



THE OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF LUTHERAN CURSILLO® OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
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LCSC MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Lutheran Cursillo of Southern California is to develop a lay ministry to the Lutheran Community in the State of California by encouraging a spiritual renewal of the Lutheran Church, and by supporting its members as they grow in their faith and as they actively support the life and mission of their local home church congregations.

MARK YOUR CALENDERS →

Weekend Dates

LCSC Prayer Chain

Prayers are answered!
If you have a person or situation you would like lifted up in prayer, please e-mail Cammy Mahoney at mahoney5@socal.rr.com and/or Joan Harrison at prayerwarrior4god@aol.com

One of the greatest gifts you can give someone is to lift them up in intercessory prayer.

~ Prayer Request ~

Let us continue to pray for all Military and Civilian personal serving here and around the world protecting our freedom and our way of life!

- LC126 - Men's - February 18-21, 2010
- LC127 - Women's - February 25-28, 2010

- LC128 - Men's - July 15-18, 2010
- LC129 - Women's - July 22-25, 2010

- LC130 - Men's - September 30-October 3, 2010
- LC131 - Women's - October 7-10, 2010

2010 Ultreya Schedule

- **March 7 (Grand)**
Trinity, Norwalk
- **April 18 (Open)**
Trinity, Anaheim Hills
- **May 16**
- **June 27**

(see the website for updates on locations)

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20 YEAR ANNIVERSARY ULTREYA

The Secretariat is excited and looking forward to putting together a very special Anniversary Ultreya this year. This July, we will have been blessed to have 20 years of Lutheran Cursillo weekends in Southern California. In 2000, we celebrated 10 years, so let's come together and commemorate 20 years.

The Secretariat has set the Ultreya in September as the time to have this celebration. We have a few ideas, but would like the community to help with the planning. Within this amazing community, we know a few of you would love to step up and take on this project. The Secretariat has chosen Tamara Durica to lead this project. And just as core teams gather to work for the Glory of God, we are looking for those who would love to complete the team for the celebration. The team would be broken up with responsibilities for gathering the musicians and selecting the music, another for speakers, another to oversee the food, and anything else that may come up with the sole purpose to give Glory to God and put on a fantastic party for all of us.

So if you have a wish to help, please contact Tamara Durica at tdurica@oc-redcross.org. The Secretariat will be there to help, but we wish the team to take control of the Reunion. If you are new or were on LC#1 it doesn't matter...we are just looking for those that have a love of the Lord and are willing to serve with others.

This is for all Cursillistas from LC#1 to Present to take part in. If you know of others from other 3 day organizations that helped to get us going, please share the information with them.

LCSC Secretariat 2009/2010

POWER OF PRAYER FOR THE WEEKENDS

In this time of trials, economic and the aftermath of natural disasters, the need for prayer is more apparent than ever. The power of prayer cannot be overlooked, both for the peace that it brings, but also for the healings which can be seen as miraculous. Cursillo weekends are no different. Many amazing people cross the doors of Cursillo in need of peace.

The 72 hour prayer vigil and hand-written notes extolling the prayer lifted up on behalf of those attending a Cursillo weekend are treasures that will last a lifetime. It is the strength that many have in times of need, even after the weekend has ended. Although trinkets are nice, the power of prayer is a gift that is carried and remembered forever.

Please take a moment to lift up each set of weekends in prayer, God is listening!

IMPORTANT PILGRIM APPLICATION INFORMATION

We thank all of you for wanting to share the gift of Cursillo with others. Let me ask a huge favor of you all. Please make sure all applications are filled out completely before you submit them. Also, **please** make sure we can read the application - phone numbers, e-mails, mailing address are all very important. We read and look at each one and need as much information as possible.

“Applicant’s Pastor Information Box”

This box is one of the most important parts of the application. Many times we get them back with less than half filled out. For pilgrims planning on attending in July, each application will be returned to the sponsors if it is not filled out completely. The first question on this part reads “Please tell us anything about the applicant that may enhance their weekend experience_____.”

Please use this line to give any information you feel would be helpful for us to know. Mostly, we are looking for comments of what you are expecting Cursillo to do for the applicant. Use the margins or extra paper if you like.

Examples: Bill has a slight hearing problem from his right side and is a little self conscious of it. This would allow us to seat him in places where he would be the most comfortable with out embarrassing him.

Example: We are looking for Mary to get more active in leading the youth group at our church. She has many God given gifts to share but doesn’t see herself as a Leader. We are expecting her to gain confidence in herself at Cursillo.

Please rest assured that this information is kept confidential, only the Registrar/ Rector/a and those that need the information will receive it. Remember, Cursillo is a great gift, but it is not for everyone. Pastors please use your wisdom, training and experience to help us continue to put on these weekends and make sure we are sending the right people for the right reasons.

Gordon Gertner
Registrar LCSC

FROM THE DESK OF PASTOR CHRIS

If We Ate Pat Robertson Would He Taste Funny To Us?

***Two cannibals were eating a clown and the one said to the other,
“does this taste funny to you?”***

Change is a wonderful thing, but too often it leaves a funny taste in your mouth. When not sure what to believe, we resolve to accept whatever sounds good. In this generation, we have seen war on our shores as the Trade Towers fell. We've seen mass terrorism. We've been in a war that never seems to end. We've endured massive hurricanes, a devastated community in New Orleans, a Tsunami and now a massive earthquake. I'm sure that for many in our world it has left a funny taste in our mouth for understanding. The answer is not, "We just have to trust in God..." That is spoken by people who don't know God. In the mean time, people like Pat Robertson have answers and they're wrong.

Cursillo is a lay training movement. YOU ARE THE FRONT LINE! You have answers! You need to be in study! Pastors need to teach you more than Jesus loves you. God is NOT removed and his WORD is understandable. You are the voice of God! And when the world hears that voice, what will they here? *I don't like the way he preaches. I want it this way! I want it that way. Why don't we do it like we did when Jesus and I walked on the earth?*

I encourage all Cursillistas to learn, defend and preach this Gospel. Who else do you think HE'S (God) going to send? If you have time to complain you have time to get in a class, serve a person, help your Pastor or pray for someone in need. When the U.S. held "Hands Across America" which was to rally against abortion, I told my congregation, get out of line and go help a pregnant girl and we won't need to hold hands. YOU HAVE THE POWER OF ALMIGHTY GOD IN YOU!!!!!! "What ya waiten fur?"

Cursillo is empowering. Cursillo serves the church. Cursillo can change the world, IF we are armed, large and in charge. Don't let schmaltzy Churchy babble be your answer. You can know more than "we just have to trust in God." That is NOT to say we shouldn't, and that's not to say in some circumstances that is all the faithful have, but when it comes to God and our world, we have a lot stronger answer on our God's behalf.

I have been blessed to serve you and you have an unwavering Secretariat. Cursillo is an amazing group of people. May God strengthen you with power in your inner being and tell the world! May Cursillo forever flourish!

Pastor Chris

TAKE THAT NEXT STEP

Have you worked a few weekends and are looking for something meaningful to fill your time? Looking for a new leadership role? Well if you have a Love of the Lord, a Spirit of Charity, are willing to be a Servant to the community, then putting your name on the ballot for Secretariat may be for you. We are not looking for someone to represent LCMS, ELCA or other Lutheran organizations. We are not even looking for someone to represent the Male or Female points of view. We are looking for someone to represent Lutheran Cursillo and how it can continue to work in God's plan to strengthen and advance Christ's church - the Lutheran Church here on earth.

Every year, three (3) positions are up for election on the ballot in July. Each term is three years long, with one meeting a month January through November. You would also be encouraged to attend each Ultreya and Open Clausura. If you have any questions or need more information, just ask a member of the Secretariat. If you wish to put your name on the Ballot, pray first and then contact a member of the Secretariat. It does take a commitment, but let me tell you the rewards are grand.

Please pray about this and listen for the Lord's guidance. If it's not your time, maybe the Lord is showing you someone it might be for...talk to them and encourage them. Thank you for considering this opportunity – God's Blessings to you!

A NOTE FROM THE ULTREYA COORDINATOR

Dear Friends in Christ,

A New Year is upon us, and one thing we can all do to make it an even more rewarding 2010 is to make a point of attending our monthly Ultreyas. When we gather in fellowship to praise our Heavenly Father and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, it makes it so much easier to stay focused on our mission as Christians sharing the Gospel. I know I am always moved to hear the beautiful witness talks given by our Cursillistas, and when we all lift our voices in song to the Lord it elevates our worship to a whole other level. So when life seems too busy to make it to an Ultreya - that's probably when we need it the most.

Now a few things to think about, first pray about hosting an Ultreya at your Church. Second, don't forget to bring a snack to share with your friends next time you attend an Ultreya. And third, if you want to host an Ultreya or would like to be on a music team at an Ultreya in the future, let me know and I'll put you on the list. Blessings to all my dear brothers and sisters!

“TO SERVE AND SUPPORT”

The desire to serve on a team for a Cursillo weekend is strong in many of our hearts. We love the opportunity to serve our Lord and the Pilgrims on these weekends. Remember, the goal of Cursillo is to build leaders for our home churches - not to put on weekends. Cursillo weekends need a good mix of experienced leaders and “rookies.” If the same people worked every weekend, the gift of Cursillo could be lost someday because we are not planning and training others for the future.

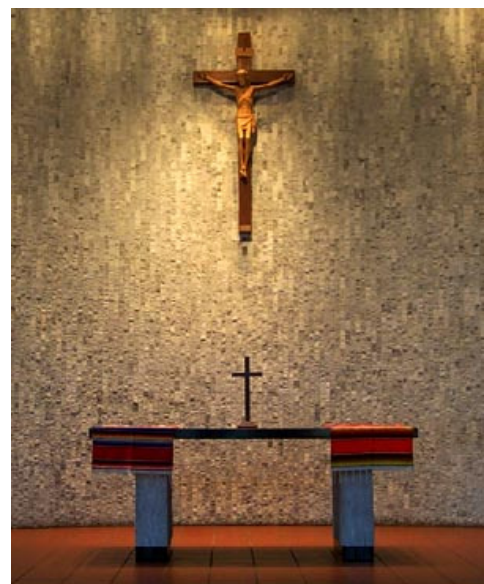
It has always been Lutheran Cursillo policy that it is not about money. Money should not be the factor whether you work. Scholarships are there for those that it would be a financial burden on them. Please be good stewards of our finances. Limit asking for a scholarship to only 1 per family per year. Please mark on your application if you think you may need a scholarship, this way the Secretariat can better plan for covering the bills required to put on a weekend.

Your contributions are what provide the funds so the pilgrims can attend the weekends free of charge. Did you know that other 3 Day organizations have to charge their pilgrims a fee to attend a weekend? We need to keep this in mind, especially in these trying economic times. We could very quickly be placed in a position where we will not be able to host weekends if the scholarship fund is abused. Remember again “If you are not supporting your home church with your time and talents, you should not be supporting Lutheran Cursillo of Southern California with your time and talents.”

Gordon Gertner

A SPECIAL PLACE FOR MANY

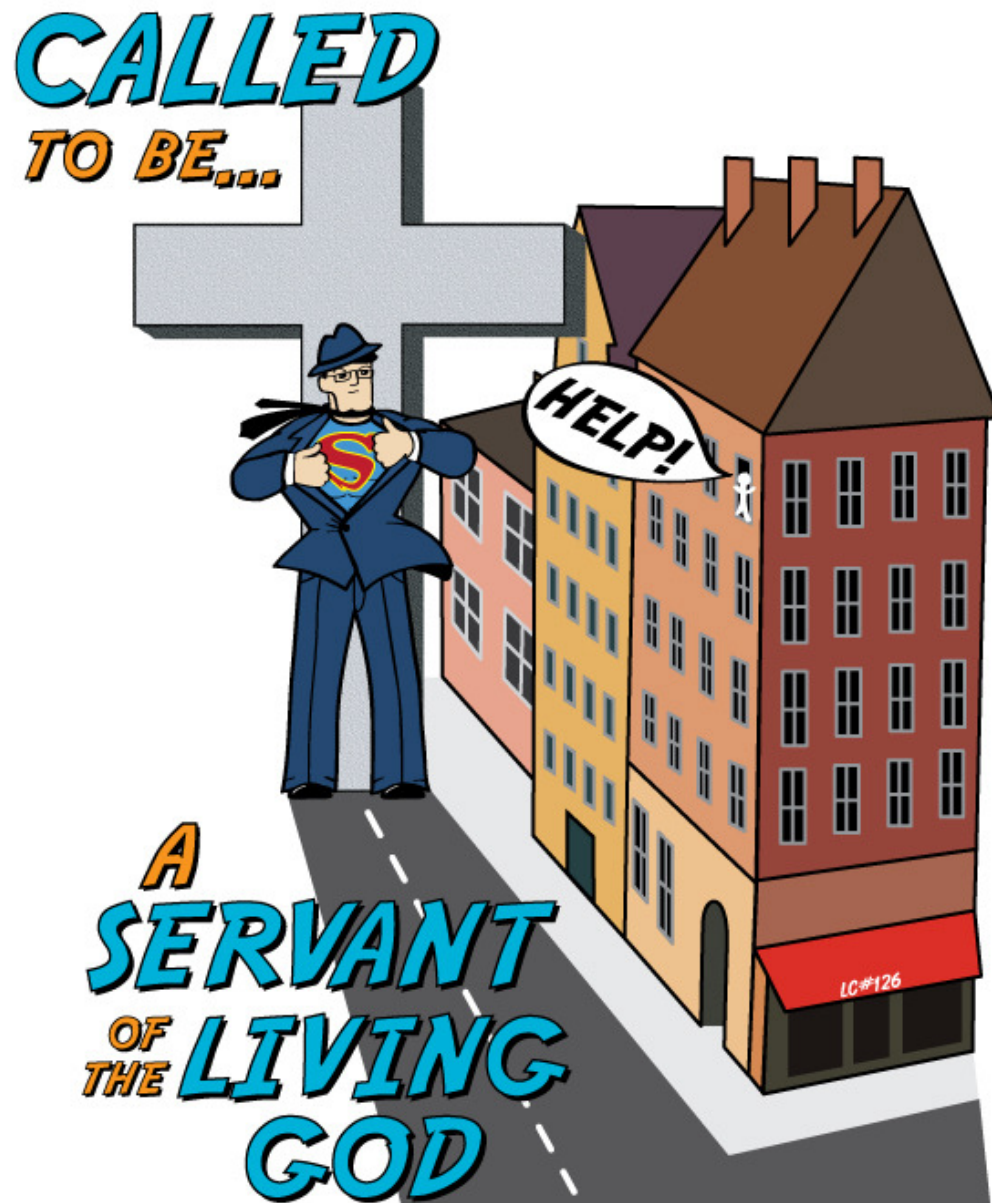
May the feeling of this chapel be with each of you every day. May you feel His Love and Presence surrounding you. May His Peace fill you. May His Light and Joy pour from you to all those around you.



MEET THE RECTOR....

LCSC #126
FEBRUARY 18-21, 2010

Please pray for Steve Costley, Rector and all involved with LC #126



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

A call from God to serve as Rectora for LC#127 has truly been a most humbling experience. When I was praying about this call, I heard the words of one of my favorite songs- "Here I am, Lord". This caused me to pause and I felt inclined to add 2 words- "sort of", because at this moment I wondered if I could truly respond faithfully to His calling. Then I went on to finish the lyrics- "I have heard you calling in the night. I will go, Lord where you lead me". From that moment on, I put my trust in Him to lead me on this journey to LC#127.

A few days after accepting the call, I was doing my evening devotions and I read: "Your prayer life is a place where you are at home with God. It is a place where God loves and holds you." I felt so comforted and peaceful after this quiet time with my Heavenly Father and I thought that maybe this is what He wanted for LC#127. He just wants us to be near Him and have a close relationship. From here, a theme verse was revealed. "He gathers the lambs in His arms and carries them close to His heart." Isaiah 40:11. He scoops each of us up in His arms and allows us to rest in his heartfelt love.

It's awesome how many "Godcidents" fall before you when you are truly looking for His guidance. I have such a love for music and I had been asking God to help me "pare down" the many selections I had in my head. I was listening to a song "Everyday" with these words that just made me smile:

"Everyday, It's you I live for.
Everyday, I'll follow after you.
Everyday, I'll walk with you, my Lord"

That was it- the theme song for the weekend... all He wants from us is a promise to let Him hold us close to His heart and walk with Him everyday.

As I continue my journey to LC#127, I would ask for your prayers that I walk closely and listen and discern all that He has planned for the weekend. I pray that the Pilgrims and Team He is calling will be comforted, renewed, and embraced as He holds each of us, his lambs, close to His heart.

Blessed to serve,
Carol Stienstra.



GOD'S CHOSEN TEAM FOR LC 126

Name	Lord's Task
John Angelo	Cook
Daniel Brunken	AHC—Inside
Bob Beaver	Table Leader
Bill Brunold	Spiritual Director
Steve Costley	Rector
Jamie Creasy	Cook
Eddie Cuen	Head Palanca
Nelson Cullum	Table Leader
Harry Cypher	Cook
Nathan Defriest	Table Leader
Eric Dickson	Head Angel
Stuart Dimock	Palanca
Art Drews	AHC—Dining Room
Jay Egenes	Musician
Chris Fadgen	Palanca
Larry Flora	Cook
Alfred Francisco	Mentor
Gary Guthary	Head Cook
Patrick Hauser	Assistant Rector
Marty Hente	Cook
Robin Hill	AHC—Rollo Room
Steve Hoenig	Table Leader
Donovan Horspool	Cook
Steve Ilten	Table Leader
Tage Johnson	Cook
Tim Jones	Spiritual Director
Mike Kaspar	Palanca—Sacristan
Harold Krashin	Cook
Darrin Kruse	Musician
Joe Kwiatkowski	Musician
Eric Laipenieks	Assistant Rector
Anthony Lathey	Rookie Cook
Lenny LaVache	Cook
Dan Lewis	Cook
Kyle Malais	Cook
Dan Malone	Table Leader
Jim Mancini	Cook
Dave McDougal	Musician
Garry Mohr	Head Spiritual Director
Gary Mund	Cook
Joel Nelson	Musician
Russ Olson	Palanca
Steve Otte	Table Leader

Name	Lord's Task
Paul Phillips	Cook
Frank Pollock	Table Leader
Danny Santamarina	Cook
Jack Schlinsog	Palanca
Tony Sheer	Spiritual Director
Don Smart	Cook
Jan Stolzenburg	Table Leader
Max Turner	Table Leader
Don Underwood	Cook
Manny Valdez	Cook
David Wagner	Table Leader
Paul Wallace	Assistant Rector
Frank Wallior	Table Leader
Scott Willard	Palanca
Bill Woodbury	Head Musician

GOD'S CHOSEN PILGRIMS

Roger Alexander	Rich Kamiyama
Augie Aviles	Jon Kompara
Delwyn Campbell	Jim Madden
Joe Cantarella	Dan McAllister
Paul Christensen	Bob Miller
Carey Daus	Mark Mund
Dave Gelbmann	Roger Patterson
Don Harris	Clayton Peterson
John Harton	Neil Scheuerlein
John Immaraju	Marko Schulz
Robert Jones	

GOD'S CHOSEN TEAM FOR LC 127

Name	Lord's Task	Name	Lord's Task
Holly Barrier	Rookie Cook	Jerri McIlhagga	Musician
Barb Beaver	Head Musician/Leaders	Peggy Mechling	Cook
Vicki Braddock	Assistant Rectora/Piety	Melissa Monahan	Rookie Cook
Mary Ann Carlson	Cook	Karen Myers	Cook Team Lead
Karen Clarke	Musician	Lindi Oster	Musician
Missy Creacy	Cook Team Lead	Willy Owens	Cook
Cheryl Cuilhe	Table Leader	Helen Penczek	Rookie Cook
Jordan Deknatel	Rookie Cook	Tina Ray	Table Leader
Lori Deknatel	Assistant Head Angel	Brad Stienstra	Head Spiritual Director
Carita Dickson	Palanca	Carol Stienstra	Rectora/4th Day
Tamara Durica	Assistant Sacristan	Johna Stienstra	Head Palanca
Gail Egenes	Assistant Rectora/Environments	Beth Stoffregen	AHC-Dining Room
Amy Elmore	Sacristan	Becca Thiede	Assistant Rectora/Study
Jim Elmore	Spiritual Director	Mary Jane Thompson	Head Cook
Paul Finley	Spiritual Director	Sheri Underwood	Table Leader
Jamison Flojo	Rookie Cook	Linda Vanderplas	Cook—Special Meals
Barb Ginesi	Table Leader	Jackie Wagner	Rookie Cook
Cindy Glessner	Cook Team Lead	Nancy Wilbur	Palanca
Miriam Guthary	Head Angel	Linda Woodbury	Table Leader/Laity
Michelle Hauser	AHC—Rollo Room	Rory Woodbury	Table Leader/Apostolic Action
Amanda Hernandez	Rookie Cook	Bonnie Zimmermann	Table Leader
Lisa Igram	Table Leader/Christian Comm.	Carl Zimmermann	Spiritual Director
Eve Ilten	Table Leader/Ideal		
Kathryn Ilten	Musician		
Janet Irej	Cook Team Lead		
Ellen Jennrich	Rookie Cook		
Linda B. Johnson	Palanca		
Lisa Johnson	Rookie Cook		
Jane Jones	Rookie Cook		
Mary Kantola	AHC—Inside		
Roxanne Kaufman	Rookie Cook		
Debra Keeney	Mentor/Group Reunion-Ultreya		
Mary Kruse	Cook—Rollo Room Asst.		
Carol LaVache	Musician		
Nicole Lawler	Rookie Cook		
Vicki Lewis	Table Leader		
Jessica Lockie	Rookie Cook		
Patti Martinez	Table Leader		
Sue McConnell	Table Leader		

GOD'S CHOSEN PILGRIMS

Lois Allbeck	Lori Hoffman	Rachel Mendivel
Jeanie Alexander	Marge Hough	Sharlene Miller
Michele Batchler	Anita Immaraju	Sheila Miller
Linda Broderius	Dawn Jones	Debbie Peterson
Mary Christensen	Amy Kamiyama	Virginia Rappa
Sharon Core	Julia Kompara	Heather Rice
Christy Daus	Jennifer La Pyme	Carol Samrualruen
Alice Doering	Harmony Larson	Renee Scheuerlein
Kari Eggebraten	Hang Ly	Meg Schulz
Bev Erck	Cheryl Madden	Barb Talbott
Teri Gelbmann	Jaqui Manuel	Lindsey Trego
Stacey Ginesi	Carol McAllister	
Jayne Harris	Jackie McGrath	
Laura Harton	Linda Medina	