
- Coordinate the work of other committees or groups within Sonbeam
- Ensure to the best of his/her ability that the Bylaws, policies and procedures of Sonbeam are carried out

#### **Assistant Lay Director:**

- Requires same qualifications as Lay Director
- Serve as the Vice-Chairperson of Sonbeam Via de Cristo
- Shall perform the duties of the Lay Director in his/her absence
- He/she shall also perform such special tasks as may be assigned by the Lay Director or the Secretariat
- In the event the Lay Director resigns or is terminated, the Assistant Lay Director will complete the remainder of the two (2) year term
- Serve as the liaison between the retreat facility and Sonbeam Secretariat
- Serve as the liaison between National Lutheran Secretariat (NLS) and Sonbeam Via de Cristo

#### **Recording Secretary:**

- Record minutes of all Sonbeam Secretariat and Community meetings
- Maintain an ongoing file of meeting minutes
- Prior to each meeting compile any addendums to these Bylaws in the following manner:
  - List article, item and number, list the wording as stated in the current bylaws, followed by the newly approved wording.
  - Date the document and provide each Secretariat member with an update at the next meeting
- Secretariat minutes to be approved electronically. Upon electronic approval, the Secretary will advise the webmaster to post the minutes on the website.
- Maintain an archive record of meeting minutes and pass these records on to the next elected Secretary at the conclusion of their term
- Handle all official correspondence

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- Provide new Secretariat members with a copy of the Sonbeam Bylaws upon attendance at their first meeting.

#### **Physical Arrangements:**

- Be responsible for Sonbeam three (3) day weekend logistics including assistance in site selection
- Coordinate site set-up and tear-down
- Secure and transport equipment, material and supplies to and from the weekend site
- Maintain an accurate inventory of Sonbeam equipment, material and supplies

#### **Post Via de Cristo:**

- Arrange location site for weekend send-off and closing
- Be responsible for facilitating Fourth Day activities of the Sonbeam Community
- Schedule a location site for each Ultreya and contact a Cursillista at each location to facilitate the evening regarding set-up, pot luck dinner and worship service
- Encourage participation in reunion groups and maintain an accurate list of active groups

#### **Extended Community Palanca:**

- Acquire Extended Palanca letters from other Via de Cristo communities, especially those affiliated with the National Lutheran Secretariat. Ensure timely delivery of Extended Palanca letters to camp no later than Friday morning of the men's weekend.
- Inform the Sonbeam Community of other Via de Cristo, Cursillo, etc. weekends
- Extended Palanca letters should be brought to Ultreyas for community signatures prior to forwarding
- Forward Extended Palanca letters to other Via de Cristo, Cursillo, etc. weekends.

#### **Local Weekend Palanca:**

- Publicize and coordinate the needs for general, individual, food and prayer Palanca for Sonbeam three (3) day weekends
- Arrange for Palanca sheets to be available at men's and women's team meetings
- Have Palanca sheets available at each Ultreya
- Ensure timely delivery of palanca sheets/forms to camp and give to Palanca Chas no later than Friday morning of each weekend

#### **Leaders:**

- Educate the Sonbeam Community in the theory and practice of the Cursillo method
- Maintain workshop training materials
- Set a date and secure a location for semi-annual Leader's Workshop training
- Arrange for qualified community members to facilitate each of the Leader's Workshop training courses
- Record each Cursillista's participation in the Leader's Workshop
- Give copies of Leader's Workshop attendance sheets to Communications within two (2) weeks of training for database update
- Acquire copies of weekend directories

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- Correspond with the Communications Chairperson regarding weekend directories. If computer has haven't provided copies of weekend directories to Communications, Leaders should provide copies within two (2) weeks of the weekends in order to update database
- Prepare babe-chick packets for each set of weekends to be brought to send-off
- Rector/Rectora boxes are to be given to next Rector/Rectora at the Post Ultreya

**Outreach:**

- To inform non-Cursillistas, both laity and clergy, about Sonbeam Via de Cristo
- Prepare and distribute promotional materials and candidate registration forms
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**Purchasing Agent:**

- Coordinate the purchase of all consumables required for each Sonbeam three (3) day weekend
- Maintain an accurate inventory of kitchen supplies
- Maintain an accurate inventory of weekend supplies, such as paper products, soap, etc.
- Maintain an accurate ongoing list of all items that belong to Via de Cristo as opposed to that of the retreat facility

**Prayer Line Coordinator:**

- Coordinate the Prayer Line via e-mail and phone calls
- On occasion the Prayer Line Coordinator shall send notices of concern for the Sonbeam Community
- Pray regularly for Secretariat, community and weekends

**Member At-Large:**

- Shall assist Secretariat members as practical in their duties and perform functions that may be assigned to them by the Secretariat
- Maintain historical records of the Sonbeam Via de Cristo community
- Assist with the set-up and tear-down of kitchen prior to and after each Sonbeam VdC weekend



**God is our refuge and strength,  
a very present help in trouble.  
Psalms 46:1**

# Men's Via de Cristo Weekend #67

November 10–13, 2016

I want to thank my Lord and Savior for the honor of choosing me to lead weekend #67. On Weekend #65, as I walked with Dan Johansen, he said something very humble and powerful, and it stood with me. He said, "Of about 3,000 members in this community, only 65 men have been called to be Rectors – that is an amazing honor not to be taken lightly." Wise words spoken from the heart – now, 67.

To think that God would choose a man like me and entrust guiding His sheep on this weekend, is a privilege and honor bestowed by my Father. Of course, being a sinful man by nature, my first reaction was to be anxious. However, then I remember I'm not in charge; I'm just the vessel. Which is why my weekend verse is:

*"Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you."* 1 Peter 5:7

So for all of you who will be called to serve this weekend, I say relish the honor bestowed upon you, because God has found you willing and faithful – and He will do the rest. I thank you in advance for the blessing of sharing this weekend with you, and ask God to bless you and keep you, to make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you; to look upon you with His favor and give you His peace, patience, kindness, determination, perseverance and much love.

Jesus Loves You and So Do I!

Eddie Velez

Weekend #47

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# Women's Via de Cristo Weekend #67

November 17–20, 2016

It is with joyful humility that I have said YES to God's call for serving as Rectora for VdC weekend #67.

The Lord has done so much in transforming my life that I feel blessed and honored to serve Him, our Community, and the candidates in this role. My life verse is Romans 12:2 *"Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will."* NIV

I ask that you be in prayer for our community, the weekend candidates, myself and Eddie Velez as we all move forward in God's grace. If you've talked to God and God has talked to you about serving; let me know as I begin to call His team #67! [boazgirl@gmail.com](mailto:boazgirl@gmail.com)

God Loves You And So Do I!

Ruthie McConnell

VdC Women's Weekend # 29

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## POST WEEKEND REPORT FOR Sonbeam Women's Via de Cristo #66

*Hello VDC Community,*

*I was asked to share some highlights about Women's Weekend #66.*

*I am so grateful that I said "yes" to the call to be the Rectora. I thank God for the team He assembled, and the community support to make it a memorable experience.*

*Almost three weeks have gone by ... it was a wonderful weekend; I think about it almost every day. However, I am now experiencing a huge void in my life.*

*For the last 6 months the "weekend" has been my life, and the life of a very dedicated core team. I realized early on that my responsibility as Rectora was "Prayer." So that is what I will continue to do now ... pray. That will fill the void! I will continue praying for the 16 beautiful ladies that made weekend # 66. I will pray...*

*-for your 4th day.  
-that you will find a reunion group - if you haven't already.  
-that you will be involved in the community.  
-that you will begin praying about someone to sponsor for the next weekend.*

*You are now Cursillistas, but to me, you will always be my "Babe Chicks" !!*

*Remember .... Romans 12:12 Be Joyful in Hope  
---- Patient in affliction ----- Faithful in prayer!!  
God Loves you .... and so do I!!!*

*Joyce Lindsay  
Rectora Women's #66*





***Devotional: If not God, then Satan!      Read John 8:42-47***

*We are reminded that Christ brought us salvation through GRACE. He came from God for us to have an example of how to live. But the deceiver lives and roams among us. Satan is real and we often try to live as if he is not among us, but God's word reminds us he is very much alive and living with us every day. We need to stay on our guard and in prayer that Christ will be so much a part of who we are that only HIS truth will be spoken. Our mission is to pray for those who choose to separate and destroy the truth Christ gives us. We are easily moved to follow those who following the deceiver because they are eloquent in speech and know how to say what we want to hear. My prayer is for all to seek the truth of Christ through prayer and scripture every day.*

## ***From the Spiritual Director***

### ***Pastor Mary Ashcraft***

**I** my name is Mary Ashcraft and I made my weekend in 1981, in Ft. Myers Florida, at Gulfcoast Cursillo #3. I have been involved with Sonbeam since weekend# 1 at Grace Lutheran in St. Petersburg.

**I** have been married to Jim for over twenty-six years and together we have been active in the Sonbeam movement. I have three grown daughters, thirteen grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

**I** served on the leadership multiple times in the at-large position and a few other spots. I was a delegate one year to National for our secretariat.

**I** have been involved with only three reunion groups over these many years but am still friends with some of the ladies who are still involved. Some have since gone home to the Lord.

**I** was blessed to serve on many weekends in various roles, and served behind the scenes in the kitchens more times than I can count. In 1996 I served as rectora for the first women's weekend at camp Rotary in Brandon. After that I was able to serve on several other weekends both on teams and in the kitchen and chapel.

**S**omewhere around 2003 I felt the call to serve within the church leadership and began the ministry process. I have been serving for the last five years at Joining Hands Mission United Methodist Church. I am appointed as a part-time local pastor through the United Methodist denomination.

**M**y congregation is made up of a diverse group of families and individuals, most are struggling families and a few homeless. We do a free breakfast every Sunday morning, cold night shelter and after school tutoring and are working on three future ministries to help in the community. We are partnered with three Methodist churches and three other denominations in our surrounding community. God has blessed me to be part of this amazing group of leaders who saw a need and began to work to help in the community through prayer and service.

**I** am hoping to work with John and Dick to serve this community in whatever way God leads to keep the ministry focused on making disciples that return to our churches filled with a greater desire to serve. Sonbeam began here with folks who came back on fire to serve God right in their own communities with a very simple theme. "All about God and what God is calling me to do." If we keep to the proven guidelines we can continue to make a difference for our faith communities for the future of Christianity.

**I** appreciate this opportunity to serve on the Sonbeam Secretariat.

Blessing,

Pastor Mary Ashcraft

## **Purchasing – Jerry Brown**

Purchasing Report for VDC #66      May 2016

There was a total of 130 team and candidates fed during both weekends. There was an unknown number of community present at: setups, during the weekend meals, serenade, and teardowns. There was an advance of \$5,750.00 given. \$4,512.75 was spent for food and supplies during the weekends of VDC #66. A check for \$1,237.25 was given to the treasurer to be put back into VDC account.

Respectfully submitted by Jerry Brown  
Purchasing Agent for Sonbeam VDC

PS I am still looking forward to having someone/s to step up with an interest in learning what I do. My health is not going to permit me to do this job a whole lot longer.

## **At Large – Sue Neal**

### **Kudzu and You**

I had never heard the term before when it showed up in a daily devotional. Of course I Googled it and found it is a very invasive plant that will grow by climbing, coiling and trailing. This perennial vine will take over anything if it is not controlled. Spiritually we can look at this two ways.

God says that His Word will never return void, and that faith of a mustard seed will move mountains. Imagine if the seeds we plant of gratitude, love, kindness, prayer, all were like kudzu? The weekend was much like that for me. Seeds were planted, and grew quickly over that weekend. Love, grace kindness abounded.

Then we return home. Just as quickly, the things of life can take over, and become kudzu itself. We become busy, and spend less time in prayer, less time in the word. We aren't able to make meetings, or reunion groups. Soon, it takes over, and before we know it, we have moved further from the Lord.

Staying consistent in our prayer, in gratitude,

in study and in meeting with others can quickly become a main part of our lives. Just as kudzu grows quickly, our hearts change, our desire changes, and it takes over. It quickly overtakes the negative, whether it be thoughts, actions, or time. It chokes out the thistles of life.

Being in reunion with others, having that accountability, is a big part of the seed growing. If you are not in a group, find one now.

I pray all of our faith, our prayers, our gratitude and our love will grow like kudzu and choke out the negatives of this world.

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## **Physical Arrangements - Rick Neal**

### **Help Needed**

While most of us, other than our newly welcomed babe chicks, have served on a team or two, not all of us know what it takes to set up and tear down the camp before and after the weekends. To say it takes a community is an understatement! As a new chair for this, I want to first thank the many people that came out to help. It truly could NOT happen without you.

Another kind of help is needed as well. As some of you may be aware, there was an issue with the truck that transports the Sonbeam trailer to and from camp. Praise God it was recovered and all ended well, but we really need a backup person with a truck large enough and who is available to step up and transport the trailer. The truck must have the proper hitch. Please contact me to discuss if YOUR truck is the one we need, and what this entails. I would love to talk to you.

Thank you again for all of your help and support.





## **Extended Palanca – Dana Marquart**

Thank you for allowing me the chance to be a liaison for our Via de Cristo community. I have the opportunity to not only coordinate prayer requests for other communities around the world but learn of many communities praying for ours. As my term comes to an end I am praying for the next person God has called to step into this important position. Prayer is THE most important part of anything we do!

God bless

## **Local Palanca – Shirley Phillips & Clo Molloy**

Palanca lists were not well filled for the May weekends. They will be available at the ultreyas and the team meetings. Please look for the sign up sheets and put your name down for whatever you would like to pay for. Donations for items are important as fees do not cover all expenses. Prayer palanca is essential for the weekends; we need time slots filled. Being at camp for set up and tear down and working as community in the dining room and kitchen is another form of palanca. It would be great if lots of folk showed up to help. Community service at the camp is fun and a great way to get to know other cursillistas.



## **Green Palanca – Bobbi Lind, Treasurer**

If you are new to the community, you may have heard the term "green palanca". Well, not surprisingly, it simply refers to cash (or check) gifts to Sonbeam VdC that are separate from candidate or team fees. There are two kinds of green palanca, Team and Ultreya (general).

So, where does this money go? So glad you asked, otherwise it would have been a very short article. Please allow me a few moments to inform and maybe even educate.

The green palanca collected at team meetings helps offset the team training expenses. These expenses are things like paper products, training supplies, team snacks, and sometimes childcare. This money is solely for the team's use and is used at their discretion.

The green palanca collected at Ultreyas serves a much broader purpose. First, these funds help cover the Ultreya expenses. These expenses are church usage fees, paper products, and childcare. Second, and most importantly, these funds help bridge the gap between the weekend expenses and the candidate and team fees. You may be surprised but, 70% of the \$125 fee goes directly toward covering the Rotary Camp charges. This leaves roughly \$40 to cover everything else (e.g. food, crosses, roses). We do have community and team members sign up to help with a lot of this, but sometimes, things go unsponsored on the weekend. Beyond the weekend expenses, Sonbeam VdC is also responsible for annual fees such as: National Lutheran Secretariat (NLS) fees, music license fees (CCLI), and liability insurance. Finally, funds are also made available to pay a portion of the cost of attending the national NLS meeting as well as for scholarship of deserving candidates and team members. The Ultreya green palanca is collected by the treasurer and disbursed with oversight by the local secretariat. Please feel free to ask us about any of these expenses as we count ourselves as faithful stewards of the community's gifts and would be happy to entertain any pertinent questions.

As always, thank you for the time, talents, and treasures that you, as a community, continue to invest toward the glory of the name of Jesus.

## Leaders Workshop

### Greetings Servant Leaders,

Each year, in conjunction with the spring and fall VDC weekends we have leaders' workshops. At our weekends we learned that we are all leaders in some venue and we are to grow as leaders.

These workshops are open to all of the VDC community. We invite and encourage you to attend them whenever you can, whether you are presently called to a team or not.

Some of the benefits of attending the workshops are:

1. You will gain information and useful instruction on every assignment needed for a weekend team, from a cha to Rector/Rectora.
2. Learning about each position will help you to be prepared and confident if you are called to serve on a team.
3. The instruction is also a good resource for growing stronger as a leader in your church and community.
4. The relaxed atmosphere is an excellent way to get to know our VDC brothers and sisters better while enjoying fellowship with each other.

There are no dates as of yet for the next workshop

Please be in prayer and open to the call of our Lord.

In His Love and Service

LEADERS

Leslie Lafleur

VDC #26

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## Sue Miller-Cinelli - Communications

### Guidelines for Choosing Candidates

- Pray first, asking for Holy Spirit's guidance to the right candidate;
- Know your candidate; understanding that VdC is not for everyone;
- Candidates should be:
  - Committed Christians, "on fire" & active in church;
  - Mature & emotionally stable; not having recently experienced a divorce, death or other traumatic event
  - Physically & emotionally ready to meet the challenges of the weekend

### Sponsor Responsibilities

- Explaining what to expect on the weekend re: accommodations & structure, without giving away any of the good surprises;
- Completing Sponsor & Candidate forms & submitting with payment a.s.a.p.;
- Supporting your candidate in every way possible, such as:
  - Obtaining letters from family & friends; \*
  - Praying for your candidate; and their family;
  - Getting your candidate to and from camp on time;
  - Attending the closing ceremony with candidate;
  - Attending the Post Weekend Ultreya with candidate
  - Assisting candidate in finding a reunion group or starting one; and
  - Supporting your candidate in their 4<sup>th</sup> day walk.

**\*Note from Palanca Chas:** Letters must be properly addressed with candidate's full name clearly written on front of envelope & relationship of sender, i.e. spouse, child, friend, etc., in upper left corner.

## Post VDC - Christy Wilson

In Ephesians 4:11-12, Paul writes that "So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up." While many of us, myself included, may not see ourselves as prophets, or may not be a pastor, but I can honestly say that **MOST** cursillistas I have encountered in our community **ARE** evangelists and teachers. So, what can you do to serve God and his people you ask? I have one suggestion, be willing to say **"YES"** to God and his flock by being willing to host an Ultreya!!!

Ultreyas are a way for our community to gather and reflect on our Fourth Day walks and take it from someone that lives "across the bay" it is a way for me to love on and be loved by my fellow cursillistas when I am unable to see those folks on a regular basis. What better way to serve God but to be willing to share in his love and grace with your fellow cursillistas?

What does it mean to host an Ultreya? Well, it is simple really. Here is a list of some of the responsibilities of hosting an Ultreya entails:

- ✓ Reserve the church facilities required for the Secretariat meeting (about 25 people), the Ultreya (about 125 people) and worship service.
- ✓ Arrange for set-up and clean-up of the facilities.
- ✓ Provide babysitting service for children less than 5 yrs of age. The fees for the babysitter will be paid by Sonbeam VDC
- ✓ Provide a table for palanca sheets, extended palanca sheets, copies of newsletter, etc. to be displayed.
- ✓ Provide blank name tags and pens near the entrance to the hall.
- ✓ Provide communion utensils and communion elements – bread, wine, and grape juice. The cup of wine should have a piece of twine tied around the base of the cup. It is helpful to have 2 complete sets of wine, grape juice and bread.
- ✓ Provide a microphone for the Secretariat reports and for worship in the sanctuary.
- ✓ Arrange for musicians to lead the singing and for the words to the songs.

- ✓ Arrange for a pastor to share a brief homily, consecrate the elements, and lead the communion service during the worship time.
- ✓ Arrange for people to do 3-5 minute Fourth Day talks.
- ✓ Select an MC to give directions to the group and to keep things moving throughout the activities of the Ultreya.
- ✓ You are encouraged to add an 'educational component' to the evening. Some ideas – proper sponsorship, mock reunion group, proper palanca, creative green palanca ideas, etc.

Of course, it is my position's responsibility on Secretariat to assist as much as possible in all of these, so if you say yes to our community, which is ultimately saying "Yes" to God, you are not in this alone. I have been blessed in this position to have so many people saying yes and willing to serve. However, there are so many other churches represented in our community that we have never been to, wouldn't you like to help us expand our list of churches willing to host an Ultreya?

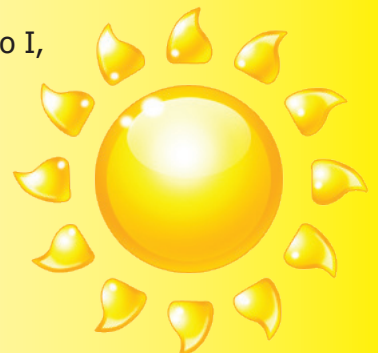
There is a current need for a church or reunion group to host the fall Ultreya in October, the date can be determined by your church's calendar. If you are willing to host and most of all be willing to say "Yes" to God, please contact me. I would **LOVE** to share with you how you can make a difference and hugely impact our community by hosting the fall Ultreya.

**The next Ultreya is on August 13, 2016 at Seabreeze Church in Largo and the Post Ultreya has already been scheduled for December 3, 2016 at Lutheran Church of the Cross, so mark your calendars now!**

Remember, "God does not call the qualified, he qualifies the called." Say "Yes" to your fellow cursillistas by saying "Yes" to hosting an Ultreya!!

God Loves you and so do I,

Christy Wilson #18





## **COMMUNITY CALENDAR JULY THROUGH DECEMBER 2016**

**SEPTEMBER 10, 2016**

### **ULTREYA & ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING**

Seabreeze Community Church  
10321 75th St, Largo, FL 33777

**SEPTEMBER 12, 2016**

ARTICLE DEADLINE FOR OCT/NOV/DEC  
NEWSLETTER - MAILED VERSION

**NOV 10-13/16**

### **MEN'S FALL WEEKEND #67**

Rotary Camp Set up – Thurs. @ 9 A.M. 1915 Camp  
Florida Serenade – Sat. @ 6 P.M. Brandon, FL

Apostles Lutheran Closing – Sun. @ 4:30 P.M.  
200 Kingsway Road  
Brandon, FL

**NOV 17-20/16**

### **WOMEN'S FALL WEEKEND #67**

[Locations & times same as Men's above]

### **OCTOBER FALL ULTREYA LOCATION AND TIME NEEDED**

[Contact information below and any Saturday in October  
is acceptable]

**DECEMBER 3, 2016**

### **ULTREYA**

Lutheran Church of the Cross  
4545 Chancellor St NE, St. Petersburg, FL 33703

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\*Needed: If your church is willing to host a VdC Ultreya  
please contact Christy Wilson @ 863/205-3375

**"How great is the love  
the Father has  
lavished on us  
that we should be called  
children of God!  
And that is what we are!"**

**1 John 3:1 NIV**



**but Jesus said, "Let the  
little children come  
to me and do not hinder  
them, for to such belongs  
the kingdom of heaven."**

**Matthew 19:14 ESV**



## Logo Apparel Scholarship Fund Raiser

Yes, we now have the opportunity to purchase apparel with our own Sonbeam Via de Cristo logo AND support our scholarship fund. 25% of all sales are designated to go toward the fund.

Just go to [www.companycasuals.com/mlcpromo\\_vdc](http://www.companycasuals.com/mlcpromo_vdc) to select one of the many shirt styles. The full color logo is available for all polos and dress shirts. An 'outline' logo in white or black is the standard logo for t-shirts and an alternate choice for polos and dress shirts.

The website is user friendly, gives a detailed description of each style (including dimensions) and displays all available colors. Purchases can be made online and paid for by credit card or Paypal. All orders submitted and paid for three weeks prior to each ultreya will be processed and delivered to the ultreya for pick up. However, shipping can be requested at an additional cost. For those who do not have a computer or are not comfortable ordering 'online', are concerned about sizing (once embroidered, shirt cannot be returned) or just want to see the shirts first, samples of each of the styles in various sizes will be available at the ultreyas. And yes, orders can be placed at that time. Questions? Just email 'michele@mlcpromo.com'.



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## OUR NEW WEBSITE HAS LAUNCHED.

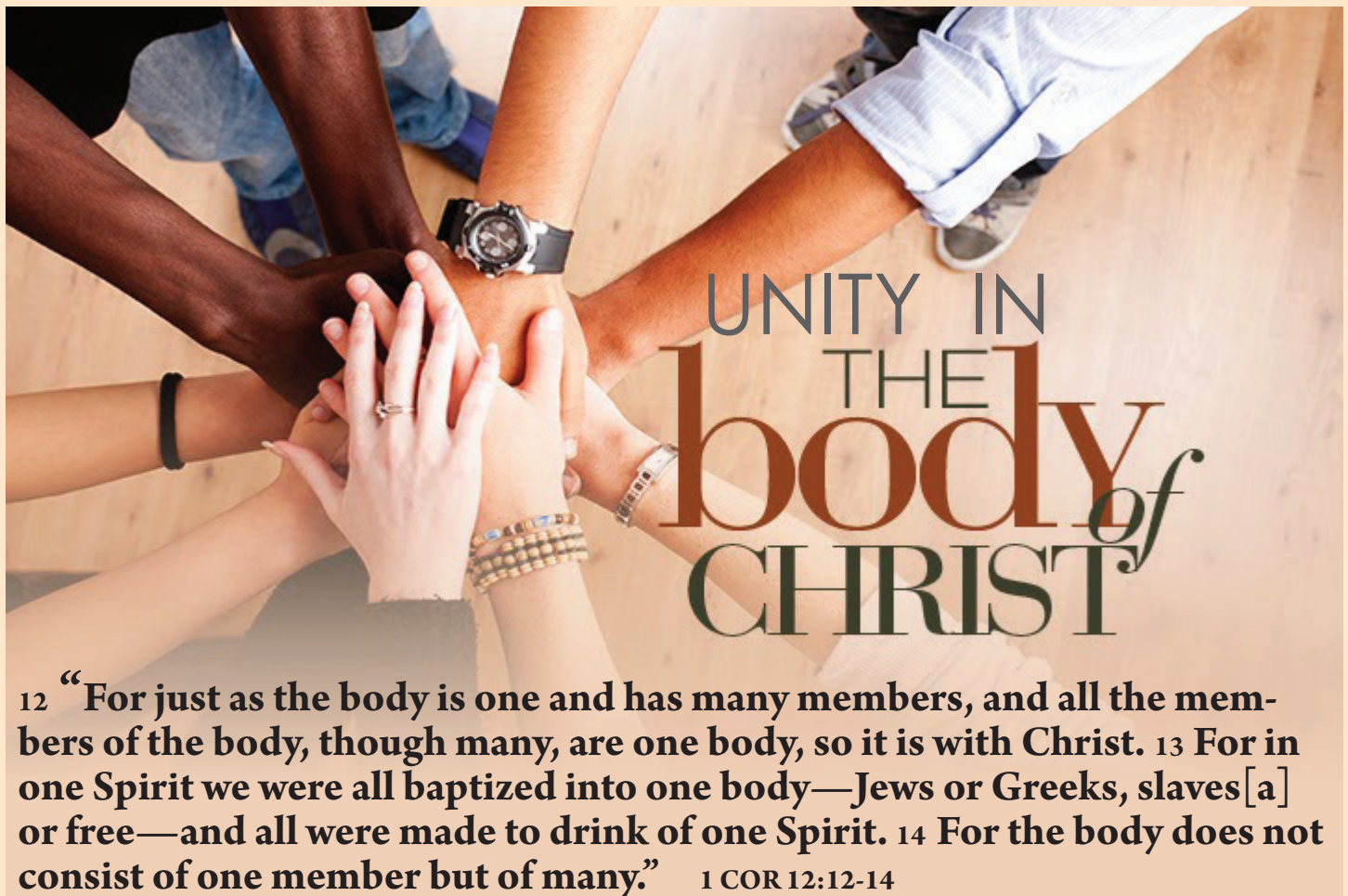
Three things you need to know about our new website update.

1. The website address will not be changing. It is still <http://www.sonbeamvdc.org>.
2. Same great hallmark content, with a modern look and feel.
3. We've gone mobile!

*Michael Schreiner, Webmaster*







**God’s salvation is His blessing.** God blessed the creatures of the sea, the birds of the air, and the man and woman whom He had created. He told them to be fruitful and multiply. An added blessing to the man and woman was to fill the earth and subdue it. They were given stewardship over the rest of God’s creation. Saved persons are stewards of God’s blessings.

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