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HOPE PRESBYTERIAN TO HOST APRIL/MAY CURSILLOS

United Cursillos #29 and 30 will take place April 24-27 (men's) and May 1-4 (women's) at Hope Presbyterian Church, 7132 Portland Avenue So., Richfield. The men's Sunday morning serenade is open to members of the 4th Day; the women's Sunday morning serenade is closed. Sunday evening serenades for both weekends are at 5:30 p.m. and open to all 4th Dayers. Rector/rectora are Dick Frandeen (Colonial) and Lois Larson (Plymouth).

"NEW CHURCH" IS ST. LUCAS UCC, LAKE ELMO

United Cursillo policy allows one "new church" to participate in each Cursillo weekend. Usually the new church's senior minister and spouse along with a lay member or couple go through the weekend together. For the April/May pair of weekends, the new church is St. Lucas UCC, Lake Elmo, Minn. Please support these soon-to-be 4th Dayers with prayers and palanca:

Rev. Walter and Rosalie Schlichting
Larry and Connie Bettenhausen

NEED PALANCA IDEAS? CALL THESE PEOPLE...

Men's weekend

Dick Frandeen, rector	920-6218
Don Krebs, kitchen rector	944-6639
Bob Wolf, kitchen palanca coordinator	831-4609
Don Sazama, 4th Day rector	888-4877

Women's weekend

Lois Larson, rectora	432-4451
Mary Jean Marnie, kitchen rectora	770-1858
Ann Nelson	926-6732

Remember that a form of palanca that is always welcomed by the team is clean-up following the Agape dinner and Sunday evening following the clausura.

DOES ANYONE KNOW "TEDDY BEAR POEM"?

We have received a request to help locate a poem on a Teddy Bear poster that was hanging in the 4th Day Center at a 1985 women's Cursillo at Christ Presbyterian Church. If you have a copy of this poem, please send it to:

Nancy Newkirk
3009 S. Street
Washougal, WA 98671

UNITED CURSILLO FUTURE DATES

United Cursillo #31 (Men's)
July 10-13, 1986
Hennepin Avenue Methodist

United Cursillo #32 (Women's)
July 17-20, 1986
Hennepin Avenue Methodist

Deadline for applications: May 27, 1986

United Cursillo #33 (Men's)
November 6-9, 1986
First Presbyterian, St. Cloud

United Cursillo #34 (Women's)
November 13-16, 1986
First Presbyterian, St. Cloud

Deadline for applications: September 23, 1986

ARE YOU SINGLE? THEN READ THIS...

Minnesota has an active and thriving singles Cursillo fellowship, reports Joan Odell (Plymouth Congregational). Single 4th Dayers are welcome at any and all activities -- for details, call Joan at 866-1337. The group publishes a semi-annual newsletter. Here are upcoming events:

- April 18-20-----Spring Retreat
Camp Courage
- May 10-----Monthly Ultreya
First Presbyterian, Albert Lea, MN
- June 14-----Monthly Ultreya
Hennepin Avenue Methodist, Mpls.
- July 12-----Monthly Ultreya
Trinity Lutheran, Stillwater, MN

All monthly singles ultreyas include potluck dinners and begin at 5:30 p.m. -- you do not need reservations; just show up with something to eat!

SUPPORT SOUGHT FOR TEENS ENCOUNTER CHRIST (TEC)

(Editor's Note: The following article was written by Robin Berg, First Presbyterian Church, Hudson, Wisconsin, and a member of the United Cursillo Council.)

The United Cursillo Council would like to identify members of the 4th Day community who are interested in expanding the Cursillo movement to school age youth. Teens Encounter Christ (T.E.C.) and other similar programs are designed around the Cursillo weekend format except that these programs are aimed at a first encounter with Christ (for unchurched youth as well as our young members) rather than renewal and the forming of support groups.

Mickey and I really enjoyed having our children share their weekends and Christian growth with us when they were in high school. We would like you to have the same opportunity to share with your children, and we believe that we could spread the good news with many more of our youth if Cursillo churches supported this program.

I was greatly impressed with the quality, honesty and sincerity of the following young people when I asked for their impressions of the T.E.C. experience:

Stephanie Hill, a junior from Colonial, said the experience is "neat." She really felt loved and important while learning about the unconditional love of God.

Greg Olson, a sophomore from Christ Presbyterian, said that he entered a room of 50 strangers and three days later had found his 50 best friends, all of whom had in common the experience of growing closer to God.

Greg's brother Eric, a senior, cautions us that T.E.C. is not for everyone. Eric will be Kitchen Rector at the Episcopal T.E.C. taking place April 25-27 at St. Stephen's church in Edina. (Note: In T.E.C. palanca becomes "wheat.")

Suzi Poland, a senior from Minnewashta Church, found T.E.C. an "incredible experience," and a wonderful way to improve self-confidence and make new friends who really care about you.

Tim Berg, a junior at the University of Minnesota, and a member of First Presbyterian Church of Hudson, says this: "I have been involved with T.E.C. for six years. The value of the experiences shared, lessons learned and friendships made is immeasurable. My first T.E.C. weekend was a turning point in my life."

You can show your interest and support for T.E.C. by writing a note or sending in the attached form:

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____

Am interested in helping to organize the program

Would like to work on or contribute to a weekend

Have been through youth weekend

Have a candidate to recommend

Am clergy interested in serving on a weekend

Am praying for the success of the program

Additional comments:

Please send to: Robin and Mickey Berg
Box 228, Rt. 2
Hudson, WI 54016

For any questions, please call Robin Berg at 715-386-9457 or Dave Appelhof at 831-8592.

FINALLY...RETYPED TEAM HANDOUT MATERIALS!

If you've served on a team, you're aware of the volume of handout materials that gets reproduced and distributed to team members. In recent years many of these handouts have been reproduced from poor quality "originals" so the handout version has been barely legible. Recently Bob Schneider (Colonial) has re-typed masters for many of these handouts and the result is clean, crisp and bold new handouts! Thank you, Bob.

FACTS ABOUT CURSILLO YOU SHOULD KNOW

A weekend has 36 weekenders, supported by 48 to 52 team members.

Planning and organization for a specific Cursillo weekend begins six months prior to the weekend.

In addition to the United Cursillo Fellowship, Minnesota also has active Catholic, Episcopal, Lutheran and Kairos (prison) Cursillos.

This newsletter is mailed to more than 1200 United Cursillo homes.

Serving on a team involves attending a minimum of five team meetings prior to the weekend.

All rollos are presented to the team at team meetings prior to being given on a Cursillo weekend.

UNITED CURSILLO #27 WEEKENDERS

Mike Almars
Jim Anderson
Scott Appelwick
Arlo Blumer
Colin Callister
Bob Coates
Ken Dean
Lynn Ferguson
Bob Fields
John Forshtay
Doug Hall
Sherm Harris

Fred Harwell
Rev. Mark Johnson
Martin Johnson
Jay Joyner
John Karnos
Frank Kendall
Bob Kircher
Chris Krueger
Gerry Lofland
Lyle D. Merriman
Bill Minkema
Steve Muyskens

Elton Nelson
Steve Nelson
Fran Odden
Bob Post
Boyd Schreiber
Bob Thompson
Frank Udovich
Craig Vick
Mark Whittemore
Bob Wiley
Gary Wright

UNITED CURSILLO #28 WEEKENDERS

Melanie Almars
Cleon Anderson
Sue Baldwin
Mary Ann Blumer
Sharon Callister
Lynda Cole
Midge Dean
Nancy Fields
Ida Grotenhuis
Marjorie Forshtay
Ramona Hall
Jan Harris
Deb Harwell

Mary Jean Johnson
Lynda Johnson
Deborah Karnos
Martha Kendall
Joan Kircher
Merry Krueger
Dona Lofland
Jean Menge
Marjorie Merriman
Dolores Minkema
Ann Nelson

Betty Nelson
Miriam Odden
Marilyn Paulson
Carol Phillips
Betty Post
Karen Schreiber
Marilyn Thompson
Paula Udovich
Carol Vick
Linda Whittemore
Delores Wiley
Joan Wright

STILL LOOKING FOR RENEWAL GROUPS?

Does your renewal group welcome new members? There are many people who would like to be part of a renewal group but haven't found a group to call their own. If your group welcomes newcomers please send the specifics to: Cliff Johnson, Editor, PALANCA PRESS, 4932 Newton Avenue So., Minneapolis, MN 55409. We will publish your group in the next issue. Here is a list of groups that have reported their willingness to accept new people:

Location	Contact	Comments
Pannekoken Huis 66th & Xerxes Richfield, MN	Nancy Anderson H: 823-2133 O: 853-2520	Meets 7:30-8:30 a.m. on Mondays. Wants more members.
Hudson, WI	Rich and Sheryl Lindholm (715)386-3541	"We meet the second Sunday of every month in our home...we've been meeting for two years and welcome new people."
Minnewashta Church (near Excelsior) Sun. 7:30-8:45 am	Patti Loftus 920-4715 or Beth Cone 474-5675	"We have a newly-formed and very open group that meets every Sunday. We welcome newcomers."
Peace Reformed Church, Eagan, MN Every other Tues. 6:15-7:15 am	Fran Feldhahn 452-1848 or Ernie Aden 454-3078	"Our group is fairly new, and we welcome early risers --especially Cursillistas from the Eagan-Burnsville - Bloomington area."
South Mpls. - Richfield 7-9 pm weeknights	Bill and Jean Brastad 822-6484	"We would like to form a group of couples and singles that would meet twice a month -- call us if you are interested."

A CURSILLO "BED AND BREAKFAST" PROGRAM

A new slant on "bed and breakfast" was introduced last fall when Twin Cities area 4th Dayers traveled to the Albert Lea Cursillo weekends and spent Saturday night in the homes of First Presbyterian members. The next out-of-town United Cursillo weekend will be held in St. Cloud in November and hopefully overnight accommodations can be arranged for these Cursillos too.

Recently it was suggested that a similar offer of "bed and breakfast" could be made available during Twin Cities Cursillo weekends for members of the 4th Day that travel from outstate Minnesota. In fact, members of Shiloh-Bethany Presbyterian did offer lodging to out-of-town guests during the Cursillos held at that church last May. If you feel you could accommodate overnight guests during future Cursillo weekends, send your name and phone number to: Cliff Johnson, Editor, PALANCA PRESS, 4932 Newton Avenue South, Minneapolis, MN 55409.

TEAM ROSTER -- UNITED MEN'S #29

Rector:	Dick Frandeen	Kitchen Rector:	Don Krebs
Asst. Rectors:	Roy Baker	Asst. Rector:	Hal Freeman
	Chris Iselin	Kitchen Team:	Pete Allard
	Glen Silker		Doug Galinski
Spiritual Dir.:	Dave Williamson		John Galinski
Asst. S.D.:	Don Portwood		Dick Hanson
Music Dir.:	Dave Olson		Russ Johnson
Rollistas:	Jim Harper		Barry Naugle
	Ron Johnson		Neal Nelson
	Brad Johnston		Jerry Schulz
	Virgil Leih		Jack Weems
	Jeff Pope		Bill Winger
	John Prin		Bob Wolf
Table Leaders:	Bud Anderson	Palanca Rector:	Ron Randall
	Art Bauman	Asst. Rector:	Elgin Manhard
	Bob Campbell	Palanca S. D.:	Ray Fenton
	Steve Coleman	Palanca Team:	Dick Berdahl
	Dick Longsdorf		Doug Donaldson
	John Nord		Jon Eisele
4th Day Rector:	Don Sazama		Joel Jennings
Asst. Rector:	Terry Rhodes		Herschel Kitchen
4th Day Team:	Eric Comer		Joe Morrill
	Gary Dockter		Rich Rosengren
	Gary Giltner		Don Smith
	Dave Luther		
	Jerry McKinney		
	Dean Schneider		
	Dick Waterbury		

TEAM ROSTER -- UNITED WOMEN'S #30

Rectora:	Lois Larson	Kitchen Rectora:	Mary Jean Marnie
Asst. Rectoras:	Kathy Anderson	Kitchen Team:	Susie Berge
	Kay Lindahl		Mary Bugbee
	Pat Mastny		Fern Friskey
Spiritual Dir.:	Robert Malcolm		Robert Harper
Asst. S.D.:	Kari Malcolm		Diane Klemmp
	Mary Marcoux		Sheryl Lindholm
Music Dir.:	Jan Mattox		Jeanne Lyner
Rollistas:	Beth Cone		Julie Richter
	Suzanne Jesberg		Sandi Rosso
	Anne McPheeters		Diane Wagar
	Joan Purdie		Joan Wright
	Norma Jean Sims	Palanca Rectora:	Carol Flint
	Marge Tingblad	Asst. Rectora:	Louise Anderson
Table Leaders:	Joan Jacobson	Palanca Team:	Britta Bloomberg
	Kathy Lindahl		Lynda Bartush
	Mary Nordell		Sonja Bastable
	Judy Peterson		Ginger Craven
	Carin Reiher		Shirley DeJong-Hyre
	Irmagene Stark		Kathy Dyrdal
4th Day Rectora:	Ann Nelson		Ginny Hersey
Asst. Rectora:	Peggy Evans		Pam Scheel
4th Day Team:	Martha Anderson		Kim Steenblock
	Barbara Cochran	Team/church liaison:	Elaine Olson
	Nancy Gin		
	Judy Gladhill		
	Connie Hanson		
	Ginny Peterson		
	Lynn Schwiebert		
	Cindy Skrzynecki		

Palanca comes in many shapes and sizes -- this PALANCA PRESS newsletter is a good example. Jackie Christman Lotsberg continues to "word-process" each issue with a near-spotless typographical record. In addition, this is the third issue for which the printing has been "palanca'd" by Monarch Printing, New Richmond, Wisconsin. Monarch is owned and operated by Pete Tingblad (Peoples Congretational). Folding, addressing and mailing help has come periodically from Bill and Jean Brastad, as well as from my wife Wanda and my kids, Amber and Fletcher. To you all, peace, joy and THANKS!

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Recently I enjoyed the Guthrie performance of "The Rainmaker". It brought back memories of growing up on our farm and being constantly conscious of the weather -- too much rain, hail storms, drought, untimely early frosts. To a great extent, weather governed our daily activities and our economic well-being.

"The Rainmaker" also reminded me of this prayer, written as an editorial in the 1930's by the late William Allen White, the well-known editor from Emporia, Kansas.

Prayer For Rain

O Lord, in thy mercy grant us rain and by that we don't mean a shower. We want to go out and watch the lightning rip across the southwestern sky in hot blue forks as the fat clouds roll in on us. We want to hurry home to close the house with the first fat drops the size of marbles, on a suddenly rising wind, chasing us and plunking on the car hood. We want to scramble all over the house, just as the first sheets descend, frantically slamming down the windows.

O Lord of Hosts, we want to look out of the windows and watch the regiments of close-packed raindrops march diagonally down. We want to hear the gurgle of the gutters under the eaves, and then the spatter of the downpour.
God of Israel. Isaac and Jacob, let it come down so hard, let the drops dance so high that the streets and sidewalks seem covered with a 6-inch fog of spatter-drops. Then let it just keep up for a while, and then begin to taper off, and then turn right around and get a lot worse, swishing, pounding, splattering, pouring, drenching, the thunder coming Crackity-BAM! and the lightning flashing so fast and furious you can't tell which flash goes with which peal of thunder. So that all the women will get scared and climb on top of the beds and scream at you not to get too close to that window.

And then, O Jealous God, repeat the whole act about three times and in the middle of the second time we will climb the attic stairs and put a wash pan under that tiny leak in the roof which usually you can't even notice in an ordinary rain. And after a couple of hours, kind of taper it down O Lord to a good steady rain -- not a drizzle, but a businesslike one that keeps on until just about dawn and then spits a few drops occasionally during the morning from a gray sky.
Kansas is indeed the Promised Land, O Lord, and if it gets a break, it will flow with milk and honey. But we can't live much longer on promises.
So in Thine own way and in Thine own time, make up Thy mind, O Lord, and we will bow before Thy judgment and praise Thine everlasting name. Amen.

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