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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.

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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.

Applications to work the July weekends are now being accepted.

July will be here before we know it, so please pray about serving on a team. We look forward to having 3 teams to fill: Men's, Women's and then a Co-ed team for our 1st Cursillo en Español!

Weekend Dates

- LC132 - Men's - February 24-27, 2011
- LC133 - Women's - March 3-6, 2011
- CLE1 - Co-ed June 30-July 3, 2011
- LC134 - Men's July 7-10, 2011
- LC135 - Women's July 14-17, 2011
- LC136 - Men's - September 29-October 2, 2011
- LC137 - Women's - October 6-9, 2011

Ultreya Schedule

- February 20 - *Christ, Chino*
- March 13 (Grand) - *Trinity, Norwalk*
- April 17 - *Robinwood, Huntington Beach*
- May 15 (Open) - *Trinity, Anaheim Hills*
- June 19 - *TBD*
- July 24 (Grand) - *TBA*

(see the website for updates on locations)

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THOUGHTS FROM THE TRAINER....

Well I am going to say something I thought I would never say and women don't hate me for it.....

Men, you are doing something right. I know we as women say "don't they have any idea how to run a weekend." Master schedule? What is that? Did it even arrive at the weekend? They call that a table decoration. Can you believe they throw food to the pilgrims, like wrapped hotdogs, and that is their idea of food or a serving team. Really, does there have to be beef at every meal. They eat peanuts and throw the shells on the floor. Bacon takes up the majority of the food budget. They use the bird of paradise flower they cut around the grounds for Agape table decorations at the last minute. And yet their lack of silly details never get in the way of the job or the journey those men take on a weekend. I am here to tell you that some of the most amazing talks are from the men at the Clausura. Those men have been touched by the Holy Spirit. They have the love of the Lord and it is truly in their heart. And with no fluff involved, just brotherly love, support, and loads of prayers. Not that we, as women, don't do these things too, it is just filled with sprinkles and sparkles. Do you want to know the secret? They don't make the small stuff, the most important stuff. Believe me when I say the basic's is all we need. Showing God's love to those we are serving and to those who are on the team is the most important thing about the weekends, not the fluff.

So I have just a little word of advice. As some of our women would say, "let it go Martha". Stop worrying if something does not go as planned. It is God's plan. Everything does not need to be perfect or sparkly. Frankly, some of the best things on a weekend just happen. So what if the bacon gets burnt and there's none for breakfast. It's just not going to change the end result of the weekend.

The weekends are not to be a competition or who can out do whom. Each weekend is an individual experience for each of us. They are to be lead by God's guidelines and not by our own will. It is not about our Rector's and Rectora's either. Not that we don't love them. We do. These servants wouldn't want the focus to be about them either. Our focus is about loving up on the pilgrims and bringing leaders to our churches.

Let's think back to our pilgrim weekends and even weekends from there. What do you remember most? Is it the crowns you were given to wear; all the fluff on the tables; the bacon you were served; the songs that were sung; the hot dog you were hit with? No! It was about the relationships we made and the bonds we were building. We don't want to lose focus of our mission, which is to bring leaders to the Lutheran church. With that said, we want to encourage people to work the weekends, to get into groupings, all the while staying connected through Ultreyas, which ultimately serves to help keep that fire burning long after the Cursillo weekend is over.

The relationships we have built from these Cursillo's are nothing but short of amazing. They have brought us together with God, and it allows us to be a friend to each other and a joyful member of this community. What I remember most is:

- Coming back as a cook. Those cooks came in to sing in the rollista. The kitchen skits were a hoot. The serving of Agape dinner. They looked so happy and bonded that I wanted to experience that..
- The girls at my table. My table leaders were amazing. I wanted to do that. The talks that were given. Seeing ordinary people up there giving their Rollos and wondering where they got the courage to do so. And knowing I could never do that.
- Coming back to work a weekend. The giggles in the dorm rooms. The friendships I have made.
- Going to the Ultreyas and reconnecting with people I haven't seen in awhile.

All these things that I love most about Cursillo, none of it involved stuff or fluff. I don't even remember half of it and I can guarantee you most of you don't remember either. I guess all I really wanted to say is.....let's not focus on the stuff and keep our eyes on our mission, God's mission. Let the weekend unfold. Do not anticipate or judge. Let God lead the weekend. Love pilgrims and team with all your heart. Enjoy and take the time to make a new friend. Pray together, work together and enjoy this amazing journey God has chosen us to take. And Martha, you are not allowed to get in the way.

20TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

On Sunday January 16th, 2011 over 500 Cursillistas gathered together at Trinity Lutheran Church in Norwalk to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of Lutheran Cursillo of Southern California. With the oh so familiar sound of the ringing bell we gathered everyone in the church to praise and worship together in grand Cursillo fashion. The altar was adorned with new banners that resembled the Cursillo Cross that was placed on each of us at the end of our Cursillo weekend; as a group, we remembered that "Christ was counting on us" and that "we are counting on Christ". As we counted down the Cursillo weekends, we were able to acknowledge the very first pilgrims and workers of our Cursillo community. We even had the banner from LC #1 present.

The witness talks were full of humor, tears, encouragement and inspiration as we heard again and again how Cursillo has transformed lives. We also acknowledge past Rector and Rectora's, and those that are going through or have gone through seminary or become lay pastors at their church.

Through trivia questions and our first witness talk we learned about the beginnings of LCSC. We also had historian books displayed that had all the pictures from every single weekend including the team and pilgrim lists. It was amazing to see how technologically advanced we have become as the very first photo's were in black and white. Now 20 years later, our photos are all digitally produced.

As we celebrated the beginnings of Cursillo and the 20 years that have passed, we were able to look forward by celebrating the beginning of our Spanish Cursillo weekends with the installation of Manny Valdez and Miriam Guthary as the Rector(a) of weekends CLE # 1 and 2.

The Ultreya was followed by a wonderful catered dinner that 275 Cursillistas enjoyed. As people walked into the decorated fellowship hall they were able to see a display of past Rector and Rectora banners hanging on the walls. Each table was decorated with De Colores table cloths and center pieces from past weekends. We had the pleasure of Pastor Howell Foster who was the very first Head Spiritual Director, telling us how his family had been transformed by Cursillo and then blessing the meal. As people ate tri tip, chicken, pasta, garlic bread, salad and those yummy brownies, they were able to watch a scrolling powerpoint presentation of all the logos from weekends 1-133!

Everyone had such an amazing time catching up with old friends, reminiscing about the last 20 years by looking at the pictures, banners and center pieces. It is so hard to put into words the joy and excitement that the 20th Anniversary Team felt as we watched all of this taking place. The best part of the celebration was to be able to praise and worship our Father in Heaven. We celebrated His love for us in Communion with our Cursillo Family!

Thank you to all who helped make this celebration possible and to all of those who attended!

May you continue to be blessed on your 4th Day!

The 20th Anniversary Committee

IS IT ME, LORD, THAT YOU ARE CALLING?

Have you been looking for the next place God is calling you to serve? Do you feel lead, or maybe even pulled toward a new direction of service? If so maybe it's time to say "Here I am Lord" and put your name in the running for the LCSC Secretariat. Elections are held in July, and terms are just 3 short years. Every year 3 positions come open, this year is no different. We are always looking for new Leaders in our community to step up to serve.

- Have you worked a few weekends?
- Do you understand the Cursillo method?
- Will you work for the good of the Community as a whole?
- Do you love the Lord your God, Jesus Christ?
- Will you come to serve without your own personal agenda?
- Can you attend a meeting the last Monday of the Month?
- Can you lead by example, with the help of the Holy Spirit?
- Can you build friendships, and have fun at the same time?

If you can say yes to these questions & no one else from your home church will be serving on Secretariat, you qualify to run for the LCSC Secretariat. You won't know if you are really being called in this direction unless you put your name in the running.

My second term is up in July and it's my time to step down. We can't build new leaders if the same old ones are always in the positions of leadership. I have grown in my walk over the last 6 years on the Secretariat. The friendship of everyone I have served alongside over the years have a special place in my heart. In those 6 years, we have not always agreed on everything. The one thing we always agree is we have the right to disagree, as long as we respect each other's right to their Opinion. Always focus everything through the Cross and the Resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior.

In my time on the Secretariat I have held 6 different positions. I think they kept moving me around in hope to find something I could do. Ha Ha. That's just how it worked out. Some change their position every year, others stay in the same spot their whole term. It's just how the Spirit leads. So if I can do it, so can you! (with the help of God). Please pray about this. When you are ready to say "Yes, here I am Lord, send me" tell one of the members on the Secretariat to add your name to the ballot. The rest is in God's hands and timing.

The new old timer and your Brother in Christ,
Gordon Gertner

CURSILLO LUTERANO EN ESPAÑOL # 1!

Cursillo Luterano en Español (CLE) is here! We will be having CLE1 June 30 through July 3rd. We ask for your prayer support as the weekend planning begins. Specifically we seek your prayers for:

- If you are bilingual, pray about serving on the weekend.
- If you are not bilingual, pray about “angeling”. We need the whole community support as we begin this new extension of LCSC.
- Begin praying about sponsoring pilgrims in your church.
- Pray about sponsoring financially.
- Pray for the leadership team as they seek His will.

WEEKENDS IN ROSEMEAD

We have come to love the facility St. Josephs in Rosemead. We feel at home when we are there. We are very much a part of that community. On Cursillo weekends it is our home. We are blessed to be allowed to hold God's weekends there. We except that we are just a small part, of what is going on there. We have exclusive use of some areas and share others. So when on the facility grounds treat it like it is your own. Respect other that are there also. Remember it belongs to God, and he is just allowing us to share it with others.

LEADERS LEADING LEADERS

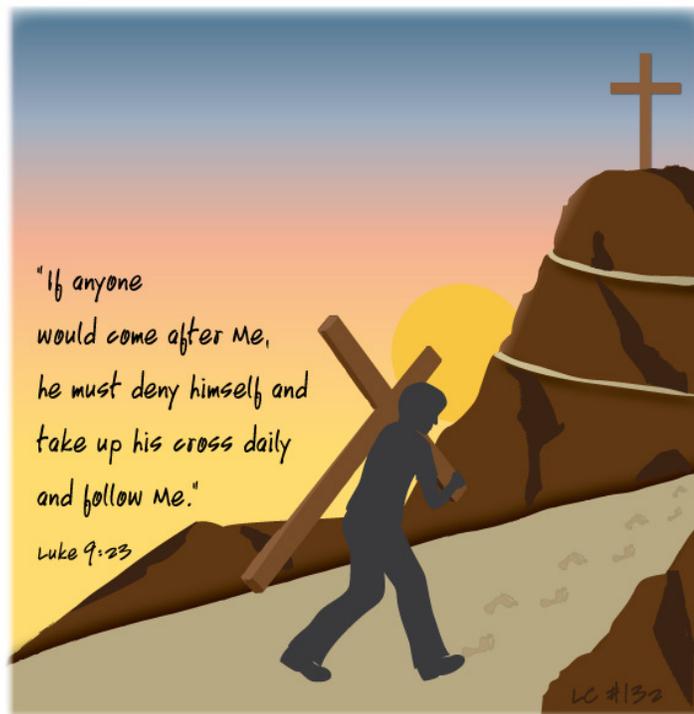
How are we ever able to make Cursillo weekends work? We don't, God makes them happen. You put 60 leaders on the team and there should be mass confusion. Well there is mass confusion, lots of time, but the Holy Spirit brings order. 60 team members not one more or less important than the others. God has called each one to fill a leadership spot for that weekend. When we make that commitment to serve, we accept that God will use us for his special task, to our fullest. We all have the responsibility to share Gods Love with others and live as God wants us to. When we accept that we were called to be a leader for some area of the weekend. Others were called to be leaders of other parts of the weekend. As long as we accept that God is in control and work with and allow others to be leaders in their called areas, the weekends work. So be open to allow God to us you in ways you may never have thought of. As he also will be using others in way they were not expecting also.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Throughout my life I have been in or somehow around the church, but until I came to Cursillo my relationship with Christ was hibernating. Six years ago when I stepped onto the grounds of St. Joes, the hibernation was over. I resolved to follow any path God set before me and with my application to work filled out before I got home, the adventure began (and yes, I waited to talk to my wife before I submitted that application). Never in my wildest dreams would I have thought that I would be doing the things I have done since I first entered into the chapel of St. Joes. God has stretched me far beyond what I would have imagined and each time I was asked to do something out of my comfort zone, I knew I would have to rely on the Holy Spirit to get me through. "I am counting on Christ" has become my battle cry, so when I was called to be rector I recognized my lack of qualifications and knew that I would lean upon my Lord once again. As I struggled to find the verse that God wanted to use for LC132, I came across Luke 9:32 and I knew it expresses His desire for us to follow after Him. It also expresses the daily struggle we often feel denying our sinful nature to follow after Christ. It's not always easy and yet we are strengthened by the Holy Spirit and our brothers and sisters in Christ. I consider myself blessed to call so many of you friends and I know that the Holy Spirit is accomplishing some wonderful things through you. I can't even imagine what extraordinary things God has planned for the next 6 years, but we need to take it one day at a time and remember the words of Jesus, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me."

In His Service,

Eddie Cuen
Rector, LC132



GOD'S CHOSEN TEAM FOR LC 132

Name	Lord's Task	Name	Lord's Task
Roger Alexander	Cook Team Lead	Joel Nelson	Table Leader
Dick Anderson	Table Leader	Russ Olsen	Table Leader
Steve Anderson	Head Musician	Jim Oster	Palanca
Bob Beaver	Cook	Pastor DT Parker	Spiritual Director
Dave Boyer	Table Leader	Mike Sander	Assistant Head Cook - Rollo Room
Brian Brouard	Palanca	Danny Santamarina	Musician
Daniel Brunken	Cook	George Simmons	Musician
Pastor Bill Brunold	Head Spiritual Director	Russell Smith	Cook
Geoff Cornish	Cook	Jan Stoltzenburg	Table Leader
Steve Costley	Mentor	Paul Wallace	Assistant Head Cook - Dining Room
Ed Cotta	Cook	Frank Wallior	Cook
Jamie Creacy	Table Leader	Grant Westland	Rookie Cook
Eddie Cuen	Rector	Scott Willard	Assistant Head Cook - Inside
Nelson Cullum	Cook		
Nathan Defriest	Assistant Rector		
Pastor Greg DeVore	Spiritual Director		
Don Dunn	Table Leader		
Chris Fadgen	Table Leader		
Bob Foutz	Cook Team Lead		
Alfred Francisco	Musician		
John Harton	Rookie Cook		
Pat Hauser	Head Cook		
Tim Hauser	Cook Team Lead		
Lyle Haynes	Rookie Cook		
Marty Hente	Sacristan		
Dennis Herbold	Cook		
Robin Hill	Assistant Sacristan		
Jerry Holmes	Musician		
Steve Ilten	Palanca		
Pastor Tim Jones	Spiritual Director		
Jack Kantola	Table Leader		
Wes Krashin	Cook		
Joe Kwaitowski	Musician		
Eric Laipenieks	Head Angel		
Phil Langford	Table Leader		
Tony Lathey	Cook		
Kenny Lee	Assistant Rector		
Dan Lewis	Head Palanca		
Dan Malone	Cook		
Terry McClellan	Musician		
Scott Mechling	Assistant Rector		
Robert Melford	Cook		
Mike Myers	Cook Team Lead		

GOD'S CHOSEN PILGRIMS

John Collins	Ted Marquez
Rick Coury	Bob Miller
Cyril Davies	Daniel Morin
Ramon Escobedo	Samuel Nieva
Ernie Frey	Scott Raddatz
Gerrie Goss	Jim Reynen
Chris Groll	Curt Ritchie
Don Harrell	Paul Soucey
Jake Holmes	Michael Tito
Tom Kudart	Brian Werner
Michael LaVallee	David Williams
Tony Lopez	

Earlier this year, my husband Bob and I planned a December journey to celebrate our 40th wedding anniversary. Little did I know, at that time, that this would become part of a much larger journey - a journey that God has planned for the team and pilgrims of LC 133. When I received a call from the president of the Secretariat asking me to consider leading the team for LC 133, I was hesitant. We would be gone all of December, we had a huge work project to be done, and so on, and so on. But it didn't take me long to remember that when our Lord calls, He will make a way. And so the journey had begun!

As I began to think about the mood and theme that God wanted for the weekend, I focused, as I often do, on this awesome, infinite God who created the heavens, the earth and all that is in it, and yet has the time to watch over each one of us, to love us as if there was only one of us to love, and to listen to each one of our prayers. Many of you know that music is a very important part of my life, and Chris Tomlin's "Unfailing Love" puts this quite well: "And everything You hold in Your hand, still You make time for me...I can't understand." This had to be the theme of our journey.

So, I started making my "lists"...we need a theme verse, a logo, a song, whew!! I picked what I *thought* would be the song first, but, try as I might, I could not find a verse to match *my* choice of song. In His infinite wisdom, God led me to *His* chosen verse in Zephaniah (a little tiny book near the end of the Old Testament that I had never read): "The LORD Your God is with you, He is mighty to save. He will take great delight in you, He will quiet you with His love, He will rejoice over you with singing." (Zephaniah 3:17) The verse perfectly describes the mighty God who still has time to pay attention to each and every one of us...delighting in us, loving us, and singing over us. And now, *God's* chosen song was a "no brainer"—one of my favorites—Laura Story's "Mighty to Save". God has such a great sense of humor! The logo reflects the fact that I believe music to be a wonderful means of communication: we can praise God and speak to Him through our music, and in turn He can speak to us as we listen to the lyrics, which are very often passages of Scripture set to music. The daffodil, one of the first flowers of spring, is also a symbol of hope, rebirth, and new beginnings, which is, for many of us, exactly what Cursillo is all about.

It is my prayer that the team of LC 133 will embrace God's chosen verse, and that we can reflect God's awesome love to the pilgrims by taking great delight in them, quieting their fears and concerns with our love, and rejoicing with them in laughter and song. I am humbled and excited to be the Rectora for what I know will be a very special weekend.

In His Service,

Barb Beaver
Rectora, LC 133



GOD'S CHOSEN TEAM FOR LC 133

Name	Lord's Task	Name	Lord's Task
Jeanie Alexander	Cook	Terry Nelson	Table Leader
Barb Beaver	Rectora	Tracy Otte	Table Leader
Vicki Braddock	Cook	Linda Punongbayan	Musician
Patti Brunold	Cook	Jeanine Robbins	Table Leader
Julie Bryan	Rookie Cook	Brad Stienstra	Head Spiritual Director
Karen Clarke	Assistant Rectora	Carol Stienstra	Mentor
Kelli Connell	Palanca	Johna Stienstra	Table Leader
Missy Creasy	Table Leader	Joey Taschner	Rookie Cook
Sandy Dahl	Rookie Cook	Paula Teig	Table Leader
Jordan Deknatel	Musician	Mary Jane Thompson	Table Leader
Lori Deknatel	Table Leader	Kent Tuohino	Spiritual Director
Tamara Durica	Table Leader	Carol Wallior	Cook
Gail Egenes	Asst. Head Cook - Rollo Room	Paul Wenz	Spiritual Director
Deenna Eley	Table Leader	Nancy Wilbur	Assistant Rectora
Kristen Erwin	Rookie Cook	Rory Woodbury	Palanca
Susie Fairfax	Table Leader	Linda Woodbury	Special Meals Cook
Nia Fowler	Rookie Cook	Linda Young	Rookie Cook
Susan Fox	Rookie Cook	Carl Zimmermann	Spiritual Director
Torrie Fox	Cook Team Lead	Bonnie Zimmermann	Cook Team Lead
Kay Francisco	Palanca		
Cynthia Galli	Cook Team Lead		
Barb Ginesi	Sacristan		
Stacey Ginesi	Palanca / Asst. Sacristan		
Nancy Grabmiller	Rookie Cook		
Debbie Graves	Asst. Head Cook - Inside		
Miriam Guthary	Assistant Rectora		
Dori Hauptmann	Musician		
Eve Ilten	Head Palanca		
Kathryn Ilten	Head Musician		
Lisa Johnson	Cook Team Lead		
Amy Kamiyama	Table Leader		
Mary Kantola	Head Cook		
Roxanne Kaufman	Asst. Head Cook - Dining Room		
Kelly Krashin	Rookie Cook		
Brenda Langdon	Rookie Cook		
Jennifer LaPyrne	Rookie Cook		
Carol LaVache	Musician		
Vicki Lewis	Head Angel		
Peggy Mechling	Cook Team Lead		

GOD'S CHOSEN PILGRIMS

Britta Anderson	Glenda McCullough Green
Sandy Bowen	Sharlene Miller
Sue Brannon	Princess Momoh
Georgia Cole	Ana Nieva
Denise Coury	Laurie Raddatz
Kirsten Escobedo	Jennifer Reynen
Vera Eubank	Dianne Ritchie
Barbara Frey	Rita Smith
Shannon Groll	Mary Soucey
Angela Hanford	Jai Stiger
Sheri Isaacson	Chris Taylor
Shirley Jett	Gwen Te Gantvoort
Susan Karnatz	Sue Thies
Kimberly Kerner	Chery Walker
Rebecca Lopez	Terri Williams
Sandy Marquez	