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NLS 2010 Annual Meeting: July 22 — 25, 2010
Hosted by Minnesota

“Let your light shine....” Matthew 5:16

Your NLS Host Committee for the 2010 Annual Meeting is hard at work, getting organized for a spirit-filled and blessed time at Northwestern College, July 22-25. Okay, SOME of us may be sneaking in a little ice fishing – we do grow ‘em big! – but we’re also working out the details of housing, transportation, food and worship for those of you visiting us for the annual meeting.



Location: Northwestern College (www.nwc.edu) is located on the wooded shores of Lake Johanna, in Roseville, a northern suburb of St. Paul. Nestled among the trees and surrounded by a mile of lake shore, Northwestern’s 107-acre campus provides a serene setting for the annual meeting, fellowship, and meditation. Housing accommodations will be in Knutson Hall – each room is air conditioned, has a private bath and a small kitchen with stove, sink and refrigerator. Please note that these rooms are set up for triple occupancy, and there will be an additional fee of \$15 per person for double occupancy. A few single rooms are available on a first-come, first-serve basis for an extra fee.

Registration: Registration and travel forms are included in this newsletter, and we encourage early registration – registration after June 15, 2010 will include a late fee of \$25.

Please note:

- The registration fee this year is \$178.00.
- Please indicate any special accommodations you require, whether food (lactose, gluten, etc.), medical or physical (use of a wheelchair, etc.). If you tell us about it, we’ll work with you on it!
- If you wish to arrive Wednesday, rooms are available for an additional fee, based on occupancy - Triple=\$25, Double=\$35, Single=\$45. Note that this does not include meals for Wednesday night.
- If you will be flying into Minnesota, please fill out and return the Travel Information Form as soon as you know your flight arrangements. Minneapolis-St Paul Airport is located approximately 30 minutes from Northwestern College, and we want to be there to greet each of you when you arrive.

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NLS President's Report

EPIPHANY: GOD WITH US

We have come out of the Christmas season into Epiphany: which means God with us. What better message for all of us to understand and to live out. Jesus chose to come here to live among us. He became vulnerable as a human being to live as we do and then died so we could look forward to a better life. It is His gift!



God with us: every day in every way. Isn't that what piety is, really? Knowing He is here...spending time with Him because He is here. Acknowledging Him in all things and all people? He is alive and He walks among us. If we do not believe that then our faith is not real. Ah, but believing it and acting upon it are different – or are they? Will you make your highest resolution of 2010 to walk closer to Christ? To look for Him in *all* people around you? To challenge your reunion group to challenge you to find Christ daily?

I believe I can always see better when I am walking closer and when I am closest, I am at home. God bless your upcoming year, your families, your home congregations and your Secretariats.

May you be strong in the Lord and His mighty power, while looking within each soul that you meet, to see if you would find Christ Jesus there. May God be found in each place !

God Loves You and So Do !!
Tracy Schmidlin

SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Have you ever had a “come to Jesus meeting” with anyone? If so, you probably remember it. I looked up the phrase on the Internet and one web site called such a meeting as a “shape up or ship out” meeting. I think if you've had one you would remember! There are many such stories in the Bible about people coming to Jesus and what happens afterwards.

Christ Lutheran has begun a Thursday afternoon Bible study on the Gospel of John and in preparing for that study I began to read John, chapter 3. In this chapter a man by the name of Nicodemus (John 3:1-16) comes to Jesus at night to talk. Of course, he comes at night so as not to risk his life. He would have been killed had he been caught. But, he had heard about Jesus and he wanted to come and get a first hand account.

I call this story “Nic at Night”! Nicodemus has a talk with Jesus about life. Their dialogue leads to John 3:16 which may be the most popular Bible verse ever. It reads “*For God so loved the world that He gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.*”

Usually after a “come to Jesus meeting” there is change and sure enough it happened to Nicodemus. Later in the story of the Good News of Jesus living, dying and rising again (Gospel) we see Nicodemus defending Jesus (John 7:50).

Later after Jesus dies on the Cross, Nicodemus comes with another man named Joseph, to take the body of Jesus and anoint him for burial. According to this Bible story, he shows up at the Cross with 100 pounds of spices!! These spices would be used to anoint a body, but 100 pounds???? (John 19:39). It shows the depth of the faith and belief and love Nicodemus had for Jesus. Wow, 100 pounds....very heavy to carry and very costly. Can you just imagine what Nicodemus's life was like on Easter morning and thereafter? I'd guess he was a changed man, forever!

Nicodemus changed after his encounter with Jesus and the same thing happens to you and me. When you fail to keep that New Year's resolution to go to church, exercise, read the Bible or whatever, come to Jesus. When you are fearful, anxious, worried and can't even sleep, come to Jesus. When you feel lost, alone and forgotten, come to Jesus. When life brings on tough stuff or bad medical news or a wayward child/family member, come to Jesus.

You don't have to hide like Nicodemus but you sure can come to Jesus in the night, in the daytime, at home, at church, in the hospital, on the street or wherever. Jesus is waiting to love, and love and give you new hope and new life and a fresh start and a new beginning.....so friends it's not shape up or ship out, but step up and go out with Jesus.

God Bless,
Pastor Doug

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Consider extending your stay in Minnesota either before or after the Annual Meeting – whether it's getting in some fishing time on one of our 10,000 lakes, shopping at the Mall of America, watching the Minnesota Twins in their NEW ballpark, or journeying up to the scenic north shore of Lake Superior, Minnesota has something for everyone. Of special note: the Dead Sea Scrolls Exhibit at the Minnesota Science Museum (www.smm.org/scrolls). For more information, go to www.exploreminnesota.com – or contact the Host Chairs for recommendations and ideas. We love our state, and have plenty of ideas!

Come to Minnesota and **LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE!** Whether you're coming for the first time or this is a repeat visit, the Annual Meeting is time of inspired worship, insightful speakers, joyful music, new and renewed friendships, fun and fellowship. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Tom and Deb Grzywinski, Co-Chairs, at tgsales1@aol.com.

Ya sure you betcha – we'll have a good time!

NLS Board Minutes — 2009 Mid-year Meeting Minutes

Present: Tracy Schmidlin, Katie Sistar, Doug Givan, Steve Gielda, Diane Purcell, Judy Laabs-Foss. **Absent:** Bob Northrup, Larry Conway.

Tracy opened the Mid-Year meeting on Friday, November 6 at 2:25 p.m. in St. Paul MN, and Pastor Doug led in prayer. The Board met the Host Team at Riley Hall, Northwestern College at 2:40 p.m.

Scott Hvistendahl from the college led the group on a tour of the campus. We looked at suggested rooms – sizes, locations, costs, technology capabilities, and possibility of using the rooms in multiple ways. It was stated that the college policy is no smoking or alcohol on campus.

The dining area is spread out, and the serving area is small, so we discussed ways of making that work for the meeting. There was a discussion of how to handle snacks.

Registration for NLSAM 2010 will be at the Robertson Student Center/dorm area. It was noted that soccer teams for an international tournament will be using the facilities that same weekend but that should not create a problem for us. The dorm rooms hold 2 or 3 beds, and registrants can be housed mostly in the same dorm where registration is set up. There will be transportation to get across campus to the dining and meeting rooms for those who need it.

After the tour the board went to supper with the hosts, Deb and Tom Grzywinski.

The board returned to the hotel meeting room and discussed the rooms we had seen, their sizes and locations and worked on plans to utilize them cost effectively and efficiently.

As we went over last year's evaluations, we used suggestions to help formulate the number of seminars and topics to cover. We scheduled times and locations for Thursday's events and made a rough draft of Thursday's schedule. We discussed how the delegates were to be seated next year.

The meeting recessed at 11:30 p.m.

The meeting reopened at 9:00 a.m. Saturday, November 7.

The Board discussed seminars and possible speakers. The decision was made to have three seminars and one forum. We discussed how to advertise them more clearly. The topics are to be 1. Reigniting Your Fourth Day, 2. Plans and Strategies for Outreach in Your Community, and 3. Finance Information. The Forum will have speakers sharing the importance of Fourth Day in their lives.

The Board reviewed action items. Larry sent a report that the website is maxed out and is causing a lot of difficulty. *Steve moved that we change the website provider to give us 10 GIG at \$47.88 per year. Katie seconded. Motion passed.* We discussed needing to know our history so we don't make unnecessary mistakes. We need to know the intent of how we started and the struggles we have already had. Carroll Lang sent us some 1981 minutes as information.

We discussed the Registration cost and the need to keep the cost low so more people will be able to attend. The cost this year is to be \$178.00. The Board will pay the Board's registrations and extra fees now to give MN some working capital. The Board will also advance a check for \$2000.00 to help MN cover some initial costs.

The Board planned the schedules for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday for the 2010 Annual Meeting. The draft includes the time frames and rooms to be used. Steve Gielda recorded the completed Thursday through Sunday plans on his computer and made copies for the board and all the attendees for the afternoon meeting with the Host Team.

The Board met with the Host Team at Beaver Lake Lutheran Church at 2:30 p.m. We shared a brief Communion Worship service. Bryon Docker led us in song, Host Leader Deb Grzywinski read I Co-

rinthians 12, Pr. Doug Givan gave a meditation, and Pr. Bob Johnson led us in sharing communion, with his wife Diane assisting.

Tracy spoke to the group emphasizing the importance of communication, working together and getting many people involved. She went over some important things to know about hosting the NLSAM. Then the host leaders teamed up with members of the board to discuss their job needs, responsibilities and ask questions until 5:15 p.m. Pr. Doug was excused from the meeting at 4:20 p.m.

The Host Team graciously served a delicious Lasagna supper to all.

The Board returned to the hotel meeting room at 7:00 p.m. The Board members reviewed the items that were covered in the table discussions, reviewed our constitution and job descriptions and discussed the nominating process and the nominating committee. Tracy will be calling a nominating committee before the end of the year.

We went over the items the board members need to take care of during the coming months. Tracy appointed Diane to review and reconcile the books for the year ending May 31, 2010. Katie will be sending out a recommitment letter to the secretariats when she sends out the 2009 Survey to the Lay Directors/Presidents during January/February.

Diane moved that we accept the final September 13, 2009 Teleconference minutes as written. Steve seconded. Motion passed.

Katie moved that the Mid-Year meeting be adjourned. Steve seconded. Motion passed.

The Mid-Year meeting closed with prayer.

Respectfully Submitted
Katie Sistar
Secretary





Travel Information Form

National Lutheran Secretariat Annual Meeting 2010

Thursday, July 22 through Sunday, July 25, 2010

Northwestern College, St. Paul, Minnesota

Hosted by Lutheran Via de Cristo of Minnesota

One form per person attending.

Name - First	Last	Male / Female	Name for Nametag
Address		City, State, Zip	

Home Phone	Cell Phone
Work Phone	Fax
email address	

Travel to NLS Annual Meeting will be by Auto ____ Air ____ . I will need pick up. Yes ____ No ____
 Host committee will arrange pick up from Mpls./St. Paul International Airport (Lindberg & Humphrey terminals).
 (approx. 20-40 minutes to the Northwestern College)

Any changes to your travel arrangements after you send this form, please email steve.grans@mnstatefair.org
 Please send a map with driving directions to Northwestern College _____
 What day will you be leaving the annual meeting? Saturday pm ____ Sunday by noon ____.

My flight information is as follows:

Arrival **Date** _____ **Time** _____ **Airline** _____ **Flight Number** _____

Number of people traveling in with you on this flight _____
 Names _____

Departure **Date** _____ **Time** _____ **Airline** _____ **Flight Number** _____

Number of people traveling out with you on this flight _____
 Names _____

Return with your completed registration form or send separately to the following address

NLS Annual Meeting 2010

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Meeting and Registration Form National Lutheran Secretariat Annual Meeting 2010

Thursday July 22 through July 25, 2010
Northwestern College, Roseville, Minnesota
Hosted by Lutheran Via de Cristo of Minnesota

ONE FORM PER PERSON ATTENDING*PLEASE PRINT***PAYMENT MUST ACCOMPANY FORM**

Name <i>first</i> _____ <i>last</i> _____	Male/ Female	Name for Nametag
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Please circle all that apply	NLS Board Member Lay Visitor	Speaker Clergy Delegate	Lay Delegate Visiting Clergy
First Time attending NLS Annual Meeting Yes/No _____ If no, please indicate last year attended ----- _____ Position attended as _____			
I require special accommodations for the following: Medical _____ Dietary _____ Physical _____ Please explain _____			
Travel to NLS Annual Meeting will be by Auto _____ Air _____ I will need to be picked up: Yes/No _____ What day will you be leaving the annual meeting: Saturday pm _____ Sunday by noon _____.			

\$178.00	Registration fee includes meals, housing, material Thursday 11:00 A.M thru Sunday 11:00 AM
_____	Late fee of \$25.00 if registering after June 15, 2010
_____	Single Room requested, additional fee of \$45.00 (\$15.00 per day)
_____	Double Room requested, additional fee of \$15.00 per person (\$5.00 per day per person)
_____	<u>Names of individuals</u>
_____	Triple Room
_____	<u>Names of individuals</u>
_____	Extra night on Wed. - Per person – Triple \$25.00 Double \$35.00 Single \$45.00 (does not include meals)
_____	Pre-order annual meeting T-shirt \$10 (circle one) M L XL 2X 3X

Refunds (less \$25.00) will only be considered if postmarked or e-mailed no later than July 1, 2010

<p style="text-align: center;">Seminars</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Please indicate 1st, 2nd & 3rd choice</p> <p>_____ Seminar 1 Reigniting Your 4th Day</p> <p>_____ Seminar 2 Outreach for YOUR Community</p> <p>_____ Seminar 3 Finance Information A Must</p>	<p>Complete form and mail with check to:</p> <p>Dianne Erickson 2078 Dorothy Avenue White Bear Lake, MN 55110</p> <p>e-mail: queenzydaco@aol.com Phone: 651-429-6004</p>
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Registration Use	Ck rec/number	Transportation	Date Rec
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National Lutheran Secretariat Annual Meeting 2010

DRAFT Basic Schedule

THURSDAY

11:30 am Orientation
 12:15 pm Lunch
 1:30 pm Opening Worship with Communion
 3:00 pm Keynote
 4:00 pm Business Meeting # 1
 5:30 pm Dinner
 7:00 pm Small Group Breakouts
 8:15 pm Worship
 "First timers" Photo
 Hospitality to follow

FRIDAY

7:15 am Breakfast
 8:30 am Worship with Communion
 9:45 am Business Meeting # 2
 11:00 am Seminars 1 – 3 / Optional videos
 12:15 pm Lunch
 1:15 pm Forum
 2:15 pm Small Group Breakout Time
 3:45 pm Committee Work, S.D. Dialog, L.D. dialog
 Hosting a National Meeting
 5:30 pm Dinner
 6:30 pm Region to Region
 8:15 pm Worship
 Hospitality to follow

SATURDAY

7:15 am Breakfast
 8:15 am Worship with Communion
 9:30 am Business Meeting # 3
 10:15 am Seminars 1 – 3 Repeated from Friday
 11:15 am Seminars 1 – 3 Repeated
 12:15 pm Lunch
 1:15 pm Region to Region
 2:15 pm Small Groups
 2011 Host Committee Meeting with Board
 Committee continuation if needed
 3:30 pm Business Meeting # 4
 6:00 pm Banquet Dinner
 8:00 pm Worship and Installation of officers (*offering taken for outreach*)
 Hospitality to follow

SUNDAY

7:15 am Breakfast
 8:15 am Worship with Communion
 9:45 am Board Meeting
 11:00 am Check out

V.P. of Outreach



Happy New Year to all of you! I pray God blesses each of you with a grace filled start to the New Year. Sometimes starting the New Year is like hitting reboot on our lives. It's an opportunity to start again. To put more focus to those things in our lives that we didn't give enough attention to last year.

Sometimes it's easy to lose focus on those things God has called us to do. Other times, as much as we want to serve our Lord, obstacles get in the way. I recently learned that many of the obstacles that are put in our path are put there for a reason, possibly as an opportunity to learn how to serve our Lord better.

As some of you may know, my mom was killed in a tragic car accident just before Thanksgiving last year. Though it was a difficult time for my father and our family, God has showed us many blessings in the midst of this challenging time. At the wake – viewing for my mom, the Rainbow, Vineyard and Journey in Faith communities came to serenade our family as all of those who attended the evening service at the funeral home. There were well over 30 Cursillistas sharing their love of our God and support for those who were in attendance that evening. Tears of sadness turned to joy. I was standing with my wife and with the wife of a friend of mine during the serenade. The friend is not someone who attends church. However, as the love of Christ flowed through that room, I know she was moved. She put her arm around me and tears began to flow from her eyes. She saw her husband singing with the group with a smile on his face and she leaned over to me and said: "he looks really happy". I told her that the VdC community is all about sharing God's love and providing happiness and joy to all.

I know that a seed was planted that night, not only in the heart of my friend, but also in the hearts of so many others who may have lost their way. We all know the power of a serenade. It's a form of reaching out and showing others what agape love is all about. We are all called to be Disciples of God and this is what Outreach is all about.

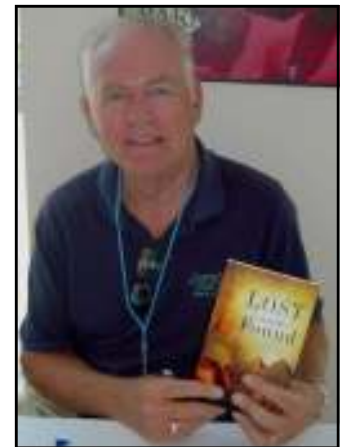
I know many VdC communities are challenged by growing their own communities, finding ways to reach out to others and bring them to Christ. This form of evangelism isn't easy. Many obstacles and excuses are placed in our way. However, it doesn't have to be difficult either and we can remove those obstacles if we really want to. Remember what we learned on our weekend. *Make a Friend, Be a Friend and Bring a Friend to Christ*. Everyone one of us has friends that we know who haven't made VdC weekend. Why haven't we asked? Are we embarrassed? Are we unsure where they are in their faith walk? What will they think of me? Now is the time to look internally and ask God for the strength and courage to remove the obstacles preventing your community from growing. I recently asked the question to a Lay Director what percentage of their active community has sponsored at least one pilgrim. He said about 60%. Then I asked him, over the past two years how many active community members have sponsored more than one pilgrim and his response was probably 20%. One clear way to expand your communities is to educate and make people more comfortable in bringing their friends to Christ and on a VdC weekend.

Always know that I am a resource for you all. I am always here to help. Never hesitate to give me a call.

God loves you and so do I,
DeColores,
Steve Gelda
VP of Outreach



NATIONAL COORDINATOR POSITION - FUNDING OPPORTUNITY



Pastor Joe Nilsen, former NLS Spiritual Director has written a book and is graciously contributing all of the proceeds toward funding NLS National Coordinator position. The book is entitled Lost and Found and was first available during the NLSAM. Joe states, "Many people would like to write a book sometime during their life." Joe goes onto to say, "I wrote the book: 1) for fun, 2) hopefully to be entertaining to those who read it, 3) so that I wouldn't be embarrassed to have it read by my children and grandchildren and 4) so that the non-believers would encounter a main character who is spiritual and moral, but at the same time, very human."

You can also purchase the book for **\$15.00** at [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) and [barnesandnoble.com](https://www.barnesandnoble.com). Copies are also available through Joe at joe-nils@frontiernet.net.

Please consider buying Joe's book since you and the NLS both will gain from your purchase!

Palanca!!!

Future weekends

Weekends for the next five months will be printed in this section. Check the Web for more updated information.

2010 WEEKENDS:

Feb. 2010 - Michigan: **Lutheran VdC of Central MI**, Women #73: Feb. 4-7, Send palanca to: Bev Wright 6441 Redbrook Dr. Saginaw, MI 48603

Feb. 2010 - South Dakota: **South Dakota Lutheran VdC**, Men: Feb. 4-7, & Women: Feb. 11-14, Send palanca to: Margaret Svitak 86238 559th Ave. Randolph, NE 68771

Feb. 2010 - Colorado: **Colorado VdC**, Men #31: Feb. 18-21 & Women #31: Feb. 18-21, Send palanca to: Audrey Hupp-Ellis 2755 Lavarie Dr. Colorado Springs, CO 80917

Feb. 2010 - Minnesota: **Lutheran VdC of Minnesota**, Men #540: Feb. 18-21, & Women #541: Feb. 25-28, Send palanca to: Lenore Jesness 899 Sherwood Ave. St. Paul, MN 55106-1825

Feb. 2010 - California: **VdC of Southern CA & Central Valley**, Coed #38: Feb. 25-28, Send palanca to: Barbara Marthens 10815 Academy Ave. Bakersfield, CA 93312

Mar. 2010 - Minnesota: **Lutheran VdC of Minnesota**, Men #542: Mar. 4-7, & Women #543: Mar. 11-14, Send palanca to: Lenore Jesness 899 Sherwood Ave. St. Paul, MN 55106-1825

Mar. 2010 - Wisconsin: **Wisconsin Sonrise VdC**, Coed #25: Mar. 4-7, Send palanca to: Joe Eder N7316 Lost Nation Elkhorn, WI 53121

Mar. 2010 - Tennessee: **Tennessee VdC**, Mixed #24: Mar. 18-21, Send palanca to: Bill McComb 21 Meadowlark Circle Fairfield Glade, TN 38558

Mar. 2010 - Georgia: **Atlanta, GA VdC**, Coed #25: Mar. 25-28, Send palanca to: John & Agnes Nelson 2859 Appling Dr. Chamblee, GA 30341

Apr. 2010 - Florida: **Sonbeam VdC**, Men #55, April 8-11, & Women #55: April 15-18, Send palanca to: Carole Moskowitz 4711 Trout Ave. Sebring, FL 32170

Apr. 2010 - Florida: **Sonshine VdC of So. FL**, Women #102: April 8-11, Send palanca to: Bonny Freese 1150 Wren

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 Apr. 2010 - Nevada: **Light in the Desert VdC**, Coed #13: April 15-18, Send palanca to: Michelle Eichler 290 E. Delamar Dr. Henderson, NV 89015
 Apr. 2010 - Washington: **VdC of Western WA**, Coed #6: April 22-25, Send palanca to: Jan Ozias 23609 NE 25th Way Sammamish, WA 98074

Apr./May 2010 - Minnesota: **Lutheran VdC of Minnesota**, Men #546: April 22-25, & Women #547: April 29-May 2 Send palanca to: Lenore Jesness 899 Sherwood Ave. St. Paul, MN 55106-1825

Apr./May 2010 - Ohio: **Ohio Lutheran VdC**, Men #67: April 15-18, & Women #68: May 13-16, Send palanca to: Paul Swinehart 2303 Colfax Ave. Columbus OH 43224

June 2010 - Minnesota: **Lutheran VdC of Minnesota**, Men #548: June 17-20, & Women #549: June 24-27 Send palanca to: Lenore Jesness 899 Sherwood Ave. St. Paul, MN 55106-1825

July 2010 - Florida: **Sonshine VdC of So. FL**, Men #104: July 15-18, Send palanca to: Bonny Freese 1150 Wren Ave. Miami Springs, FL 33166

July/Aug. 2010 - Ohio: **Ohio Lutheran VdC**, Men #69: July 22-25, & Women #69: July 29-August 1, Send palanca to: Paul Swinehart 2303 Colfax Ave. Columbus OH 43224

Aug./Sept. 2010 - Georgia: **Atlanta VdC**, Men #57: Aug. 26-29, & Women #55: Sept. 9-12, Send palanca to: John & Agnes Nelson 2859 Colfax Ave. Chamblee, GA 30341

Sept. 2010 - Nevada: **Light in the Desert VdC**, Coed #14: Sept 23-26, Send palanca to: Mary Eichler 290 E. Delamar Dr. Henderson, NV 89015

Oct. 2010 - Minnesota: **Lutheran VdC of Minnesota**, Men #550: Oct. 7-10, & Women #551: Oct. 14-17 Send palanca to: Lenore Jesness 899 Sherwood Ave. St. Paul, MN 55106-1825

Oct. 2010 - Florida: **Sonshine VdC of So. FL**, Women #103: Oct. 14-17, Send palanca to: Bonny Freese 1150 Wren Ave. Miami Springs, FL 33166

Oct. 2010 - Minnesota: **Lutheran VdC of Minnesota**, Men #552: Oct. 21-24, & Women #553: Oct. 28-31 Send pal-

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