



Christ is counting on you...



March 2018

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**GCVDC
CALENDAR
OF EVENTS**

**Men's #96
March 22-25, 2018
Trinity Lutheran
Church
Delray Beach, FL**

**Wives Meeting
March 23, 2018
7:00 PM
Advent Lutheran
Church
Fellowship Hall,
Boca Raton, FL**

**Women's #96
April 19-22, 2018
First Presbyterian
Church
North Palm Beach,
FL**

**Pot Luck Ultreya
Saturday, May 5,
2018
Trinity Lutheran
Church
Delray Beach, FL
Set up is at 5:30
Ultreya Begins
6:00 PM**

A Message from Our Lay Director ~~

Happy New Year and welcome to 2018, which is promising to be another busy year for the Via de Cristo community. We have a lot going on this year, and I will be highlighting some of the events on our calendar. You will be hearing a lot more in other articles in this newsletter, and always check our website.

First and foremost is that the Men's and Women's #96 have started their meetings and preparing for weekends. Men's #96 will be at Trinity Lutheran Church in Delray Beach on March 22-25, Women's #96 will be at First Presbyterian Church in North Palm Beach on April 19-22. Please keep these teams and weekends in your prayers. Next, please mark the date of May 5th for their Ultreya at Trinity Lutheran to celebrate with our new cursillistas. We will also be having a Special Ultreya on April 7th at Faith Lutheran which will be a fundraiser to support the National Lutheran Secretariat Gathering (annual meeting being held the last weekend in July). Gold Coast Via de Cristo is hosting this year's Gathering being held at Palm Beach Atlantic University in West Palm Beach. We are asking for all hands on deck. Magdala will explain more about our needs – both time and talents needed by our GCVDC community to put this event together. The Host Committee has been meeting for months and will need all of our help.

We are blessed to have First Presbyterian Church offer their facilities to GCVDC for Women's #96. It is a big, beautiful campus and new to most of us. As Kevin states in his article, we need a lot of help for setup and tear down, so we encourage you to come out and provide whatever help you can, and of course we are grateful for your prayers.

I want to thank the members of the Secretariat whose terms are up and for our new incoming members who have filled their positions. We want to sincerely thank outgoing members Judy Warnock, Treasurer, Alana Scofield, Kitchen Coordinator, Tammy Hudik, Palanca Rep, and Bert Dombrosky, Media Rep, for their servanthood hearts over the past few years. Our new Secretariat members are: Debbie Janies, Treasurer, Mike Warnock, Sponsorship rep, Greg Giambrone, Kitchen Coordinator, Maureen McNulty, Palanca rep, and Donald Hamm, Media rep. The community and I want to say a big THANK YOU!

The Lord be with you all,
Bob Brauer
Lay Director



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You can read the newsletter and postcard by choosing to receive all GCVDC communications by email. Choosing to get the newsletter by email allows you to receive it several weeks prior to the mailed copy. This would also save the community thousands in printing and postage.

If you want to receive communications via email, please go to our website:

goldcoastviadecristo.org, click onto the Newsletter tab, and fill out the form.

From the Assistant Lay Director

Greetings, community. We want to thank those of you who responded to our call to seek out churches to hold weekends. Special thanks to JoAnn Hayes for efforts to help us with opening a door for GCVDC to host at First Presbyterian Church for our Women's #96 weekend. This will not be our first time here, but it has been many years since we held a weekend at First Presbyterian in North Palm Beach.

We would ask that you, as community, come out for the Women's weekend April 19-22 and support the team. We will need extra people for setup as this site is new to many of us, and we also want to take extra special care of the property. Extra hands and willing hearts would be appreciated.

Secondly, we want to present to the community some ongoing expenses and capital needs that we have. For many years, through a relationship with Tom Scott, we were able to store our trailers rent free. This saved us a considerable amount of money.

For the past few years, we have been paying to store our trailers at Wiley Commerce Plaza in Boca Raton. This facility is secure and serves us well; however, our current fee there is about \$4,000/year which is a big expense for us.

We also will have a need at some point to replace our mattresses that are used with the 72 rolling beds. That will be a considerable expense that we need to plan for. Lastly, we do have plans to do some remodeling to our shower trailer soon, mainly updating from the wear and tear. So just a few existing and future needs for our movement. If you feel the Lord leading you to help with any of these, please feel free to contact Bob Brauer or Kevin Janies.

Lastly, we would continue to encourage you to support GCVDC with your time, talents and treasure. We are currently looking for a volunteer who has the time and equipment to scan our archived documents so we can digitize our GCVDC paper files.

As a final reminder, you can give anytime to GCVDC through our text to give system called Smart Giving. Simply text to 954-660-9700 to set up your account. You can also set up recurring giving if the Lord so leads to help with the above mentioned expenses as well as insurance, vehicle upkeep and the many other costs it takes to hold a weekend.

Thank you all for your love and support of GCVDC,
Kevin Janies, Assistant Lay Director

SPECIAL NOTE FROM THE NATIONAL LUTHERAN SECRETARIAT ANNUAL GATHERING PALANCA COMMITTEE:

Please prayerfully consider serving on the Palanca Committee for the National Lutheran Secretariat Annual Gathering/Ultreya which will take place July 26-29.

There are several ways in which you can put your talents to work for God's service at this Gathering. Some can be done ahead of time at your convenience and some during the actual weekend on a timed schedule. Below are five areas with which we could use your assistance.

As co-chairs, we are asking you to prayerfully consider in which areas you wish to serve.

1. The Prayer Chapel (taking place during the weekend).
2. Palanca Make and Take Workshops (taking place during the weekend).
3. Handwriting individual welcoming letters to attendees of the weekend.
4. Participating in the electronic prayer vigil for the weekend.
5. Providing hand-made palanca for the approximate 200 attendees.

After your consideration, please let us know which area(s) you choose and reply by email. Then we will be in touch with further details.

Trusting in Him,
Brenda Rankin
Peggy McCoy

Dear VDC Community,

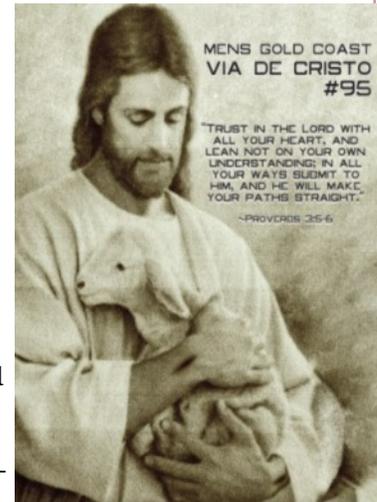
All Via de Cristo weekends are GOD ordained. What happens through the process of calling a team, going through ten weeks of attending team preparation meetings, and then spending three magnificent days with 20 to 30 unsuspecting candidates, all while the Holy Spirit descends upon everyone involved, has a way of changing a person's life. This change happens with both candidates and team.

From the very beginning, as I looked at this leadership opportunity, I acknowledged that this was God's team and His weekend. Obstacles came, and I trusted in the Lord and submitted to Him.

To everyone who was involved with Men's #95, I am truly grateful – to the team and to the entire community. You know who you are. Of course, a special “thank you” to the backbone of any weekend, the spiritual directors: Pastor Dave Thompson, Pastor Ken Baker and Pastor Dave Rankin. These are dynamic, committed men for God.

I've been privileged and blessed to serve on many teams for a long time. Thirty-eight years ago I attended my VDC weekend. Men's #95 had the same Holy Spirit's impact as did all the previous weekends. Tears flowed, deep introspection took place, people shared, and lives were changed. THANK YOU, JESUS.

All glory is given to God,
Bill Leschinsky
Rector, Men's #95



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

WOW – GOD!!! It has been my prayer, since accepting the call as Rectora for Women's #95, for God to be glorified on the weekend. And I prayed for Him to soak us in His Holy Spirit. Not just the team and candidates, but all who came to serve Him on the weekend.

It was as if He answered: “Oh, my daughter, is that all you want? Let me show you how much more **I AM!**” He definitely showed up and showed off! Our Lord handpicked each team member, inspired each rollo and drew each candidate to the weekend and placed them at just the perfect table.

Our Good Father blessed me mightily with each team member and an outstanding head cha, Char Geletka. Our Savior anointed Saturday evening's serenade....thank you to all the gentlemen God used for His glory!

I have been so humbled and blessed to have served as Rectora for Women's Weekend #95. YEAH, GOD!!! I pray our Good Lord continues to fill you all with HIS JOY!

Your sister-in-Christ,
Sharon Brauer Rectora,
Women's #95





*But we Christians have no veil over our faces;
we can be mirrors that brightly reflect the glory of the Lord.
And as the Spirit of the Lord works within us,
we become more and more like him.*
2 Corinthians 3:18 (TLB)

Can you believe it!? We are just five months away from the 2018 Annual Gathering for the National Via de Cristo! It is our joy and honor to once again host this amazing “ultreya weekend” for the National Lutheran Secretariat. All six Florida secretariats have been working together for the last two years to make this a memorable and spiritually uplifting time for serving, singing, learning, worshipping Jesus, and loving our Via de Cristo brothers and sisters from across the United States.

As you have probably heard us say already, the annual gathering will be held at Palm Beach Atlantic University right here in West Palm Beach on July 26-29, 2018. We need you to attend this weekend and volunteer to serve as chas! Just as with a “regular” weekend, we need chas EVERYWHERE! This is your opportunity to CHOOSE the cha position you would like!

Every weekend runs on prayer. Amen? Amen! “Palanca” means “lever,” and you could choose to be a **Chapel Cha** and lift up this weekend and all 250 attendees in prayer before, during and after July! Please see Brenda Rankin’s article in this newsletter for more information.

Most of the attendees from across the United States will be arriving by air and will need transportation from and to PBI or FLL. You could be a **Transportation Cha**! Jamey and Carol-Ann Beers are looking for drivers (of cars and golf carts at the site). Oh, and by the way, do you have a golf cart we could use that weekend? Let them know!

There will be worship times every day of the weekend, and we need a choir to lead the singing. There will also be a Saturday night Serenade! So this is your call to be a **Music Cha** in July! You can let Janet Cunningham know at _____

Love serving in the dining room on a weekend? We don’t need to cook on this weekend (PBAU Cafeteria prepares and supplies the food), but we need **Dining Room Chas** to direct attendees to the different food stations and clear tables. Tom and Cindy Kirk from Lighthouse Via de Cristo are coordinating this area _____

Those snack trays and drinks need to be prepared by **Hospitality Chas**, who also provide refreshments and entertainment each evening of the weekend. This area is being coordinated by Bettilyn Lunetta from Sonshine North Via de Cristo in Jacksonville

How about being a **Facilities Cha**? Watson, Bob Brauer and Mike Warnock would love some help in coordinating meeting rooms and working with PBAU to arrange tables and chairs. We also could really use some **Tech Chas** both in the Information Technology and AV/Sound areas. For these areas, please contact Watson at _____

And, of course, we will need Green Palanca! Please mark your calendars to attend the NLS 2018 Fundraising Spaghetti Supper on April 7, 2018, at Faith Lutheran Church in North Palm Beach. Phil Lustig is coordinating that event.

Our Registration Chairs, Rita Tritt and Janet Vigilante, are daily checking for new registrations for July! You can register right on our Gold Coast home page, thanks to Webmaster Robert DeAngelis! You can choose to register as a \$210 full participant (includes all weekend activities plus meals and a dorm room) or as a \$50 volunteer/visitor (includes all the weekend activities except for meals and dorm room).

If you have never experienced a renewing and rejuvenating National VdC Annual Gathering, please consider joining the “team!” You can choose to be more than one kind of cha! Watson and I are blessed to be serving as the co-chairs, and we have not missed one of these since 2006! They are highlights of our Fourth Day walk!

This is the invitation song all six Florida secretariats sang at the 2017 Annual Gathering last summer. Hum and sing along with us as we prepare to “Reflect the Son!”

One in the Sonshine

(sung to “You Are My Sunshine” – public domain)

Chorus

One in the Sonshine – Come to the Sonshine!
We’re inviting you today To gather with us In Palm Beach County!
Make your plans now – Don’t delay!

Verse 1

So we will gather in the Sonshine Next July the 26th,
De Colores in South Florida -- This is one you should not miss!

Verse 2

Jesus, our Sonshine, our only Sonshine, Calls you each new day to be
A reflection of His glory – God loves you and so do we!

This is most certainly true! Onward and upward in Christ’s amazing love and grace,
Watson and Magdala Ray
Co-chairs

CALLING ALL COOKS!!!

If anyone is interested in coming on board to be an assistant cook or head cook, we need you! Please email Greg Giambrone at

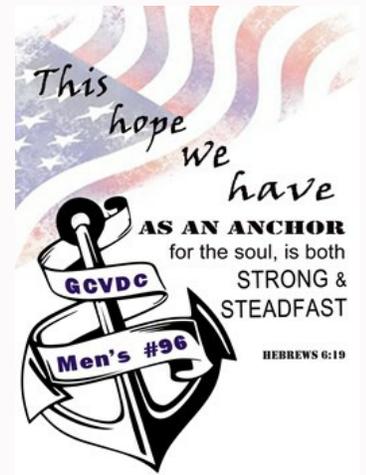
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GOLD COAST MEN'S VIA de CRISTO #96

"This hope we have as an anchor for the soul, is both strong and steadfast..."
Hebrews 6:19

March 22-25, 2018 Trinity Lutheran Church and School, Delray Beach, FL

RECTOR: Ed Legue	HEAD CHA: Doug Caron
ASST. RECTOR: Bert Dombrowsky	ASST. HEAD CHA: Matt Henshaw



For Map to Weekend: www.goldcoastviadecristo.org

Trinity Lutheran Church and School

400 N. Swinton Avenue, Delray Beach, FL 33444
Church Office (561) 276-8584

**Take I-95 to W Atlantic Ave. Go east (about .9 miles).
Turn north on Swinton Ave. The Church is on the west side of the road.**

Special thanks to Pastor Vince Putnam and Trinity Lutheran Church and School for the use of their facilities for this weekend.



WANTED PLEASE

**Homemade baked goods (sugar- free items, cookies, brownies, cupcakes, etc.)
Fruit, soda, water (small bottles), candy, individual bags of snacks.**

Community Schedule of Events -

SET UP: Wednesday, March 21st, **starts at 6:30 pm, please arrive early**
SEND OFF: Thursday, March 22th, 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary
Please bring send-off soda and bottled water.

SERVE MEALS:	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
BREAKFAST	8:45	8:45	8:30
LUNCH	1:00	1:45	12:00
DINNER	7:10	7:15	

SERENADE PRACTICE: Saturday, 6:30 pm — Ladies, please dress for a Kings Banquet

TEAR DOWN: Sunday, 6:30 am, 1:00 pm & 4:00 pm
CLOSING: Sunday, 4:30 pm in the Sanctuary (will not start until tear down is complete)

MAIL DEADLINE: Sunday, 11:00 am

FOOD PALANCA: NEEDED FOR WEEKEND: Fruit, soda, water, candy, individual bags of chips; homemade baked goods (cookies, brownies, cupcakes, etc.) **If you or your reunion group can supply dessert for a meal, please contact the head cook, Alana Scofield.**

GOLD COAST WOMEN'S VIA de CRISTO #96

"Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord."

Psalm 27:14

April 19-22, 2018 First Presbyterian Church, North Palm Beach, FL

RECTORA: Pat Cherry

HEAD CHA: JoAnn Hayes

ASST. RECTORA: Marianne Dierker

ASST. HEAD CHA: Julie Dolan



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First Presbyterian Church of NPB

717 Prosperity Farms Road, North Palm Beach, FL 33408
(561) 622-8818

From I-95 take Northlake Blvd. exit, go east to Prosperity Farms Road, turn left (north), go about 3 blocks, church is on the left, just north of Lighthouse Drive.

Special thanks to Rev. Walter "Lucky" Arnold, III, and First Presbyterian Church for the use of their facilities for this weekend.



WANTED PLEASE

**Homemade baked goods (sugar- free items, cookies, brownies, cupcakes, etc.)
Fruit, soda, water (small bottles), candy, individual bags of snacks.**

Community Schedule of Events -

SET UP: Wednesday, April 18th, **starts at 7:00 pm, please arrive early**
SEND OFF: Thursday, April 19th, 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary
Please bring send-off soda and bottled water.

SERVE MEALS:	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
BREAKFAST	8:30	8:45	8:30
LUNCH	1:00	1:45	12:00
DINNER	7:10	7:15	

SERENADE PRACTICE: Saturday, 6:30 pm — In the Sanctuary
Men, dress in your Sunday Best

TEAR DOWN: Sunday, 6:30 am, 1:00 pm & 4:00 pm
CLOSING: Sunday, 4:30 pm in the Sanctuary (will not start until tear down is complete)

MAIL DEADLINE: Sunday, 11:00 am

FOOD PALANCA: NEEDED FOR WEEKEND: Fruit, soda, water, candy, individual bags of chips; homemade baked goods (cookies, brownies, cupcakes, etc.) **If you or your reunion group can supply dessert for a meal, please contact the head cook, Stu Lockrow.**

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