



River's Edge Via de Cristo Newsletter

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Lay Director's Message

My Dear Friends,

In just a couple of months, I will be leaving the position of Community Lay Director. It has been a humbling and powerful experience and I thank you for giving me this opportunity to serve our community and our Lord.

Your prayers, support, and encouragement have made my journey easier. It has been a true joy and a blessing from God to be given the opportunity to serve Him and you.

Allow me to share some of the special blessings I have received while serving as Lay Director. Every time I welcomed the new weekenders into our REVDC Community during the closing worship service, I saw God's glory in their eyes. That was an exciting and beautiful scene. I have seen God answer prayer and change lives right in my presence. (Why should He choose to allow me to see His work first hand?) I came to realize that God is alive and working in the everyday lives of His people in miraculous ways.

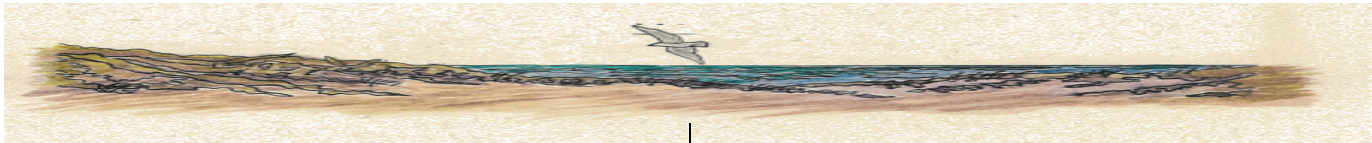
While serving as your Community Lay Director, I was taught that God answers prayers in His way and time and not mine. Over and over again, I say the hand of God be right on time, but seldom early. God taught me to appreciate all of His creation and to realize that He wants all of His creation to serve and praise Him.

I would encourage each of you to sign up for weekend prayer vigils, to hold our community, and especially our Secretariat, in your fervent prayers, to be there for the weekend Serenades, the weekend Closings, our Ultreyas, and to always remember "Christ is counting on you." I look forward to continuing to serve God right beside you in our REVDC Community.

God loves you and so do I,

Bob Wardenburg





ULTREYA

Sunday, November 16

3:00 – 6:00 p.m.

**Zion Lutheran Church
Ferguson, MO**

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“The Perfect Prayer”

will be the theme for Ultreya.

Come, find out what

Doris and Kathy are planning.

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Bring your cross, nametag,

**Pilgrim’s Guide, plate,
silverware and a drink.**

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What will we eat?

Bring something to share.

A-J – Main Dish; K-S – Salad;

T-Z – Dessert. YUM!

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One more thing to bring...

“A Thanksgiving Offering.”

How are you blessed?

Pray for the REVDC Community.

Bless the work it does.

Decide how much you can give.

Thrivent will match.

Directions to Zion, Ferguson

(Zion Lutheran Church is located at 123 Carson Road, Ferguson, MO. From the West: take Hwy 270 North to I-70 East. Exit 240 AB Florissant Road. Turn left on Florissant Road and travel approximately 1.7 miles. Look for the railroad track above Florissant Road and turn left on Carson Road right before the railroad track. Go one long block; turn right on Clark Street to Zion’s parking lot. From Illinois: take I-270 West. Exit 27 South. Turn left on Florissant Road and travel approximately 2 miles. Look for the railroad track make a right turn immediately under the track on Carson Road. Go one long block; turn right on Clark Street to Zion’s parking lot.)

Why Am I Here, Lord?

To pray for Community. To help the Community in every way I can. To witness within and outside Community.

*When it comes to giving,
some people stop at nothing!!*

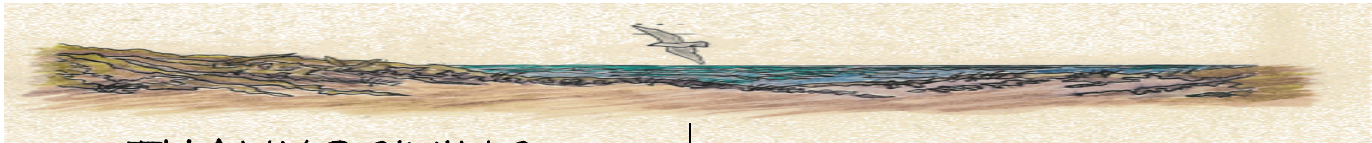
*Whoever sows generously
will also reap generously.*

2 Corinthians 9:6



Why Else Am I Here, Lord?

To count my blessings. To share how I am able. To praise your name. To make a donation to REVDC.



THANKSGIVING

- T is for the time we take to pray each day
- H is for a happy heart we dedicate to your way
- A is for adoration and praise we give because you are
- N is for a humble nature worshipping from afar
- K is for the knowledge that you are our heavenly king
- S is for the spirit that fills us with praise to sin
- G is for the grace we give and share together
- I is for infectious joy in caring for each other
- V is for visiting the sick, the poor, and the lonely
- I is for including everyone in God's family
- N is for the nurturing love we give to all
- G is for going out to answer God's call

Art Kluegel
Men's Weekend #4

ULTREYA
This Sunday, November 16
3:00 – 6:00 p.m.
Zion/Ferguson.
Car pool and come on over!!



Thanksgiving Blessings...

Count them one by one...

Step out...participate...

How much to donate..

Pray...pray more..

THANKS!!

Don't forget the \$800 Thrivent Match when we reach the \$1600 goal. Don't let the FREE Thrivent money go to waste! REVDC needs the money to continue the great Weekends and other good works. Deadline is December 1. Write your check today. Bring to Ultreya on Sunday...or mail to Wayne Ball, 1623 Timber Ridge Estate Drive, Wildwood, MO 63011. You'll be glad you did!!



Each day God gives me the gift of 86,400 seconds. May I use a few of them today to say "Thank You."?

It is good to praise the Lord...
 Psalm 92:1 NIV