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NOV. CURSILLOS AT 1st PRESBYTERIAN/ST. CLOUD

United Cursillos #33 and 34 will take place Nov. 6-9 (men's) and Nov. 13-16 (women's) at 1st Presbyterian Church, 373 So. 4th Ave., St. Cloud, MN. Both men's and women's Sunday morning serenades are open to members of the 4th Day. Sunday evening serenades for both weekends are at 5:30 p.m. and open to all 4th Dayers. Rector/rectora are Marcus Bruns (Colonial) and Nancy Erstad (Christ Presbyterian).

'NEW CHURCH' IS PLYMOUTH COVENANT

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 November pair of weekends, the new church is Plymouth Covenant, Plymouth, MN. Please support these soon-to-be 4th Dayers with prayers and palanca:

Rev. David and Marge Elowson
Wayne and Marry Shervey (lay couple)

NEED PALANCA IDEAS? CALL THESE PEOPLE...

Men's weekend

Marcus Bruns, rector	866-7131
Bill Fahrney, kitchen rector	685-8453
	(Cold Spring, MN.)
Doug Grabham, 4th Day rector	926-3459

Women's weekend

Nancy Erstad, rectora	823-1275
Char Martins, kitchen rectora	425-5751
Nancy Anderson, 4th Day rectora	823-2133

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

THREE NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS BEGIN TERMS

Welcome to our three new United Council members: Judy Nordland (Plymouth Congregational), Mike Anderson (Elim Covenant) and Bill Hall (Christ Presbyterian). Each will serve a 3-year term that began in September. A complete council roster will appear in a future Palanca Press.

UNITED CURSILLO FUTURE DATES

United Cursillo #34 (Men's)
January 15-18, 1987
Christ Presbyterian/Edina

United Cursillo #36 (Women's)
January 22-25, 1987
Christ Presbyterian/Edina

Deadline for applications: December 2, 1986

United Cursillo #37 (Men's)
May 14-17, 1987
(Location to be announced)

United Cursillo #38 (Women's)
May 21-24, 1987
(Location to be announced)

United Cursillo #40 (Single women's)
July 23-26, 1987
St. Croix Valley United Methodist

T.E.C. WEEKEND FUTURE DATES

Teens Encounter Christ (T.E.C.) is a Cursillo-like experience for high school-age youth. A number of parents have inquired about dates of upcoming T.E.C. weekends. Here are dates and contact people who can provide application forms and additional details on each weekend:

November 7-9, 1986

Episcopal (Minneapolis) T.E.C.
Location: St. Paul's Episcopal
Contact: Todd Snelser, c/o St. John's
Episcopal, 922-0396

November 15-17, 1986

Lutheran T.E.C.
Location: Trinity Lutheran
Contact: John Rogers, c/o St. John's
Lutheran, Lakeville, 469-4910

February 28 - March 2, 1987

Lutheran T.E.C.
Location: Central Lutheran
Contact: John Rogers, c/o St. John's
Lutheran, Lakeville, 469-4910

ARE YOU MISSING YOUR TROUSERS?

Howard Shenehon, 4th Day rector for the men's Cursillo last July at Hennepin Avenue Methodist, reports that the following items were left behind at the church:

Smaller cooler
Radio
Extension cords
Sleeping bag
Carpet knife
Men's swim trunks, trousers and tie

To claim any of these items, call Howard at 374-5891.

TEAM ROSTER -- UNITED MEN'S #33

Rector:	Marcus Bruns	Kitchen rector:	Bill Fahrney
Asst. rectors:	Mike Cheeley	Asst. rector:	Darrell Anderson
	Doug Jeranson	Kitchen team:	Jim Tingblad
	Perry Peterson		Mark Vander Tuig
Spiritual Dir:	Mary Marcoux		Larry Schultze
Asst. S.D.:	Lyle Norris		Dick Welch
Music Dir:	Wayne Reichert		Don Becker
Rollo room:	Dick Westurn		Gerald Strating
	Les Stine		Amare Behrie
	Ron Rowe		Don Irwin
	D'arcy Leck		Russ Langseth
	Jim Van Vooren		Ernie Harper
	Ken Dean	Palanca rector:	Kevin Finger
	Phillip Pechek	Asst. rector:	Jim Bulk
	Bill Allbright	Music director:	Alberto Valdivieso
	John Karnos	Palanca team:	Ivan Kundel
	Doug Hall		Grant Peterson
	Larry Thompson		Charles Bruton
	Joe Johnston		Mark Opseth
4th Day rector:	Doug Grabham		Duane Jordison
Asst rectors:	Ray Teders		
	Greg Rothnem		
4th Day team:	John Ramstead		
	Ed Newquist		
	Schuyler Olsen		

TEAM ROSTER -- UNITED WOMEN'S #33

Rectora:	Nancy Erstad	Kitchen rectora:	Char Martins
Asst. rectoras:	Mary Johnson	Asst. rectora:	Barb Hedberg
	Gail Weems	Kitchen team:	Elise Pechek
	Linda Fredenburg		Millie Teders
Spiritual Dir:	Paul L. Waite		Helen Tingblad
Asst. S.D.:	Bob Springer		Eva McGarry
Music Director:	Linda Stegmier		Patty Ward
Asst. M.D.:	Rosie Oswald		Renne Linde
Rollo room:	Kathy Tatge		Debbie Johnson
	Mary Curtis		Dianne Goette
	Terry Fackler		Joan Jarvis
	Valette Finger		Carol Gay
	Cynthia Arbisi	Palanca rectora:	Sue Esler
	Glenda Allbright	Asst. rectora:	Tami Grotjohn
	Karen Crowell	Palanca S.D.:	Cindy Shepherd
	Jackie Brownlee	Palanca team:	Barb Hemenway
	Ruth Boehlke		Anne Hoffman
	Peanut Comer		Carol Krebs
	Debbie Koch		Shirley Scheil
	Beth Montgomery		Monica VanVooren
4th Day rectora:	Nancy Anderson		Anne Schultz
Asst. rectora:	Susan Lindvall		Katherine Joy Aby
4th Day team:	JoAnn Kraft		Sue Brown
	Susan Chopp		Kathy Downing
	Martha Adolph		
	Susan Davis		
	Jean Fahrney		
	Judy Jones		
	Sandy Tscholl		
	Ann-Lee Zalk		

STORAGE HELP NEEDED FOR UNITED SUPPLIES

United Cursillo continues to expand its inventory of weekend supplies, even though many supplies are still shared with the Episcopal community.

Many United supplies are presently stored rather inadequately in an assortment of cardboard boxes and paper sacks. Supply coordinators Nancy Anderson and Don Sazama would like to acquire some permanent plastic tubs with lids for storing supplies in a more organized and protected manner. If you would like to "palanca" the plastic containers or know how to obtain them wholesale, call Nancy (823-2133) or Don (888-4877) to work out the details.

OVERNIGHT LODGING IN ST. CLOUD AVAILABLE

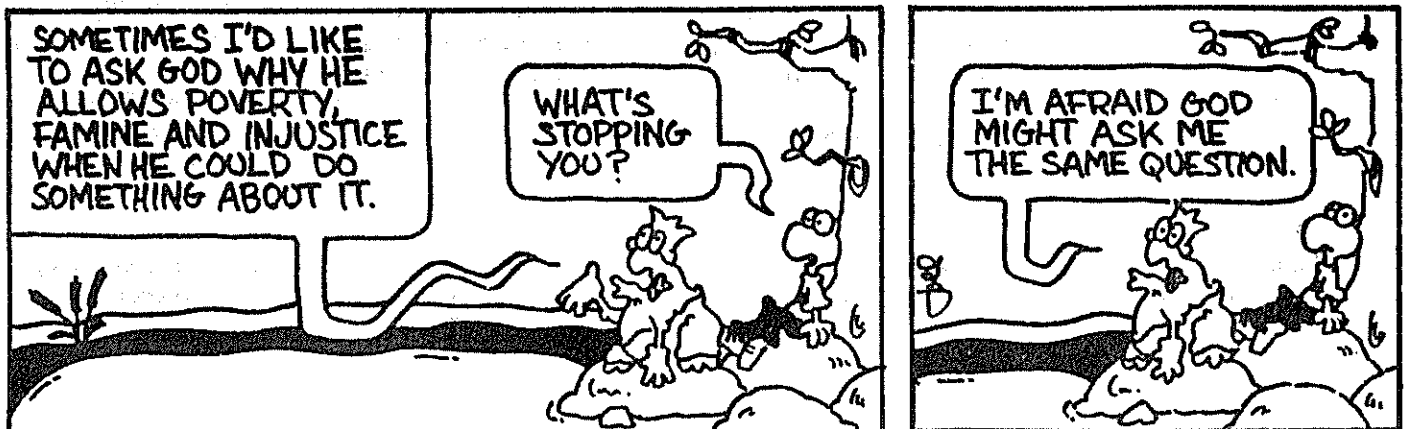
Both the men's and women's teams encourage everyone who is able to travel to St. Cloud for the two November Sunday night clausuras at 1st Presbyterian Church (see accompanying map). You can also be a part of the weekend by attending a send-off for a rollista and the Sunday morning serenades.

The local 4th Day community has put together two overnight options for those wishing to spend Saturday night in St. Cloud:

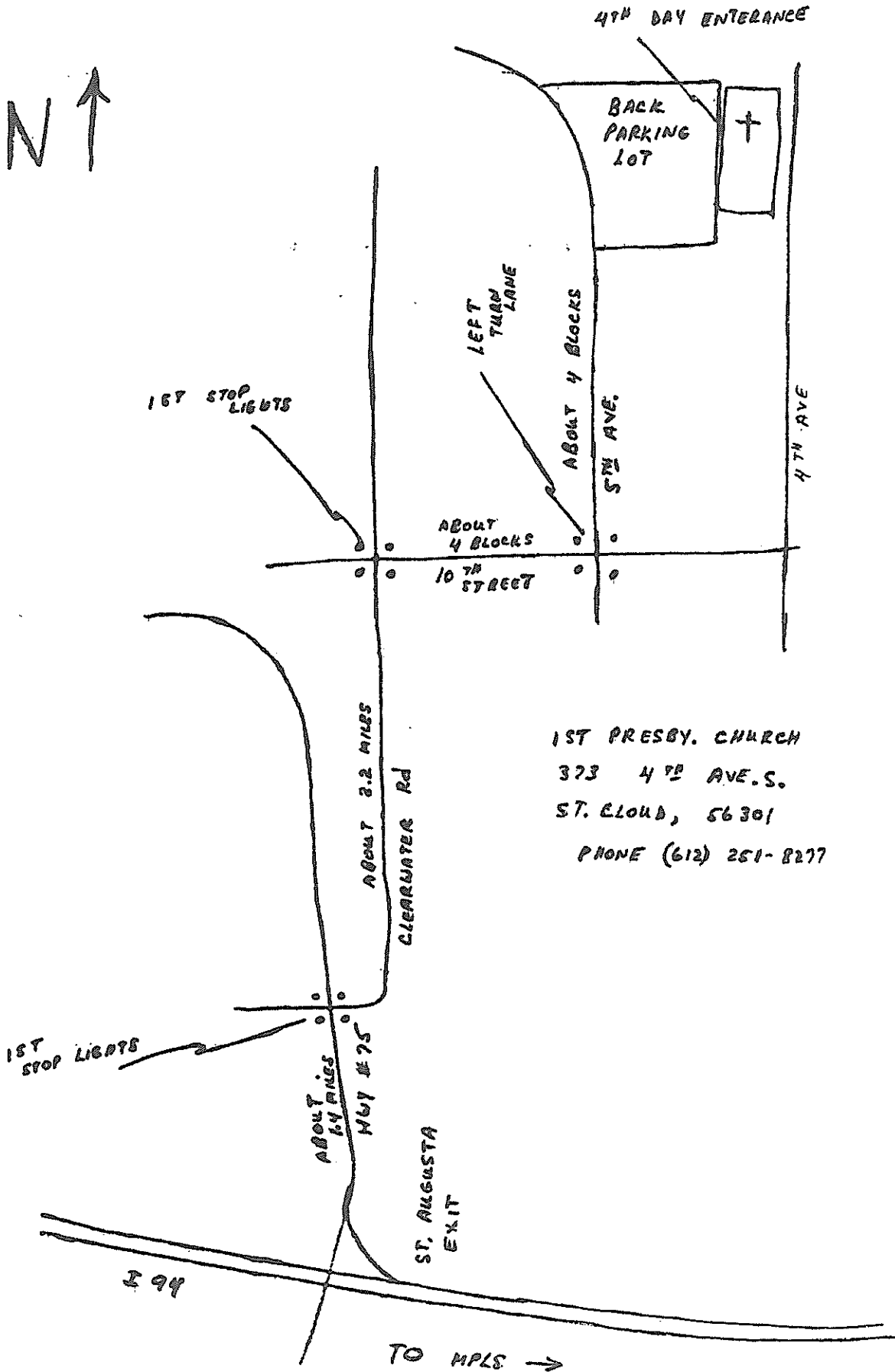
1. To arrange lodging in the home of a St. Cloud 4th Dayer, contact Jane Strating in St. Cloud after 5 p.m. at 252-9594.
2. The Travelwise Motel in St. Cloud is operated by Cursillistas and a special "Cursillo rate" of \$10.60/night is available to Cursillo visitors. The Travelwise phone number is 253-0500.

See you in St. Cloud!

Pontius' Puddle



HOW TO GET TO 1st PRESBYTERIAN/ST. CLOUD



UNITED CURSILLO #31 WEEKENDERS (JULY, 1986)

Lee Anderson
Donald Bennett
Richard Carlson
David Dunham
Donald Halla
Gregory Iverson
John Laird
Craig Miller
Grant Peterson
Cecil Selness
Kenneth Waldron
James Wentzell

William Bartholow
George Bevis
Jeff Childs
Ingemar Ekstrom
Edward Hanlon
Phillip Johnson
Eldore Lillo
Gerald Nelson
Ray Roemmich
Thomas Tempero
Michael Ward
Lyle Williams

John Belchak
Howard Brinkman
James Cook
Donald Goodell
Patrick Hurley
Mark Korell
Gene Mattson
David Olson
Gary Scudder
Rodney Veldhulzen
Danial Weekley

UNITED CURSILLO #32 WEEKENDERS (JULY, 1986)

Sally Allen
Peggy Belz
Karen Brinkman
Deb Childs
Jeanne Ekstrom
Paula Gulliford
Dawn Jeffers
Joan Lillo
Kit Olson
Jo Romer
Barb Seykora
Patti Ward

Sheryl Bartholow
Florence Bennett
Kay Carlson
Diane Cook
Carol England
Sandy Halla
Pam Korell
Becky Mattson
Debbie Peterson
Marti Scudder
Karen Veldhulzen
Jane Weekley

Jean Behm
Rae Bevis
Robin Carlson
Sally Crane
Mary Fisk
Mildred Hanlon
Nancy Laird
Geri Nelson
Betty Roemmich
Betty Selness
Sheli Waldron
Dorothy Williams

The Hebrews 11 definition of faith is one of my favorites: "Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen." As I put together this issue of Palanca Press, I came up with another definition of faith. Faith is turning off the switch on my word processor after spending three hours writing and typing these eight pages and realizing they are somehow mysteriously stored on a little round/square piece of plastic.

It has seemed for me an eternity since the last Palanca Press (July) because in that issue, I managed a typographical goof-up that had the effect of making our convenor, Joe Feyder, sound a little peculiar.

Joe's column in July described types of palanca that are appropriate for Cursillo weekends. Trouble is, I omitted a paragraph so the following palanca suggestion appeared:

"Spiritual palanca -- over the years I've seen some great ideas in this category...just be sure that it is in good taste."

Well, that obviously is not what Joe intended to say concerning "spiritual palanca!" Here is how the text should have read:

"Spiritual palanca -- prayers, prayers and more prayers!"

Without a doubt, this is the most important palanca that we can all do for every weekend.

"Humorous palanca -- over the years I've seen some great ideas in this category...just be sure that it is in good taste."

Sorry for the mix-up, Joe!

(Editor's Note: In the July, 1986 Palanca Press, I encouraged readers to submit prayers, poems, essays, stories or ideas that reflect on their walk with the Lord. Fran Feldhahn, a friend from a Cursillo weekend a couple of years back, submitted the following, explaining that it is "a true series of events from my recent life.")

This story is about my interpretation of how the Lord directed me to relate correctly with a material thing that I thought I owned and controlled.

The "thing" is a 1972 Camaro that originally came into my life when a lot of my life was confused and very self-seeking. I bought the car, changed it to a unique motor, but never quite finished it. In those days, I sometimes viewed God as a "Chief Designer" for my "projects," but not for the rest of my life or relationships. This car was one of many, all of them taking selfish time and none of them ever getting finished.

Enter 1984. I had been a committed (and learning) Christian for about a year and a half and my family could use this '72 car. I progressed beyond my confused feelings about this car (creation) from my "evil past," finished it and drove it with a sense of finishing a "project" for a change. It proved dependable, got up to 32 mpg, ran and ran and rusted away. My intention, back when I rebuilt it, was to replace the body, maybe more than once (sounds kind of like eternal, doesn't it?). Last fall, on a drive near home, I stopped to check on a strange smell. No oil! So I walked home -- about 2-1/2 miles -- in November. This rather long "journey" lead to a mental dialog with God, and he seemed to say that this car's days with me were numbered.

In January, the car stalled again (bad starter)...more God nudging me, even though I was unemployed and had no means to buy another car. After I got back to work, my rusty '72 creation started to overheat and steer strangely. The remedy would cost \$180 plus the \$45 spent on a mistake I made trying to fix it. It was time to sell. A call to a potential buyer was to no avail, but he did offer to fix it for \$50 (Thank you, Lord!). It is gone now...my potentially eternal car is with someone who hopefully won't need a lesson from his Lord on what is really important and long-lasting.

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