

Happenings

Ultreya!



Secretariat

- Traci Little, Lay Director
- Karen Peterson, Secretary
- Andrew Kjos, Treasurer
- Debbie Claar, Leader's Chairperson
- Dave Helfert, Outreach Chairperson
- Lenny & Michele Koniewicz, Communications Chairpersons
- Larry Minella, Property Chairperson
- Tammy Mack, Pre-weekend Chairperson
- Pr. Anne Strickert, Spiritual Director
- Sandy Verdooren, 4th Day Chairperson
- **OPEN**, Post-weekend (ultreyas & reunion groups)

Due to relocation, we reluctantly bid farewell to our brother in Christ, Paul DuBois, who is now in Iowa. Paul, please know our love and prayers go with you and we look forward to seeing you if and when you return to visit!

COMMUNICATIONS...

Send all prayer requests and community communication items to Prayers@TasteOfGrace.org. Please pray for:



- Healing and comfort for those who have lost loved ones
- Safety for those who protect us: those in the military, police officers and fire fighters
- Healing & encouragement for those battling severe illnesses; cancer, drug addiction, autoimmune diseases, etc.

SATURDAY, JULY 23, 2011

After the 3:00 Secretariat meeting, which is open to anyone attending, the ultreya will begin at 5:00 PM.

We will reunion & fellowship for spiritual nourishment, have a potluck & swim time for physical nourishment.

Traci & Mike Gornick
 5545 Barrington Road
 Morris, IL 60450
 (Although not mandatory, bring a swim suit!)

"Be strong and courageous, and do the work. Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the LORD God, my God, is with you."

1 Chronicles 28:20

This is not the first time I've used this verse as something of meaning and motivation to me. A few years back, when I was wrapping-up my one-year term as council president at Shepherd of the Hill Lutheran Church, I included this verse in my final report to the congregation in the annual meeting booklet. It was as true then as it is now. As I embark in this journey as being your chosen Rector for TOG #16 this is the primary ideal that I want to keep in mind, and is something that I ask you to reflect on, as well. With God all things are possible, for He is with us and will follow us through any task or assignment we choose to tackle.

I am thrilled to have been chosen as the next person to lead us up to and through the next fulfilling weekend this November. I ask that you keep our entire community in your prayers and contemplate your desires and actions to serve the Lord on the team that is currently being assembled. It is going to be another rewarding and uplifting experience for all of us. Also please pray for any and all potential pilgrims who will be making this awesome faith walk for the first time. May God continue to bless and be with each of us as we live our lives in doing his work!

GLYASDI,
 Dave Helfert
 Rector, TOG #16





- Prayers continued...
- Encouragement and gainful employment for the unemployed or under employed
 - Good physical and emotional health for pregnant women and expecting fathers
 - Direction & courage during their discernment process for Bethel Lutheran Church in Muskego, WI
 - Direction for our community that we follow God's will for His ministry called Taste of Grace via de Cristo

What is a leader? A leader (in botany) is defined as "the main growing shoot of a tree or bush." How cool is that? When I was asked to submit an article for the newsletter I had no clue where to start, so I was going to start with a definition. I loooove this definition.

In John 15:5 Jesus says "I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing." Jesus is the vine, we are the branches – the growing shoots of a tree or bush. The shoots that "will bear much fruit."

Isn't it everything we talk about a leader being? Throughout our faith walk we lead and teach with our own thoughts, words, and deeds. Do you remember what the qualities of a leader are? They are 1)The spirit of initiative 2)Willing



to risk 3)A sense of responsibility 4)Authenticity and 5)Generosity. What about the supernatural qualities? They are 1)Living faith 2)Hope 3) and Love 4)Humility.

Prayerfully consider serving on ToG Co-ed weekend #16 this fall. Come and share your joy in Jesus, sharing your leadership qualities. Be the hands and feet of Christ. Come, share of yourself and be the "shoots that will bear much fruit."

DeColores to all. May everyone have a Blessed summer.

God Love You and So Do I

Debbie Claar ToG#1
Leaders Chair

RECAP OF SECRETARIAT MINUTES:

- The Taste of Grace Secretariat meeting was called to order on June 11th 2011 at 1:13 p.m. Opening with prayer was Traci Gornick and devotional provided by Debbie Claar.
- Discussed the purchase of a used trailer: Money used on storage would have a trailer paid off within a couple of years. Keeping eyes and ears open for a used trailer.
- Taste of Grace wishes to have temple talks. Traci and Karen will work on developing temple talk information. There has also been discussion on the possibility of having a summer weekend in 2012.
- The Taste of Grace Weekend #16 is under way with Dave Helfert at the helm. Deb Claar is the Head Cha. Postcards with team meeting dates have been mailed. Team selection is underway. If you wish to be on team please contact Dave or Debbie, or fill out a team application online at www.tasteofgrace.org under Forms.
- Our next Secretariat meeting will be held at Traci Gornicks – July 23rd at 3:00 pm followed by an Ultreya at 5:00pm. There's a pool so bring your swimsuit and a dish to share.

Know of a reasonably priced used trailer?

