

South Dakota Lutheran Secretariat

Via de Cristo Newsletter

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Pastor's Corner:

Brothers and Sisters of the 4th Day,

As I reflect on the weekend in November, I am reminded: He is with us! Praise the Lord for the grace of his presence. Having just celebrated Christmas, I pray that you all were filled with the joy of Christ this Christmas, in his grace and in his fellowship with us. To those who turn back in faith, our God is not like the distant wrathful unapproachable gods which humanity has created in our fallen sinful self destructive imaginations. Instead, our God understands our condition, our frailty and weakness, and has come down to us to reconcile with us. In Jesus and the Holy Spirit we experience the presence of God.

The one true God is exceedingly relational. The triune godhead expresses His relational nature. His gracious actions toward humanity express his relational nature. Creation itself expresses His relational nature. Being created in His image, we are specifically designed for relationship, with God, with one another and with the creation. So I encourage each of you to live into your relational potential. Make it a priority in this busy world to seek out and/or create and engage in healthy small group Christ-centered fellowships, where you can be nurtured in your faith and grow toward your God given relational potential. We learn to cope with the world when we are young, but in Christ we are a new creation and our coping is being exchanged with faith, informed and empowered by grace, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, who is transforming us toward wholeness and rest in God's eternal presence. Always remember who you are, and trust the Spirit to lead you in conducting yourselves in a manner worthy of the Gospel. I hope to see you at the Ultreya on Jan 24.

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Pastor Karl Seggerman

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- Grand Ultreya – Sat. January 24th @ Noon ---
Swan Lake Christian Camp, Chapel Bldg
- TEC Weekend: March 20-22, 2026 @ Yankton, SD
- Spring Ultreya – Sat. April 25th @ Noon ---
Morningside Lutheran Church, Sioux City IA
- TEC Weekend: July 24-25, 2026 @ Sioux City, IA
- VDC Weekend – November 12-15, 2026 -----
Swan Lake Christian Camp

Happy New Year to our 4th Day Community

When considering the Via De Cristo weekend and 4th Day community, our thoughts start with a warm feeling inside from connecting with friends in Christ. The weekend for both guests and team allows God's people an opportunity to come together as the body of Christ to learn, grow, and worship Him in a beautiful setting. We get to laugh, cry, reflect, and ponder the talks throughout the weekend. We have the opportunity to struggle and wrestle with past and current challenges while keeping the hope of Christ at the center. We step out of the everyday to focus on what God wants to teach us.

Each time we come back to a comfortable and familiar, but also a new experience that is unique in its own way. We cherish reconnecting with old friends. We cherish meeting new friends right where they are. The weekend pulls us out of our everyday routine and lets us focus on God for an entire three days. We are reminded each time we go through a weekend to trust the process as the series of talks and experiences allows guests to become comfortable with each other and their tables and eventually the entire community. The weekend centers us and refreshes our minds and souls as we start the 4th day all over again.

Most importantly, our local bible study groups... part of our 4th day community meeting weekly are a huge support element as we work through our year, stay connected and accountable to each other and continue to study His word. Via De Cristo and the 4th Day community are an important piece of the puzzle that continues to come together through our lives as we grow and learn what God has planned for us.

Dick Kennedy

T-SHIRTS FOR SALE

SHORT SLEEVE - \$16

CREWNECK SWEATSHIRT - \$36

PROCEEDS GO FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

LONG SLEEVE - \$20

HOODIES - \$36

South Dakota Lutheran Secretariat is a governing board to put on Via de Cristo weekends, supporting Ultreyas and hosting training practice days. The Grand Ultreya on January 24th will also serve as an Annual Meeting for the 4th Day Community. This Board needs a Lay Director, a Secretary, several at-large representatives from all areas and new Newsletter Editors. Please be in prayer to serve with this Family Team.

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