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# The Taste

July, 2006

Newsletter for

*Taste of Grace Via de Cristo*

## Our prayers continue...

Be with all Cursillistas in their 4th day journey. May they remember the mountaintop as they work in the hills and valley.

Lord, please be with your children whom you are calling to attend the upcoming fall weekends. Be also with the teams you are forming, that they are able to be Christ's hands, heart and ears to the pilgrims attending.

Dear Lord, continue to lift up and guide those in Erie IL whom are embarking on the wondrous journey of building a new church. Be with those chosen to lead, give them wisdom and help them to discern your will.

Pray for our troops--that God will guard and guide them whether they serve at home, overseas or in the volatile fields of Afghanistan and Iraq. Pray for their protection and for peace of mind for their friends, family and loved ones.

Ultimate Healer, please be with all those fighting cancer. Be with the patient for healing, with the medical profession for wisdom and with loved ones for comfort.

Dear Lord please let Tina feel your loving arms around her. Fill her with your presence and peace and love and help her to find her way back to You. Give her family strength and comfort them as they struggle through this difficult time, help them to find the words and actions you would have them use in loving and supporting Tina through her struggles.

Dear Lord, please be with those of us who are depressed. Help us to overcome this dark void of sadness and despair. Wrap your loving arms around us and lift us up and give us the strength to overcome.

Dear Lord, please let Kathy and Mike Bryant (TOG #1) and their family feel the love and peace of your presence in their lives. Give Kathy's doctors wisdom and guide them in her treatment of colon and liver cancer. Give Kathy your strength and let your healing hands touch her. Lift her and Mike, strengthen and comfort them and their families.

Dear Lord, please continue lifting Annmarie up, strengthening, calming, and comforting her as she continues searching for remedies to help ease her seizures. Continue to guide and grant wisdom to her physicians.

Heavenly Father, also let Vera feel Your loving arms around her at this time of need. Give her doctors wisdom in treating her. Lift Vera up, strengthen and nourish her. Dear Lord, also be with Dawn and her family, giving them strength and comfort.

Dear Lord continue to comfort and be with the family of 3 year old Madison who has been sent to a rehab facility 4 hours from home after a drowning accident that has left her in a coma. Please, Lord if it is your will grant healing and full restoration to Madison so that she may be a testament to Your love, grace and promises. Keep Gina and John in Your loving arms and fill them with peace and comfort during this trial.



## Prayer concerns:

Please lift up Ed Walter's nephew Chris who is serving in Iraq. He was shot twice through the arm. One bullet shattered the bone in his arm and the other went through to his chest where it nicked his lung. He was flown to some city in Iraq for triage and then to Germany on Sunday where he underwent additional surgery. As of now, he is back in the states where he may have further surgeries depending on his condition. He is expected to make a full recovery, but any prayers you can spare would be appreciated!

Please continue to grant safety to those affected by the naturally occurring forest fires. May all those in affected areas seek safety and shelter for themselves, their families and their pets.

Please pray for Deb Stetson's son Brian's, safety in his journey to Ecuador for the summer. He leaves June 7 and will return August 23. He will be studying Spanish and Latin American Culture through Augustana College. Also pray that God will guide him through this exciting adventure.

Please keep Rachel Robinson Colby in your prayers as she has recently undergone back surgery.

Please continue to pray for Nancy Johnson's sister-in-law's family. Her 10 yr old son, Steven, has Ausberger syndrome (harsh case of autism). His behavior has gotten extremely violent since they took him off his medication. Steven has been kick out of every school he has been in and is dangerously close to being expelled from his current school which specializes in behavioral problems. I ask for prayers for his parents, who are at a loss of what to do, who themselves who suffer from behavioral problems; and for Steven may he find peace of mind. And finally, for the daughter, Kathryn, may she not get lost and forgotten while they seek a solution.



Please keep lifted up in prayer Jamie, the special person in Kelly Scruggs (ToG #2) life. He was recently in a motorcycle accident and is in need of all our prayers.

Please pray for Alexis Martin's safety. She was on My Space dot.com and a 30 something year old guy started talking to her when she was 17. Told her she did not need to finish high school and that she should come to Oregon where he lives. She is now 18 and they can not report her as a runaway. Yesterday, Vickie (her mother) got a call from Lexi, telling her she left Moline airport at 6:00 and that she was in San Francisco. The night before she had spent the night with a friend like she has done several times before. Lexi did not have any money, so we think that this guy might have sent her the money for the plane ticket I heard as of late yesterday, that this guy is on probation and that he goes by the name Daddy no pants. I tried to call Vickie today and have not been able to reach her yet. She is having a really hard time with this and she is afraid that she will never see her daughter alive again. She will also have to tell her 9 year son that his sister has left town. Please pray for Alexis safety and comfort and strength for Vickie in dealing with her missing daughter.



**Prayer concerns (cont.):**

Please lift up in prayer a neighborhood woman (Roseann Romagnoli) who had colon surgery last Winter, followed by complications that included a "parasite" in her stomach which ate holes in the stomach lining. Lately she has been slowly progressing, only to have an aneurism in her brain start leaking last week. She has had surgery that the Drs. feel was successful but recovery will be slow. Please lift her in prayer for continued healing, and include her husband, Mike, who works

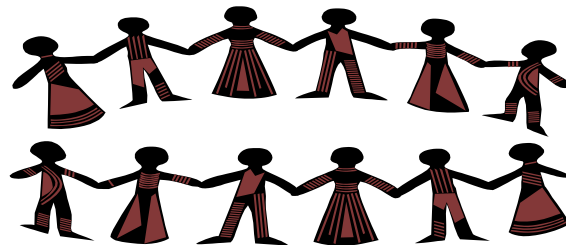
construction (long hours in Summer) tries to see Roseann as often as he can (she is 60 miles away in St. Francis hospital in Peoria, and is trying to deal with Roseann's horses. She has many, most of which have little ones. Caring for horses requires some knowledge of same and can't be handed off to just anyone. There is only one child in the area, a son on swing shift. Please keep a coworker, Chris LaFlamme lifted up in prayer. She has just been diagnosed

with a massive cancerous tumor on her kidney. She will be having surgery to remove the tumor and she could possibly lose the kidney.

Dear Lord, we continue to lift before you the family and friends of Warren Grief, Jan Curry and Tony Flores as we mourn their passing, cherish their life, and find peace knowing they are with you.

Please lift up the small town of Hennepin (pop. 750) in your prayers. Various life threatening health problems have been diagnosed

- Marvin Keller is in the end stages of cancer that was discovered only a few weeks ago. He will leave behind a loving wife and 9 year old step son.
  - Rick Keirski was recently diagnosed with Lou Gerigs Disease
  - Vic Sulmonetti just underwent surgery and is currently hospitalized.
  - George Bacchio is back in the hospital in intensive care.
  - George Green was taken by ambulance to the hospital
  - Sharon Petersen had a stroke earlier in the week
  - My PRAISE is that Jeremy (my nephew who has Down's Syndrome and was diagnosed with leukemia in March) is home from St. Jude in Memphis.
  - I guess I would also (selfishly) like to ask for prayers for myself. I have not been feeling well lately and have a doctor's appointment on Tues. Pray that they find something and are able to treat it
- Lori Gray LWVDC #24



**PRAY FIRST, PRAY LAST, PRAY ALWAYS**



## Prayers of Thanksgiving:

Father God, thank you for those you place in our lives, for our marriage partners, our reunion brothers & sisters and all others that help shape us into who you would like for us to become.

Thank you all for your prayers...for Austin. He was returned back to his father last Friday unharmed. Praise the Lord! We are not sure what will happen to the mother and grandmother...so please pray for them.

GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR PRAYERS  
GLYASDI  
Sandy Carlson LWVDC #33

TJ is at home and much better. Fever and pain are gone. He sees the Dr. Fri. for a repeat chest x-ray to see if the pneumonia is gone. Although the week was extremely anxious, we felt God's presence and all of your prayers. We will probably never know what he had other than a really bad mysterious virus. Thanks so much. Sue Scruggs LWVDC #18

Praise and Thanksgivings!  
Thank you all whom lifted up prayers for my husband Curt these past couple of weeks. Please offer up prayers of praise, Curt came home Thursday, June 1<sup>st</sup> from the hospital (his 50<sup>th</sup> birthday). He had suffered congestive heart failure, fluid on the lungs, and he has lost use of 75% of his left kidney. Praise God his right kidney is now working and he does have use of 25% of his left kidney. The lungs have cleared and the heart, although irregular, is beating strong. We are going through some diet and lifestyle changes, but, Curt is strong and so positive about everything. Praise God! "He has made everything beautiful in its time." Ecclesiastes 3:11. Thank you again!  
God Loves You! And So Do I!  
Sandy Thompson  
LWVDC #8

To all my friends and family, I cannot thank you enough for the prayers during this time, our Father in heaven has heard them all because instead of cutting me open for bypass surgery all they did was put in 3 more stents, which is serious enough but a lot less invasive than bypass. I am doing okay, I have to ease back into exercising and of course I have to start watching my diet better but my heart has not been damaged in any way. Thanks again for your prayers, with the Lord of all of you on my side I'm gonna be alright.  
God Loves you and so do I.  
Gary Constantino.



Thank you Lord, for your never ending love, grace, and forgiveness in our lives.

- 1. Make a friend**
- 2. Be a friend**
- 2. Be a friend**
- 3. Bring a friend to Christ**
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**Taste of Grace Via De Cristo  
Secretariat appointments**

Joan and Hugh Brems and graciously accepted the call to serve as Pre Weekend coordinators for the Taste of Grace Via de Cristo secretariat. Please keep them lifted up in prayer as they have answered God's call. Thanks so much Joan and Hugh for your willingness to serve! Pilgrim applications are currently being updated with the correct information. If you have a pilgrim application already completed please forward it to Joan and Hugh. Contact the Brems at [jmbrems@yahoo.com](mailto:jmbrems@yahoo.com) or 630-232-9670 for correct mailing information.

Linda and Fred Henize have also accepted a position on the secretariat. They have graciously accepted the call to serve as Post Weekend coordinators for the Taste of Grace Via de Cristo secretariat. Please keep them lifted up in prayer as they have also answered God's call. Thanks so much Linda and Fred for your readiness to serve! If your church is available for Ultreya or after prayerful consideration you feel God is calling you to do a 4<sup>th</sup> day talk, please contact the Henize's at [fchenize@aol.com](mailto:fchenize@aol.com) or 815-467-2705.

Dear Community,  
Saturday, August 5th I am responsible for special music at 1st United Methodist Church - Morris. I am wondering if anyone from the community would be interested in helping me. I need guitars and voices, the more the better and the music will be songs we already know!  
Please contact me and let me know if you are interested.  
God's Peace  
Karen Peterson  
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815 941-0173  
  
6pm is the service  
5pm practice

**Living Water Via De Cristo Secretariat appointments**

It is with pleasure that we let you know that Linda Berry has accepted the position of Living Water Via de Cristo Communications Chair. She was appointed at the July secretariat meeting. We all appreciate the work she has done over the past months and know that she will keep us "in the know" in the future. Thanks, Linda! And, may God bless you in your service to Him!

We just realized that the Secretariat has another Via appointment to announce. As of the end of the annual meeting in June, there was not a nominee for the Palanca Chair position. Shortly thereafter, Jan and Gary Morse volunteered to assume those duties, so they were appointed at the June Secretariat meeting! Thanks, Gary and Jan! And, welcome aboard! They will be asking for help from all of you as they fill the 72-hour prayer slots.

In His Service,  
Harold and Sandy Julifs  
Lay Director(s)



## **From our Lay Director**

Lenny and I counted deaths. There were six that we knew of over a span of two weeks. We went to two of the visitations and one memorial service. The reminders of your own mortality make you revisit your priorities in life.

My brother-in-law inherited a rather large estate. He is a non-believer and proud of that fact. During the conversations that Lenny and I shared over the last week or so, I came to the realization that this large estate was the result of a relationship my brother-in-law had built with this relative. The recurring thought that processed through my mind was that Christ was all about relationships. Jesus befriended the friendless and chose to build relationship with the undesirables of society.

While contemplating this revelation, I wondered about the relationships I build and maintain. I marvel at the estate that I will inherit simply because I desire to deepen my relationship with Christ. This thought, of course, leads to comparing the worldly estate with the heavenly estate. The disparity is obvious – at least to us.

The next thought to boggle me down was how this disparity was obvious to me but not to my in-laws, my own father or several others that I pray for regularly. What am I doing to help fertilize the soil of their hearts? Am I allowing their negative responses to prayer, God, and Christ to prevent me from becoming an agent for change in their environment? By shying away from their responses and ultimately giving up, am I saying 'go to hell'?

Well, needless to say, I took these thoughts and shared them with Christians closest to me: Lenny and my reunion sisters. During these conversations, I came to realize that I looked at it from a slightly warped perspective. I have Christ while my brother-in-law has another car, house, etc. I have Christ while others may have anger, addictions, control issues, etc. I hate to admit it, but I walked around with this air of superiority for three or four days.

Micah 6:8 reads 'He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God'. Well, I wasn't very humble, was I? I was behaving like the man in Luke 18:11 "The Pharisee stood up and prayed about himself: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men--robbers, evildoers, adulterers--or even like this tax collector.'"

There are three reasons I'm sharing this story with you:

- As Christians we place a higher value on what Christ desires, not on our own desires; on justice, mercy & love - not on cars, houses and money.
- As humans we stray from our own ideals: Romans 7:19 "For what I do is not the good I want to do; no, the evil I do not want to do--this I keep on doing".
- Our reunion groups help us see our way through spiritual struggles, however large or small they may be.



**From our Lay Director (cont.)**

After mulling over what a horrible person I am, Lenny and my reunion sisters helped me come to the conclusion that:

- Joy is found in the fact that Christ's grace, love & mercy is still very much available to me (Romans 5:8 "But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.")
- While I'm neglecting my responsibilities as an agent of change in 'unsafe' environments, my lack of confidence only reminds me that I can't do it alone; that Christ must be my back bone, my guide and motivation
- It must start with prayer and not prayer just for God to soften their hearts and open their minds, but prayer that I can see and act on the

opportunities He provides me in those 'unsafe' environments.

When we meet regularly with our reunion groups we share our failures and our successes. This is a little of both. I failed, but with the help of my reunion group, it can become a success. I grew a little, at least I hope so, and I have a renewed passion for praying for those in environments I had previously regarded as hopeless. Not only do I want them to share in the joy of Christ during this lifetime, but I'd like to have the confidence of knowing I'll see them again in the next.

In the grip of Grace,  
Michele Koniewicz  
Lay Director

***You're Invited***

**What:** Taste of Grace Via de Cristo Ultreya  
**When:** Saturday, September 9, 2006  
 5:00 PM Pot Luck (bring a dish or two to pass)  
 Worship to Follow  
**Where:** Trinity Lutheran Church  
 2901 Western Avenue  
 Park Forest Il 60466





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## **From the Rector of Taste of Grace #8**

What number are you? Sometimes this is an easy question to answer and sometimes this is very hard. It's easy to say I'm number 3 in the line at the deli counter. Or I was number 8 in the jury box. Or I graduated number 17 out of 256 kids in High School. The hard ones are like when I was the last (number) one to be picked for the team. Where it's more of a default than a number. Or you are the number one suspect in a suspicious activity.

Well, the last week in June I was looking for hard numbers. I had prayed and sought council with those wiser than I and figured that I would like to have 33 people on this upcoming ToG #8 Men's weekend. That I'd systematically break the database of men's names down in thirds

(new/moderate/experienced) and try to gain 11 men from each category. That's when the false confidence set in. I looked at the database and said how can anybody have a hard time filling a team with all of these names. Well over a hundred names and 15 different pastors. I thought this doesn't look hard. I started to think Simon, Gregg, Scott and Bob just had a rough phone voice when calling team for previous weekends. Boy was I in for a surprise.

As it turns out, gathering a team to help serve God has been a very hard thing to do. Yeah, I know, it doesn't seem possible. You'd think that people would be knocking themselves over with their servant's heart to jump at the chance to help. Well when you remove the farmers,

others that have work schedule conflicts and people just being tired, the pickings get slim. The pastors are tough crowd also. Busy enough to make you dizzy to a depth that is beyond this child's understanding. It makes you wonder how did they have time to write and research a sermon each week. But, being busy doing the Lord's work is an acceptable fate to live with.

God has blessed us with the beginning of a great team for this fall! I've made hundred's of calls and I'm waiting for many responses. These responses could be from you, heeding God's call to be a servant this upcoming weekend. Please consider serving and remember I'm not asking for myself, I'm just trying to humbly serve also.



**From the Rector of Taste of Grace #8 (cont.)**

So what number are you? Are you the 5<sup>th</sup> call I made or the 50<sup>th</sup>? Are you thinking about the first message I left you or the second one? Well, rest assured that you are number 1 in God's eyes. He has great plans for you that may or may not include this weekend, but He has plans for you! I'll be praying for all of us! Please keep the Men &

Women of ToG # 8 in your prayers.

At the TOG Ultreya on July 8<sup>th</sup> I was privileged to be giving the 4<sup>th</sup> day talk. I spoke about God and time and on how we give our dog our leftovers. Also how I find myself giving my God, our God, my left over time. How wrong is that! The vivid realization that I don't give God my first fruits also was silencing

and overwhelming. I pray that I don't do that again and for sure that I don't do that intentionally.

So if God sees you as number 1 where do you see Him? Can you stop giving God your leftover time?

Decolores, God Loves You and so do I,  
Lenny Koniewicz,  
ToG # 8 Rector

***Taste of Grace Via de Cristo Fall Weekend #8***

**Nov 09-12, 2006 Fall Taste of Grace Men's Weekend #8  
Lenny Koniewicz will be Rector**

- Thursday Nov 09, 2006 - 7:00 pm Sendoff  
Dedication of the crosses immediately following Send Off
- Saturday Nov 11, 2006 - 7:00 pm Serenade - practice begins at 6:00 pm
- Sunday Nov 12, 2006 - 4:00 pm Clausura

**Nov 16-19, 2006 Fall Taste of Grace Women's Weekend #8  
Debbie Claar will be Rectora**

- Thursday Nov 16, 2006 - 7:00 pm Sendoff  
Dedication of the crosses immediately following Send Off
- Saturday Nov 18, 2006 - 7:00 pm Serenade - practice begins at 6:00 pm
- Sunday Nov 19, 2006 - 4:00 pm Clausura



## **From the Spiritual Director**

Way back when, in my first reunion group, we faithfully followed the 'Group Reunion' outline printed in the (old) 'red' Pilgrims Guide. The last words printed in the guide came from Hebrews 10: <sup>24</sup>*And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds,* <sup>25</sup>*not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching."*

And for the seven years of that group, we used those verses as our closing prayer. We used it because it spoke about mutual responsibility (how to provoke one another to love and good deeds), to be faithful to our group (not neglecting to meet together), and to plan for the coming week (encouraging one another – He is coming!).

I sense in our 'busy – ness' of today, this short passage has relevance for all of us in the Taste of Grace community. We need to gather together. Like it or not, Christianity is a team sport. We are formed for fellowship (as Rick Warren puts it). We are not meant to be alone. Jesus didn't "do church" by himself. He gathered a group of friends. He showed up in the synagogue and the temple. He gave his life – not to drive people away from a communal expression of life in God – but to open the door of that community to all.

We live in an exciting time to be the Church, especially the tiny piece we know as Via de Cristo. But the excitement comes alive, takes its shape and purpose, when we come together, as Hebrews says, faithfully and responsibly, to plan the sharing of God's grace. We have three specific ways that we come together: reunion groups, Ultreyas, and serving on team. All are important in our 4<sup>th</sup> Day.

Are you listening for God's voice? Through the Holy Spirit, God is indeed calling some of us to serve on team for Weekend 8. Be prepared... respond to God's call to use your servant's heart...that is our mission and purpose...to live God's grace by passing it on. God's voice may sound like Debbie's or Lenny's – but don't let that get in the way!



**Let us pray:** Gracious Lord, you have called us to be your people and you have grafted us into the community of our home church, and into this Taste of Grace Via de Cristo community, all to honor your mission and purpose. Open our hearts and minds so that we can see the roles we each play as your forgiven children in your creation. Use us! Let your words in Hebrews speak to us boldly as you kindle the fire within. In Jesus' name. Amen.

GLYASDI, + Pr. Craig



"Come, see ....." This invitation comes from the Samaritan woman who Jesus met at the well, in her village. She issued this invitation to the people of her village after she had spoken to Jesus and he had told her many things about herself. She had no standing or position in the village, in-fact the villagers avoided her because she had had five husbands and the man with whom she was living was not her husband. Yet her invitation "Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did" was heeded by many Samaritans, who came, listened and believed.

This story is told in the fourth chapter of John, verses 1 through 42.

It is a great example of "invitational evangelism", just one of the many styles or methods we can use to spread God's Word and build His church.

Since the mission of the body of Christ, which is the church, is to evangelize the world we must find the style or method of evangelism that is comfortable for us and use it to share the Word, to build-up the body of Christ.

Our Via de Cristo weekend helps us understand our true heart, our ideal, and

helps us to discover how we can best use our talents to serve Jesus Christ. Our "Taste of Grace" community provides opportunities to encourage and build each other up. It also holds us accountable to our mission.

Personally, I come away from each weekend richer and more blessed than when the weekend started. I wish that everyone could experience the joy that I feel, the peace that I have and the love of Christ that is mine.

Pray for direction. Share your story with a friend. Invite that friend to experience a weekend and to join this community of committed, caring believers.

#### Fall weekends

Men - November 9 - 12, 2006

Women - November 16 - 19, 2006

Contact Ruth or David VanZant (815-834-1293) for additional information or to secure a speaker for your congregation or small group.

God loves you and so do we, Ruth and David VanZant





*Jan was Rectora for Taste of Grace Women's Weekend #1 May 2003.  
She will be greatly missed by us all.*



*Do not stand at my grave and weep.  
I am not there,  
I do not sleep.  
I am a  
thousand  
winds that  
blow.  
I am a  
diamond in the  
snow.  
I am the  
sunlight on  
ripened grain.  
I am the gentle autumn rain.  
When you awaken in the morning's hush,  
I am the swift uplifting rush  
Of quiet birds in circled flight.  
I am the soft stars that shine at night.  
Do not stand at my grave and cry;  
I am not there, I did not die.*

*Honoring the Life  
Of*

***Janice M. Curry***

*June 21, 1939 ~ July 6, 2006*

*Funeral Services*

Thursday, July 13<sup>th</sup>, 2006 – 10:00 A.M.  
First Lutheran Church  
Geneseo, Illinois

*Officiant*

Rev. Thomas Heyd

*Organist & Soloist*

Deanna Swanson

*Final Resting Place*

Oakwood Cemetery  
Geneseo, IL

*Pallbearers*

Shawn Curry, Aaron Curry, Ryan Curry,  
Bill Curry, Mike Konitzer, Jade Konitzer

*Memorials May Be Left To:*

*First Lutheran Church*



## **From the Rectora of Taste of Grace #8**

Peace and blessings to you all. I hope everyone is enjoying their summer. Team Formation Meetings will be starting soon for Taste of Grace Weekend #8, please keep the teams and pilgrims for the upcoming weekends in your prayers. Like Lenny, I also looked at the database of names and phone numbers and thought no problem, assembling a team of women with willing hands and servant hearts shouldn't be too difficult. I didn't take into consideration jobs, families, children in sports, children getting ready to go away to college, families moving and the many other obligations we have.

Answering God's call to serve as Rectora for this upcoming fall weekend has certainly helped me to improve my prayer life. As the team and pilgrims of Taste of Grace Weekend #8 count on your continual prayer support, I know you in turn are counting on mine. Have you prayerfully considered serving on and/or sponsoring a pilgrim on ToG #8? Have you gone to our Lord in prayer, seeking his guidance and discerning his will for you?



I had been struggling with writing this article, putting words to paper is not my strong suit. I had been sitting at the computer with my hands folded when my little one came in and asked if I needed her to pray with me, so we prayed and I shut off the computer, she went to bed and I picked up a book to read and came across this passage:

*"Harried? Too engrossed in daily life to be bothered with other people's problems? It's easy to fall into the trap of thinking that way, to put off doing what your heart tells you to. After all, our time is valuable, isn't it? ... Well, you're right. Your time is precious. Every breath is God given. That's why we owe it to Him to put our lives to good use?"*

The book is an inspirational suspense romance book by Valerie Hansen titled *The Danger Within*. Of all places to find what I wanted to say – a romance novel! God does answer our prayers and guides in ways not always clear to us.

I have found that when I say yes to serving others, spending time with others, sometimes just listening to others especially when I am feeling overwhelmed with the commitments of daily life that I feel the benefits also.



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**From the Rectora of Taste of Grace #8 (cont.)**

See, the Lord knows when I need to take time and he guides me there and I am refreshed from it – even when it seems I should be more exhausted, more stretched for time, and more discombobulated. The serving of others, it refreshes my heart and soul.

Go to the Lord in prayer and discern what he would like you to do.

God Loves You and So Do I

Debbie Claar

Rectora ToG #8

**Are you interested in serving on team for Taste of Grace Weekend #8? Do you have willing hands and a servant's heart? We may have tried, but been unable to reach you. Our contact information may not be up to date, so we could have an incorrect phone number. Maybe there was no answer, a busy signal, or even the message we left was misplaced. Please call or email us if you are interested in serving this coming fall.**

**God Loves You and So Do We**

**Lenny Koniewicz      815-725-4928 shellen1@comcast.net**

**Debbie Claar          815-436-1676 d.claar@comcast.net**

**Fall Team Formation Dates are from 8:30-4:30 on the following Saturdays**

- Aug. 19, 2006 at Our Saviors Lutheran in Bradley
- Sept. 16, 2006 at Our Saviors Lutheran in Seneca
- Oct. 7, 2006 at Shepherd on the Hill in Lockport
- Oct 28, 2006 at Immanuel Lutheran in Yorkville

**"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose." Romans 8:28**



## 72-Hour Prayer Vigil

Prayer (palanca) is the strength of the Via de Cristo weekends. God's grace is granted to prayer and God's grace is essential to bringing the world to Jesus.

Don't delay, sign up today!

Three ways to sign up:

- Visit <http://www.3dayol.org/Vigil/GetComm.phtml>
- Call Amy Prior (4<sup>th</sup> Day Chair) at 815.230.2779
- Email Amy at [AmyPrior1@aol.com](mailto:AmyPrior1@aol.com)

Your input is valued. Do you have anything you would like to share with the community via The Taste newsletter? Stories, devotionals, bible passages that touched your heart that you would like to share with all of us? Would you like to share with us what your weekend has meant to you? Do you have a short, clean, funny joke? What about an important event in your life, or one come up? Let me know – send me an email or call me, and I will be happy to include it in the next edition of *The Taste*.

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### Have you moved?

Do you have a new address?

New phone number?

New email address?

Please let me know so that I can update our information. Thanks so much!

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## Calendar of Events



**Nov 09-12, 2006 Fall Taste of Grace Men's Weekend #8**

**Lenny Koniewicz will be Rector**

- Thursday Nov 09, 2006 - 7:00 pm Sendoff  
Dedication of the crosses immediately following Send Off
- Saturday Nov 11, 2006 - 7:00 pm Serenade – practice begins at 6:00 pm
- Sunday Nov 12, 2006 - 4:00 pm Clausura

**Nov 16-19, 2006 Fall Taste of Grace Women's Weekend #8**

**Debbie Claar will be Rectora**

- Thursday Nov 16, 2006 - 7:00 pm Sendoff  
Dedication of the crosses immediately following Send Off
- Saturday Nov 18, 2006 - 7:00 pm Serenade – practice begins at 6:00 pm
- Sunday Nov 19, 2006 - 4:00 pm Clausura

**Apr 26-29, 2007 Taste of Grace Co-Ed Weekend #9**

**Nov 08-11, 2007 Fall Taste of Grace Men's Weekend #10**

**Nov 15-18, 2007 Fall Taste of Grace Women's Weekend #10**

## Ultreyas

**5:00 PM Pot Luck with Worship to Follow  
(bring a dish or two to pass)**

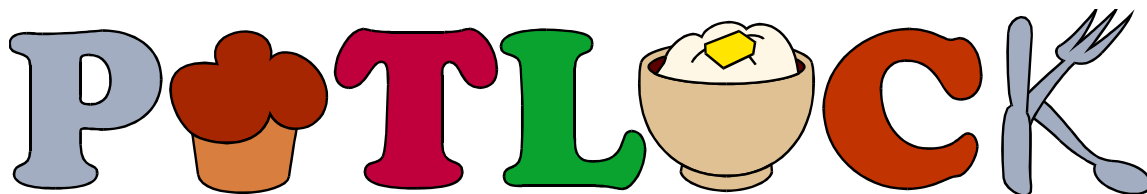
**Sept 09:** Trinity Lutheran,  
2901 Western Ave, Park Forest IL 60466

**Dec 02:** Shepherd of the Hill,  
925 E 9<sup>th</sup> St, Lockport IL  
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**Fall Team Formation  
Dates are from 8:30-4:30  
on the following**

**Saturdays**

- Aug. 19, 2006 at Our Saviors Lutheran in Bradley
- Sept. 16, 2006 at Our Saviors Lutheran in Seneca
- Oct. 7, 2006 at Shepherd on the Hill in Lockport
- Oct 28, 2006 at Immanuel Lutheran in Yorkville





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*Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and I light unto my path.*

*Psalms 119:105*