

# South Dakota Lutheran Secretariat

## Via de Cristo Newsletter

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**Summer 2023 Edition** --- Enean Mattes & Pastor Steve Carmany, Editors

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**Ultreya Event – September 24, 2023**  
**4-7pm @ Messiah New Hope Lutheran Church**  
**5001 E Madison St, Sioux Falls**

Stay Connected!!! As a Christian Community, we share burdens and joys.  
If you have any testimonies that you would like to publish,  
please submit them to [carmanysteve@gmail.com](mailto:carmanysteve@gmail.com)

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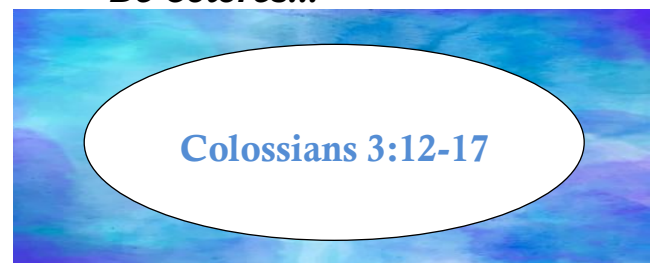
**Greetings to the 4<sup>th</sup> Day Community from Beth Abraham,**

*It is my honor to accept the Rectora position for the April 2024 Via de Cristo weekend. The selected verses for the weekend are **Colossians 3:12-17**. We love a God who sees us in the messiness of our lives as we learn and grow in our faith. And He still loves us!*

*As you read the verses, remember you are a chosen people called to fulfill God's holy purposes for your life by touching the lives of others. The verses will touch your heart differently as the Holy Spirit speaks to you on your faith journey. For me they are a daily reminder to see others as Christ sees them. Ask God, "Why am I here today? What do you need me to do?" Do they need a word of encouragement? Are they weary? Or just celebrate their joys with them. Each verse highlights how we are to honor God in our daily living. Knowing we are holy and dearly loved, we can share that same love by our actions*

***"Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly... with gratitude in your hearts. ...clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity. Let the peace of Christ rule in your***

***hearts... .. do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God. (NIV) De Colores!!!***



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**4th Day Encouragement – Thoughts from Jen Morkve**

When I went through as a guest, I went, not knowing anyone, on my own and with no real expectations.

The love of others, the presence of the Holy Spirit there hovering in the place was amazing. The Stations hit me hard. I was in front and struggling with so many things at the time. To see that Jesus hung there for me, to save me from my sins and chose to let me live eternally in heaven with him – wow!

The banquet was amazing and words cannot be used. The whole weekend was amazing from the palanca, gifts, food and blessings.

Now, coming back to serve really put things into perspective and to be able to serve and have others be blessed is a growth and blessing to me. I really enjoy the new friendships, love and how Holy Spirit works through the ups and downs of the weekends to give back to others who are coming to experience some of what I did.

**SAVE THE DATE -- APRIL 11-14, 2024**  
**CO-ED WEEKEND @ SWAN LAKE**  
**CHRISTIAN CAMP**