



The Taste

Newsletter for
Taste of Grace Via de Cristo

July, 2008

Dear Via de Cristo Community,

A few things regarding communications.

1. Please let me know if any of your contact information (Email address, home address, phone, cell phone) has changed so that the database can be updated.
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4. If you are interested in working on team for any future weekend, please contact the leaders chair: Lenny Koniewicz; 815-725-4928; shellen1@comcast.net
5. If your church is interested in hosting an Ultreya, please contact the post weekend chair: Linda & Fred Henize; 815-467-2705; fchenize@att.net

De Colores
God Loves You and So Do I
Respectfully
Debbie Claar
Communication Chair

Dear Heavenly Father

You are the Ultimate Healer, please be with all those fighting cancer and all those terminally ill. Be with them for healing; give the medical profession wisdom and loved ones comfort. Lord, hear our prayer

Let us be open to feeling the comfort of being wrapped in your loving arms. Help us to overcome the feelings of sadness and despair. Lift us up and help us to overcome the dark void of depression and mourning. Lord, hear our prayer.

Be with all whom are recovering and/or undergoing surgeries. Give them strength and wrap them in your healing arms. Comfort their families with your love and compassion. Guide the doctors and give them wisdom and knowledge. Continue to be with and strengthen them. Lord, hear our prayer.

Please guard and guide all of our troops and those commanding them. We pray that those making decisions seek and follow your will. We ask that you keep them wrapped in your protection. We ask that you comfort their friends, family and loved ones. Lord, hear our prayer.

Continue to watch over all Cursillistas in their 4th day journey. Help them to remember the mountaintop as they work in the hills and valley. Please be with your children whom you are calling to attend the upcoming fall weekends. Lord, hear our prayer.

Be also with Rector Andrew Kjos and Rectora Sue Scruggs and the teams you are forming, that it is able to be Christ's hands, heart and ears to the pilgrims attending. Lord, hear our prayer.

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.

We give thanks and praise for all the joys you give us.

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

And all God's Children say Amen

De Colores Taste of Grace Community!

Spring is finally blooming all around, after this long and intense Chicagoland winter. All the colors of the rainbow are engaging my senses in nature, and that very much reflects my internal state of joy after working the Co-ed weekend #11. ("his favor lasts a lifetime... joy comes in the morning!" Psalm 30:5)

What a blessing it has been serving along side the committed and dedicated team-members called by Christ. By all measures I can think of, this weekend was a success...

- 1) God was worshiped and glorified. And he showed up; his spirit was strongly felt by many.
- 2) The 3 candidates were lead through the 72-hour pilgrimage in meaningful ways that God prepared specifically for them. They are reportedly having conversations with their sponsors and making plans for their 4th day participation within the community (via reunion groups, future teams, and community support of the teams). One is even reported as saying this past weekend was "life-changing."
- 3) The team members were given opportunities to grow and experience this weekend from their own perspectives. There were 3 first-time rollistas, 3 first-time team members and many of us in new roles. Of course there were challenges, but God brought out spirits of flexibility and patience. He

provided growth and renewal to all whom I've spoken with.

And now it is time to tend the seeds that have been planted, not only in our earthly gardens, but also in the gardens of our spirits. Those tiny mustard seeds CAN grow in faith strong enough to move mountains - Jesus promised! (Matthew 17:20-21) Joining an active and supportive small group is essential to nurturing those mustard seeds. Focusing on the refinement of our piety, study and action will move the mountains of challenge we face in our individual and collective Christian lives.

My continued prayers for every member of the 4th day community, both present and future:

- ...that you grow in faith like the mustard seed, so your apostolic action may move mountains
- ...that you experience and extend to others deep, abiding joy, joy, joy, joy down in your hearts
- ...that you let the love of Jesus, love of Jesus shine like a floodlight in all your environments
- ...that you allow God's peace that passes all rational and worldly understanding ground your lives.

God surely loves each of you, and so do I,

Lenae Kirchner
ToG#11 co-rectora
May, 2008

Dearest Brothers and Sisters of the Taste of Grace Community:

As most of you don't know me, allow me to introduce myself. I attended Living Water Via De Cristo #18 where I sat at the table of Hannah. I have since been blessed to serve on many teams with Living Water and 2 teams for Taste of Grace. I was Head Cha on Taste of Grace #2 when LaDonna Strakis was rectora. I gave the study rollo on TOG #3. My husband, Jim, and I live in Princeton, IL which is 2 hours southwest of Chicago right on Interstate 80 and 1 hour north of Peoria. There are so many of you that I don't know so I am in desperate need of your help as team selection unfolds.

My head is still reeling from the reality of the fact I have said "YES" to be your rectora for the upcoming Taste of Grace weekend. I was at my computer last night and I started to anticipate what all was in store for me. I was overcome with fear, anxiety and self-doubt and started to cry. I immediately thought back to when I was about to deliver our first-born. All of my life, I knew I wanted to be married and have children. I dreamed about becoming a mother and was filled with nothing but joy when the Dr. confirmed my dream was to come true. I still remember (28 years ago!) how I felt when my water broke and we were preparing to go to the hospital. I was overcome with fear, anxiety and self-doubt and

started to cry. God was answering my prayers and my dreams and I wanted to back out. Lately, God has placed on my heart that my life is "safe" and maybe a little too routine. I have been praying to help my eyes and heart be open to whatever he has planned for me. I recognize that serving Taste of Grace and Him is an answer to my prayers, yet I doubt. Silly me!! He gave me all I asked for as a Mother and so much more. I know He will do the same as we begin preparations for Taste of Grace #12. I believe that I will combine 2 of my favorite verses as I pray for this journey. Romans 2:12 states: "Do not conform any longer 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." Philippians 4:13 states "I can do everything through him who gives me strength." This world is full of negativity and tells us we will fail. I will pray for God to transform my mind (and therefore my doubts and fears) and know the truth of Philippians – He will give me the strength I need. I welcome your prayers and look so forward to this journey we will travel together.

God Loves You and So Do !!!

Sue Scruggs

Fall Taste of Grace Weekends!

Summer is here; vacations (or the new term "*staycations*" for those not going anywhere far due to the high cost of gas) are in full swing, and planning for the fall is the last thing on your mind for most of us.

Ever feel like you just have too many things on your plate? Too many commitments? Just too much to do? Now, for a moment, think back to some of those great experiences you have had on your different weekends with Via de Cristo. How reviving (and exhausting) those long weekends are, how refreshed your spiritual life is afterwards, and how great it is to spend time in one of your Christian communities.

If you're like me, you have some really great memories and some great friends. And you might even be able to identify some of the points in your life that have truly benefited from your Via de Cristo experience. Personally, I can identify several events in my church life that wouldn't have been possible without what I learned from my Via de Cristo experiences. Recently I had the honor of leading our "Call Team" in the search for a Pastor for our

church. I know that my experiences with Taste of Grace was instrumental in my ability to lead the team. One of the memorable moments was as our congregation was voting on calling our new Pastor, I realized that all three of the people leading the meeting (the Bishop's representative, our congregational council president, and I) are involved in Taste of Grace. Coincidence? Or an example of our Via de Cristo goals of raising leaders in the church? I know that I have truly grown in my leadership abilities and my ability to share my faith.

Now, back to that "planning for the fall". It is time to start thinking about our fall weekends. As Sue and I plan and prepare for the training and the weekend, I ask that you start to prayerfully consider your call to share your faith. Open your eyes to who God is placing in your life that might benefit from the weekend experience. It's time to start talking to them about attending the upcoming weekend. Share some of your wonderful experiences, your growth, and your joys. That hardest part for me.....starting to talk, then it is easy.

Enjoy your summer (and prepare for fall)

God Loves you and so do I

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WHEN YOU THOUGHT I WASN'T LOOKING

- ☺ When you thought I wasn't looking I saw you hang my first painting on the refrigerator, and I immediately wanted to paint another one.
- ☺ When you thought I wasn't looking I saw you feed a stray cat, and I learned that it was good to be kind to animals.
- ☺ When you thought I wasn't looking I saw you make my favorite cake for me, and I learned that the little things can be the special things in life.
- ☺ When you thought I wasn't looking I heard you say a prayer, and I knew that there is a God I could always talk to, and I learned to trust in Him.
- ☺ When you thought I wasn't looking I saw you make a meal and take it to a friend who was sick, and I learned that we all have to help take care of each other.
- ☺ When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you give of your time and money to help people who had nothing, and I learned that those who have something should give to those who don't.
- ☺ When you thought I wasn't looking I saw you take care of our house and everyone in it, and I learned we have to take care of what we are given.
- ☺ When you thought I wasn't looking I saw how you handled your responsibilities, even when you didn't feel good, and I learned that I would have to be responsible when I grow up.
- ☺ When you thought I wasn't looking I saw tears come from your eyes, and I learned that sometimes things hurt, but it's all right to cry.
- ☺ When you thought I wasn't looking I saw that you cared, and I wanted to be everything that I could be.
- ☺ When you thought I wasn't looking I learned most of life's lessons that I need to know to be a good and productive person when I grow up.
- ☺ When you thought I wasn't looking I looked at you and wanted to say, 'Thanks for all the things I saw when you thought I wasn't looking.'

LITTLE EYES SEE A LOT.

Each of us influences the life of a child. How will you touch the life of someone today? Live simply. Love generously. Care deeply. Speak kindly.

LEAVE THE REST TO GOD.

Dear Sisters & Brothers in Christ:

It feels like it's been forever since I've written an article and I feel as though I owe you an update. Your Secretariat has been busy. Our third co-ed weekend is behind us and the #12 weekends are being planned. God has brought us a far distance in the last seven years!

Yes, it was seven years ago we had our first ultreya to organize a 3 Day weekend community in the south suburbs of Chicago. God blessed us by influencing us in the beginning by having several different 3 Day weekend communities represented on our first Secretariat. Those of us gathered then prayerfully considered our decisions as we sought to define who we thought Taste of Grace via de Cristo should be. And although I feel as though those decisions were sound, we've reached a time in our community's life for re-evaluation.

Your Secretariat is asking itself questions:

- Are we actually accomplishing our goal: to strengthen church leaders?
 - Are we encouraging those who are less experienced weekend servants to develop leadership skills within Taste of Grace and experience that sense of accomplishment, which may help them transfer those leadership skills to their home congregation?
 - Are we open to hearing the Holy Spirit speak through newer members of our community?
 - Are we taking our sponsorship responsibilities seriously?
 - Are our ultreyas spiritually uplifting?
- Does our documentation describe how we actually do things or communicate well:
 - our purpose and goal?
 - the team structure and formation?
 - our history and dynamics?

We know that we, your Secretariat, do not have all the answers. We know that God speaks to all our hearts and that our prayerful connection to God isn't any closer than any of your connections. So I humbly ask for your:

- prayers for our Taste of Grace community, that we be who God calls us to be and do as He desires for this His ministry;
- for the Holy Spirit's guidance and presence at the Secretariat meetings;
- for the pilgrims who have experienced a Taste of Grace 3 day walk with Christ and for those yet to take the pilgrimage;

Lastly, I ask for your thoughts and opinions on how we might better accomplish the task set before us. If you have something you'd like the Secretariat to discuss, please feel free to call me: 815.725.4928 or email me MicheleWith1L@comcast.net.

I am blessed to be used in whatever capacity God decides as He continues to grow and develop Taste of Grace. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to be on this journey with you.

Many blessings, much hope and abundant joy,
Michele Koniewicz,
Lay Director

Journaling to the Bible ...A recent venture
By: Nicole Macaluso

The past couple of weeks I've decided to take the advice of some of my Spiritual peers and give daily journaling a try. I decided to start journaling to this wonderful out of print publication interpretation of the Psalms called Psalms Now! Every morning and evening, I've been randomly opening the book to see what Psalm I'd be reflecting on. What's been lovely about this is how much I truly feel like it wasn't random but something God wanted me to see and think about especially for that particular day. Unlike the Message's interpretation of the Bible, the writers of the "Now!" series tried to be modern but really are more classical about their interpretation. Well at least I feel this way. One Psalm recently has truly struck a chord in my heart, this would be Psalm 45. It is a wedding song essentially, reading it however here there's no reference to that. I essentially found out it was a wedding psalm only when I cross referenced

it to NRSV & NIV's versions of the bible. Reading it here, it is so much more about thoughtfulness & thanksgiving as well as Love. "You marched into my jungle of despair and made a path for me to walk in once more." "I am heavy with praise, and I must express it lest I succumb to it." "And I pray that God may bless you and keep you and use you forever." Could the authors of Psalms Now! Be wanting to allude to our gratefulness as being the church, The Brides of Christ? That proved to be a whole other area of interesting study since one definition referred to this as the role of a "nun." Of course in the Protestant circles, it makes you think about the chronicles of St. Paul and his grateful efforts to grow the early church. However you read it, it's truly beautiful & inspiring, I'm glad I woke up to read this a few weeks ago & write out my thoughts. Enjoy:

Psalm 45 (from Psalms Now! By Leslie F. Brandt)

My heart is full of joy today.

I reach almost frantically for the sounds that might express that joy,
the words that would proclaim the exuberance that I feel at this moment.

I am heavy with praise, and I must express it lest I succumb to it.

You, my dear friend, were the channel of this joy. You touched me with love
and awakened my sleeping heart to the beauty and fragrance of life about me.

God reached out through your devotion and concern to kindle anew a fire within me, to fan
embers into flames of light and passion.

You marched into my jungle of despair and made a path for me to walk in once more.

You sliced through my confusion and gave order and motivation to my purposeless
gropings.

I am so very grateful—to God and to you. I pray that God may use me, as He has so
abundantly used you, to transmit joy to the joyless, despairing lives of His children who
cross my path. And I pray that God may bless you and keep you and use you forever.

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Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

The year is ½ over and we are gearing up for vacations and the oncoming heat. Please be careful out there as you travel and pray. Pray for thanks – thanks for having the option and ability to have a vacation, to possibly travel and see the gifts God has afforded us. Pray for the blessings God has bestowed upon you and ask for continued blessings.

Hey did you know that Taste of Grace has a Rectora for the fall? Sue Scruggs has taken on this important servant opportunity for TOG #12! Please keep Sue and Andrew in your prayers also!

God has blessed me with the opportunity to serve Taste of Grace once again. Due to work and family schedules Simon Prior has had to resign from to the position of Leaders Chair. The secretariat asked me to try my hand at this position and I said yes. As we all know, the Leaders Chair position is primarily responsible for training and is the liaison between the secretariat and the Rector/a. I look forward to working for and with you in this position.

But ...**I'll need your help**. I know that I don't have all the answers and I want to hear from **you!** If there's 1 thing that we all have, it's an opinion. Well, **I want yours**. All input is appreciated and will be considered. Email, snail mail whatever, send me your thoughts. Give me your thoughts on training, team formation, weekend flow, etc... After all, you have the experience and have seen

the "behind the scenes" activity that needs to happen; the "Who does what" and so on.

Now with that in mind don't expect immediate changes. We'll need to discuss suggestions as a secretariat and possibly vote on some things to get the ball rolling. The primary focus is to enhance our Team Formation and Training experience. There are certain fundamentals that need to happen as well as focusing on our team bonding experience. Keeping communication open between you and I will only enhance our Christ filled servant experiences on this upcoming and future teams. Thank you in advance for your help!

So as July progresses keep Taste of Grace VDC weekend #12 in your prayers. Pray for Andrew and Sue as they prepare and plan. Pray for ideas to help us out and send them to me. Also, pray for the time to be a servant and help serve on TOG #12. Be proactive and don't be afraid to call Andrew and Sue with a request to serve.

Your Servant because of Christ,

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Morning Prayer ... Anytime Prayer

Dear Lord,

I thank you for this day, I thank You for my being able to see and hear this morning...I'm blessed because You are a forgiving God and an understanding God. You have done so much for me and You keep on blessing me.

Forgive me this day for everything I have done, said or thought that was not pleasing to You. I ask now for Your forgiveness. Please keep me safe from all danger and harm. Help me to start this day with a new attitude and plenty of gratitude. Let me make the best of each and every day to clear my mind so that I can hear from You. Please broaden my mind that I can accept all things. Let me not whine and whimper over things I have no control over. And give the best response when when I'm pushed beyond my limits.

I know that when I can't pray, You listen to my heart. Continue to use me to do Your will. Continue to bless me that I may be a blessing to others. Keep me strong that I may help the weak...Keep me uplifted that I may have words of encouragement for others. I pray for those that are lost and can't find their way. I pray for those that are misjudged and misunderstood. I pray for those who don't know You intimately. I pray for those that will delete this without sharing it with others. I pray for those that don't believe.

But I thank You that I believe that God changes people and God changes things. I pray for all my sisters and brothers. For each and every family member in their households. I pray for peace, love and joy in their homes that they are out of debt and all their needs are met. I pray that every eye that reads this knows there is no problem, circumstance, or situation greater than God. Every battle is in Your hands for You to fight.

I pray that these words be received into the hearts of every eye that sees it.

God I love You and I need You, come into my heart, please.

In Jesus Name.....

Thoughts from the "Out-reach" chair(s)

De Colores, love peace and blessings to all,

In Mark we read how Jesus tells his disciples to "*go and make disciples of all nations*" The goal of the "Via de Cristo" movement is to build community to strengthen and grow the church for Jesus Christ.

To date efforts to grow our "Taste of Grace" community has mainly consisted of letters of introduction and intent, to all of the ELCA congregations within a 20 mile radius of the 60441 zip code. We tell who we are and what it is that we are about. These letters have also included an offer to visit interested congregations to witness, share our stories with them and provide general information about our community. Interest to date has been minimal and we have only had the opportunity to speak to a handful of congregations.

Because of our small community size, and the limited participation in the past several weekends, it is extremely important that we reach out and expand interest to congregations that are currently represented within our

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community. This can be accomplished by current members of our community more actively promoting "Taste of Grace" and its benefits within their respective congregations.

We also need to create an interest in those congregations that have yet to be touched by the "Via de Cristo" movement. It is to this end that I would like to promote a 'Pastors luncheon', prior to our men's and women's fall weekends - probably mid-September. I would suggest that we invite all ELCA pastors within a 25 mile radius of the 60441 zip code - approximately 120 congregations. Certainly other pastors could be invited as may be recommended by community. The event would include lunch and several short talks by our lay leaders, spiritual leader and one or two pastors who can attest to the value of 'inspired' lay leadership in their congregations. We would appreciate any and all input, and participation, in putting this together - Where? What day? - Saturday? or Sunday? etc.? etc.?

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

"All the believers were together and had everything in common" Acts 2:44

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.



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.

Has someone in your reunion group mentioned they don't get emails, postcards, or phone calls from us. Have them contact us with their information.

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4th Day Fortification

"For I am longing to see you so that I may share with you some spiritual gift to strengthen you -- or rather so that we may be mutually encouraged by each other's faith, both yours and mine."
Romans 1:11-12

My dear brothers and sisters, it is a blessing to serve as the 4th Day Chair for Taste of Grace. One of the most wonderful experiences I've been having is discovering how many 3-day movements are working in the world to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ. I am always lifted up by the knowledge that I am part of a huge extended family of brothers and sisters in Christ, all of whom are living out their 4th Day, just like me. Whenever I feel isolated or alone, I remember all these people who are out there in the world, working for Christ, and then I am encouraged in my faith.

One of the best ways available to discover these communities and the work they are doing is through the website www.3dayol.org. You probably are familiar with this website, because it is where you have gone to sign up to pray during the 72 hour prayer vigils for ToG weekends. But have you explored the rest of this website? I encourage you to do so, because it contains a great wealth of information. The website is dedicated to serving the many 3-day movements and communities in the U.S. and throughout the world.

Check out these categories, which can be found on the left side of the home page:

- **Palanca List** - here you can find weekend dates for 2008 and 2009; weekends are always being added and updated on this list, and soon the **ToG Men's and Women's #12** fall weekends will be listed there.
- **3-day Movements** - offers descriptions of the various movements in existence, including Via de Cristo, Tres Dias, Walk to Emmaus and many others; descriptions of youth weekends and prison weekends for both adults and for youth can also be found.
- **Communities** - is where you can locate 3-day communities geographically; to see listings in the US, simply click on the state in which you are interested - a list of the communities by region within that state will be provided, and many communities have their web addresses listed. Check out the International Communities for listings of communities by country.
- **Cursillo History** - provides a very interesting chart depicting the development of the Cursillo movement; the chart begins with the first Cursillo in 1945, and shows all the various movements which have sprung from this first Cursillo, all the way to 2005.
- **Prayer Vigil** - is where you can see which communities are holding prayer vigils for their weekends; you can view the list according to Community Name, Weekend Name, or Weekend Dates simply by clicking each of these at the top of the list. To sign up for a community's prayer vigil, just go to their spot on the list and click the dates, which are in blue. **Be sure to look for the ToG Men's and Women's #12 weekend prayer vigils**, which will be available on the site very soon.

I hope you will spend some time exploring this site, and that you will even visit it regularly. For me, it has become not only a resource of information, but a powerful reminder that I am part of something bigger than myself, bigger than even our Taste of Grace community: I am part of Christ's community of believers at work throughout the world. How exciting is that!

GLYASDI,
Sandy Verdooren
4th Day Chair

Ten things God won't ask on the last day

1. God won't ask what kind of car you drove. He'll ask how many people you drove who didn't have transportation.
2. God won't ask the square footage of your house. He'll ask how many people you welcomed into your home.
3. God won't ask about the clothes you had in your closet. He'll ask how many you helped to clothe.
4. God won't ask what your highest salary was. He'll ask if you compromised your character to obtain it.
5. God won't ask what your job title was. He'll ask if you performed your job to the best of your ability.
6. God won't ask how many friends you had. He'll ask how many people to whom you were a friend.
7. God won't ask in what neighborhood you lived. He'll ask how you treated your neighbors.
8. God won't ask about the color of your skin. He'll ask about the content of your character.
9. God won't ask why it took you so long to seek Salvation. He'll lovingly take you to your mansion in heaven, and not to the gates of Hell.
10. God won't have to ask how many people you befriended and brought to Him. He will already know.

2008 CALENDAR

Fall Taste of Grace Weekends #12

Mens ToG Fall Weekend #12 Nov 6-9, 2008

Rector is Andrew Kjos

- Send off: 7:00pm Thursday Nov 6, 2008
Dedication of the crosses immediately following Send Off
- Serenade: 6:00pm Saturday Nov 8, 2008
- Clausura: 4:00pm Sunday Nov 9, 2008

Womens ToG Fall Weekend #12 Nov 13-16, 2008

Rectora is Sue Scruggs

- Send off: 7:00pm Thursday Nov 13, 2008
Dedication of the crosses immediately following Send Off
- Serenade: 6:00pm Saturday Nov 15, 2008
- Clausura: 4:00pm Sunday Nov 16, 2008

Men's Spring Weekend #13 March 19-22, 2009

Women's Spring Weekend #13 March 26-29, 2009

ULTREYAS

(Ultreya's are held on the 2nd Saturday of the month at 5:00 pm)

** **August 9**, 2008 Westminster Presbyterian Church

Clara and Larkin Ave, Joliet - Potluck with worship to follow

** **September 13**, 2008 Rejoice Lutheran Church

North Mill Creek Drive, Geneva - Potluck with worship to follow

October 11, 2008 Trinity Lutheran Church

2901 Western Ave, Park Forest - Potluck with worship to follow

November 8, 2008 - NO ULTREYA - TOG Men's Weekend #12

Dickson Valley Camp 6:00pm gather for serenade

December 13, 2008 Shepard of the Hill Lutheran Church

925 E 9th St., Lockport - Worship with SOTH, potluck to follow

** Please take note of the August and September Ultreya changes in location. Dates and times are the same, locations have been changed.

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