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**News of Minnesota United Cursillo** 

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# Support United Cursillo #83 and #84 at Excelsior Covenant Church in Excelsior, Minnesota

The Men's Cursillo #83 will take place April 23-26. The Sunday morning serenade (5:30 a.m.) and the evening serenade (5:30 p.m.) are open to the 4th Day Cursillo Community. The weekend theme is "One in the Spirit and One in the Lord," and the scripture is Psalm 104:30.

Women's Cursillo #84 will be April 30-May 3. The weekend theme is "And I will say of the Lord, He is my refuge and my fortress; My God, in Him will I put my trust" (Psalm 91:2). The Sunday 5:30 a.m. serenade is for sponsors and team only, while the Sunday evening serenade is for the Fourth Day Community at 5:30 p.m.

Special Palanca Note: There is an extra table for the women's weekend, resulting in 6 more partipants and 2 more silent table leaders. The Rollo Room will have 56 women at the tables, plus 8 persons in leadership.

Please call the team rectors to see how you may assist the team with special Palanca such as food contributions towards some of the meals or time commitments to help with the Agape Dinner or clean-up.

#### **Need Palanca Ideas? Please call:**

## Men's Weekend #83

	Peter Allard (rector)	(H) 473-5752	(W) 835-7969
	Tom Lund (kitchen rector)	(H) 922-8546	(W) 927-8535
=	Bill Minkema (4th day rector)	(H) 476-8409	(W) 475-2703
=	Duane Udstuen (palanca rector)	(H) 436-7573	(W) 474-0907

#### Women's Weekend #84

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	Marilyn Lee (rectora)	(H)	252-9429
=	Susie Prin (kitchen rectora)	(H)	943-1870
	Kay Dickson (4th day rectora)	ÌΗ)	474-0194(W) 931-9178
	Judy Cheeley (palanca rectora)	ÌΉ)	251-4908

Remember that to palanca time to the teams is always appreciated. Assist the Palanca team on Stations of the Cross or in chapel coverage. Palanca food or garden flowers or cooking or serving or washing dishes to the Kitchen team. Assist the 4th Day team in set-up for the Agape dinner or music for the Closura or in cleanup afterwards. However, please contact the appropriate team leader to coordinate this effort.

Remember to nurture and support all the participants going through on these weekends from your own churches afterwards. Perhaps one of the greatest gifts you can give them is to help them find renewal groups.

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! All 4th Dayers

One of the surprises and moving experiences for the weekenders is to find out how many people are in prayer and support of their weekend through the notes that are read in the Rollo Room. Please give some thought about sending a short note. Some of you may like to honor the weekenders with a palanca contribution to a food shelf, homeless shelter or a charity of your choice. Or ... you might like to enclose a check with your palanca note to help cover the weekend expenses. Checks can be made out to United Cursillo#\_\_. I will make sure both the notes and other palanca are delivered in time for each week-end.

Address your palanca to:

Men of United Cursillo #\_\_\_\_ Women of United Cursillo #\_\_\_

Mail to:

Jean Girardot, 3545 Girard Ave. S., Mpls., MN 55408

### United Men's #83 Team Roster

Rector:

Peter Allard, Colonial Church of Edina

Assistant Rector:

Leo Gehlhoff, 1st Presb., Stillwater John Troyer, We Church Dave Williams, Colonial Church

Spiritual Directors:

Gene Bourland, Wayzata Evangelical Free James Swanson, LeSueur Presby.

Music Director:

Mark Magnuson, Colonial Church Duke Lunden, Colonial Church

Rollistas:

Bruce Beadles, Hastings UMC
Brad Board, Excelsior Covenant
Jim Moore, Colonial Church
Scott Stamp, Riverside Presbyterian, Sartell
Jim Volling, Excelsior Covenant
Alan Zimmerman, Lydia Zion UMC

Rollo Room Rector:

Tom Maelzoid, Plymouth Cong.

Table Leaders:

Ed Boeve, Ist Presb., Stillwater Lane Gravely, Evang. Covenant, North Mankato Dave Phillips, Faith Covenant Joe Watrin, St. Wendelins, Luxemburg

Palanca Rector:

Duane Udstuen, Trinity Lutheran, Stillwater

Assistant Rector:

Jeff Herpers, St. David's Episcopal

Spiritual Director:

Jeff Nellermoe, Excelsior Covenant

Music Director:

Mark Polson, Peace Presbyterian

Palanca Team:

Jake Beard, Wayzata Community
Bill Beck, Servant of Christ Lutheran
Steve Bosse, Servant of Christ Lutheran

Ralph Carter, Hopkins UMC
Dick Cox, Arlington UMC
Dave Holland, Trinity Lutheran, Stillwater
Steve Miller, St. David's Episcopal
Tod Paulson

Paul Schalekamp, Oak Grove Presbyterian Bill White, Ist Presbyterian, Stillwater

Kitchen Rector:

Thomas Lund, Colonial Church

Assistant Rector:

Don Phillips, Colonial Church

Kitchen Team:

Dick Dinneen, Colonial Church
Bill Larson, Colonial Church
Jim Lindahl, Crosstown Covenant
Bruce Moulton, St. Martins on the Lake Episcopal
Tom Mungavan, Holy Name
Mark Ogawa, Golden Valley UMC
Chuck Parten, Colonial Church
Floyd Paulson, Colonial Church
Kent Riedesel, Wayzata Community
Don Seeman, Arlington UMC
Jack Weems, Shiloh Bethany Presbyterian

4th Day Rector:

Scott Woolery

Bill Minkema, Wayzata Community

**Assistant Rector:** 

Bill Dickson, Excelsior Covenant

4th Day Team:

Chuck Alt, Riverside Presb.
Dave Borsos, Oak Grove Presb.
Jeff Farran, Wayzata Community
Terry Hauser, Oak Grove Presb.
Bill Holte, Excelsior Covenant
Timothy Oliver, Wayzata Community
Herb Strom, Excelsior Covenant
Bill Thorndike, Riverside Presb.
Dave Tellett, Hennepin Ave. UMC

#### United Women's #84 Team Roster

#### Rectora:

Marilyn Lee, Ist Presbyterian, St. Cloud

#### **Assistant Rectora:**

Cherie Middleton, Christ Presb. Lee Peterson, Eagan Covenant Betty Sellness, Hope Presb.

#### Spiritual Director:

Deb DeMeester, Oak Grove Presb. Steve McDougall, Shiloh Bethany Presbyterian

#### Music Director:

Linda Schleuter, Olive Branch Lutheran, Coon Rapids Dinah Haag, 1st UMC, Lindstrom

#### Rollistas:

Midge Dean, 1st Presb, St. Cloud Pamela Gardner, Antioch Christian Fellowship Julie Johnson, Evang. Cov., St. Cloud Mardi Longsdorf, Evang. Cov., North Mankato Julie Olson, Eagan Covenant Joyce Schut, Rochester Covenant

#### Table Leaders:

Perkie Bergstrom, Celebration Lutheran, Sartell Susan Chopp, 1st Presb., St. Cloud Sally Colburn, Minnetonka UMC Sally Gehlhoff, 1st Presbyterian, Stillwater Gini Johnson, Crosstown Covenant Jan Olson, Evang. Cov., St. Cloud Helen Olson-Williams, Evangel UMC Elizabeth Vanatta, Oak Grove Presbyterian

#### Palanca Rectora:

Judy Cheeley, 1st Presb., St. Cloud

#### Assistant Rectora:

Dorothy Lee, Faith Covenant, Burnsville

#### **Spiritual Director:**

#### Palanca Team:

Elaine DeZiel, Communion Life Cindy Kindlien, Ist Presbyterian, Stillwater Jean Menge, North His, Lutheran
Jan Norman, Oak Grove Presb.
Sarah Olson, Oak Grove Presb. Julie Richter, Aldrich Ave. Presbyterian

Julie Richter, Atarica Ave. Presoyierum
Dianne Roth, Hopkins UMC
Lisa Stiving, Evangel UMC
Connie Volling, Excelsior Cov.
Harriet Waibel, 1st Presbyterian
Kitchen Rectora:

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Susie Prin, Christ Presbyterian

#### Assistant Rectora:

Robin Redman, Wayzata Evangelical Free

#### Kitchen Team:

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Karen Anderson, Hastings UMC
Cindy Brandt, Arlington Hills UMC Lynn Elm, Hope Presbyterian Cyndi Hammersley, Evangel UMC, Rochester Dolores Minkema, Wayzata Community Mim Nellermoe, Excelsior Cov. Ann Pederson, Hobart UMC Bonnie Strom, Excelsior Covenant
Paula Uvodich, Oak Grove Presb.
Martha Warner, Minnetonka UMC

#### 4th Day Rectora:

Kay Dickson, Excelsior Covenant

#### **Assistant Rectora:**

Virginia Carter, Hopkins UMC/Excelsior Cov.

#### 4th Day Team:

Leanne Board, Excelsior Covenant Gayle Eisert, Minnetonka UMC Shirley Frantz, Chaska Valley Evangelical Free Pat Hamblin, Colonial Church at Heritage Square, Bev Holte, Excelsior Covenant Sally Nelson, Minnetonka UMC Wendy Pruitt, Evangel UMC, Rochester Linda Sipprell, Minnetonka UMC Monica Yarger, Evangelical Cov., North Mankato

#### Southern Minnesota T.E.C.

Another great weekend is scheduled for Southern Minnesota and Northern Iowa. Southern T.E.C. is a ministry for teens from all denominations that are in 9th-12th grades.

#### Futures Dates:

July 30-August 2, 1992 at Evangelical Covenant of North Mankato October 22-25, 1992, location to be announced

Agape Dinner Serenade is 6:00 p.m. on Saturdays, and the Closing Service is held at 4:00 on Sunday afternoons, and is open to Cursillistas and T.E.C. Alumni. Wheat (Palanca) in all forms is appreciated and can be sent to Kathy Paulsen, Box 192, Geneva, MN 56035.

Weekender applications deadlines are 3 weeks prior to the weekend.

Team applications deadlines are 7 weeks prior to the weekend. Questions?

Team Applications Ardie Osterberg 507-373-2449 Weekender Applications Linda Balk 507-377-2447 Clergy Contact Rev. Jon Gerdts 507-377-0099 Communications Kathy Paulsen 507-256-4405 Participant List from Cursillo #81 & 82 at St. Croix Valley United Methodist

Lois Albertson, 1st Presbyterian, Stillwater Edroy & Judy Anderson, Evangelical Covenant, Mankato David & Linda Bergum, Hennepin Ave. UMC Martin & Janet Beukhof, Excelsior Covenant Scott & Maggie Bjorklund, Evangelical Covenant, St. Larry & Sharon Blair, 1st Presbyterian, Albert Lea Peter Boehlke, Hennepin Ave. UMC Bill & Joan Bristol, Lydia Zion Methodist, Jordan Chet & Joyce Buckley, Ist Presbyterian, St. Cloud Terry & Mary Dorenbush, Ist UMC, Stillwater Werner & Terry Faries, Evangelical UMC, Rochester John & Dawn Fedora, Hope Presb. Curt & Rachele Flanagen, Wyoming UMC, Wyoming Jim & Barbara Gabbert, Christ Presbyterian Dick & Jane Gillis, Rochester Covenant John & Beverly Hauser, Normandale Hylands UMC Dave & Carol Haviland, Hastings UMC Denny & Nancy Hebrink, Wyoming UMC, Wyoming Ken & Paula Jean Henseler, Hastings UMC Greg & Jackie Larson, St Croix Valley UMC John & Nancy Lawton, St Croix Valley UMC

Dale & Barbara Lohse, Évangel, Covenant, Fairmont Roger & Marilyn Luptak, Riverside Presb, Sartell Tom Mathias, St. Lucas Community, Lake Elmo Judy Neddersen, Peace Presb. Roger & Pat Oelke, Evangelical Covenant, Fairmont Stuart & Mary Opel, Bethany Evangelical Cov., Stillwater Lyle Payette, Shiloh Bethany Presbyterian Randy Penrod, Colonial Church, Edina John & Lens Putnam, Normandale Hylands UMC Jud & Sue Reaney, Plymouth Congregational Steve & Suzanne Sands, Evangelical Cov., St. Cloud Constance Skillingstad, Hobart UMC Eric Sorenson, Hope Presb. Bill Stone, Hobart UMC Judy Sunderland, Minnetonka UMC Larry & Judith Swanson, Faith Covenant, Burnsville Jim & Jan Taylor, Wayzata Evangelical Free Lorraine Tornell, Crosstown Cov. John & Sally Turrittin, Golden Valley UMC Tom & Mary Wallfred, Wayzata Community Church Jodey Whitney, Colonial Church of Edina

### **Annual Allocation Meeting**

The annual meeting for United Cursillo church liasons will be held during the April Cursillo weekends at Excelsior Covenant Church. There will be meetings on BOTH Sundays, April 26th and May 3rd at 4:30 p.m. The meetings will be over in time for the evening serenade. Each church should plan to have a pastor and a lay liason attend one of these meetings. Thanks!

Sharon Rhodes, Allocations

Single Ultreyas

The Singles Cursillo Community meets for renewal and the fellowship of other Cursillistas on the 2nd Saturday of each month. All are welcome! Just bring yourself, some food to share, your songbook, nametag and Cursillo Cross. Upcoming ultreyas are:

April 11 House of Prayer Lutheran, 7625 Chicago Ave. S, Richfield

Contact: Layton Hoof 869-5605

May 9 North Heights Lutheran, 2701 Rice St, Roseville

Contact: Carol Olsen 574-1444

June 13 Trinity Lutheran, 4th St. & Myrtle St., Stillwater

Contact: Judy Laabs-Foss 429-6762

If you have any questions about an ultreya, call the host listed for each month.

#### THANKS!

A special "Thank you" is extended to the 4th Day Teams and other volunteers for United Cursillos #81 & #82. The extra work done on the new backdrops and Agape Dinner decorations was very much appreciated.

Bill Allbright, Supplies Coordinator

#### UNITED CURSILLO

Dear Cursillistas,

#### Council Positions

Recently a fellow Cursillista told me he likes Cursillo because "it's not too organized." He meant it as a compliment, and I think he's right. Certainly, United Cursillo lacks organizational charts, third vice presidents, paid (or unpaid) staff, and other normal symptoms of a highly structured group.

But alas, even Cursillo has to do business, and in our case, that is done by the Cursillo Council. This group consists of 15 lay members and 3 clergy members who work diligently to continue this unique, ecumenical Cursillo movement in Minnesota.

The process of selecting and training leadership and clergy for weekends, choosing church sites, maintaining supplies, coordinating palanca, supporting renewal activities, managing finances, publishing the *Palanca Press*, and more, fills much of the spare time of most members of the Council. Nevertheless, Council members will tell you that they receive much more from their service than they give (kind of like serving on a team).

At this time of year we begin the process of inviting 5 new lay members and 1 new clergy member on to the Council to replace the members completing their 3 year terms. (This year we have 2 clergy spots to be filled).

Please take time to recommend to us Cursillistas whom you believe could be considered for Council positions. They should be active in Cursillo and in their home church, and should evidence a life of faith in Jesus Christ. Diversity of age, gender, geography and church affiliation is important in the Council. We encourage you to nominate yourself if you believe you can contribute. Please complete the form on the reverse and return it to the designated address as soon as possible.

#### JOG Contribution

Again this year we are requesting that you prayerfully consider contributing a JOG (Joy Of Giving) donation.

The United Cursillo probably gets as much accomplished per dollar expended as any Christian ministry, while keeping the cost to

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weekenders to a minimum. We naturally rely upon the thousands of hours donated each year by team members, but we also need the annual financial donation.

Currently, United Cursillo spends slightly over \$20,000 per year. Our needs are modest, but they are real. The direct expenses of each weekend, such as the cost of food and supplies, are usually covered by JOG from team members and weekenders and from collections at Closuras. Additional funds are needed, however, to cover ongoing expenses such as the Palanca Press, the Fourth Day roster, the supplies and supply trailer, team manuals, and insurance.

We depend upon the several thousand dollars raised each year in response to this annual JOG appeal to keep Cursillo going. This year our outflow has already outpaced our receipts by more than \$2,000. Please consider making a contribution at this time.

UNITED CURSILLO COUNCIL SUGGESTION & JOG FORM					
I recommend the following Cursillistas for the United Cursillo Council:					
NAME Home Church					
NAME Home Church					
Enclosed is my JOG contribution for \$  (Please make your check payable to United Cursillo Community of Minnesota.)  Please mail this form and your check to:					
Art Bauman 4520 Cedar Ave. S. Minneapolis, MN 55407					

#### **Convenor's Comments**

As members of the Fourth Day Community, each of you have the opportunity to sponsor your brothers and sisters in Christ through a Cursillo weekend. What a joy it is to share this renewal experience with others! As you identify potential weekenders, however, you should be aware that Cursillo is not available to everyone. The following explanation of the guidelines, and the reasons behind them, may clear up some questions that frequently arise:

a. <u>Married Persons</u> A married person can only participate as a Cursillo weekender if the spouse has attended Cursillo or is willing to do so. This policy developed primarily out of a concern for the health of the marriage relationship.

Cursillo is usually a positive, even life-changing experience for a weekender, but it may have a negative impact upon a marriage if only 1 spouse goes through. The initial lack of agreement by the couple regarding participation in Cursillo may, in itself, signal a problem. If so, that division may be compounded if one of the marital partners has a profound renewal experience on the Cursillo. Occasionally, exceptions to the married couple rule are made for health reasons, but the Cursillo Council remains committed to this policy.

b. <u>Clergy Involvement</u> Lay persons may not participate in a Cursillo weekend unless the minister of their church has been through Cursillo. This rule is critical since the basic purpose of Cursillo is not to create a separate movement within the Cursillo Community, but rather to inspire Cursillistas to make renewed commitments to the work of their own churches. Unfortunately, if the ordained leaders of a church have not experienced Cursillo, they may misinterpret the fervor of lay Cursillistas within their church, and the Cursillistas may not feel the support of their church community as they move into the Fourth Day.

Occasionally, because of a change in ministers, a church with a strong Cursillo community will have clergy who are not Cursillistas. The question of how long that church can continue sending new people through Cursillo is evaluated on a case by case basis.

c. Church Community A potential weekender must be active in the life of his or her church. Occasionally, we receive sincere and passionate pleas from people who believe their friends or family members will accept Christ into their lives and actively participate in a church if only they can experience Cursillo. The problem is that Cursillo is not designed to offer a conversion experience. Other ministries, including the membership and evangelism outreach programs from local churches, are better able to bring the Good News to people outside the church community and to effectively follow up until the new member becomes a viable part of the congregation. In the absence of an existing church affiliation, Cursillo weekenders are not likely to seek out a church community on their own.

In addition to considering these 3 criteria, a potential sponsor should evaluate where the prospective weekender is in his or her private life. A Cursillo weekend may not be appropriate for psychological problems or emotional turmoil in their lives. The Spiritual high of the weekend may be misinterpreted as a cure for these problems, and the inevitable let down we all felt as we came down from the mountain top may be devastating to someone who is already emotionally vulnerable. Other Christian resources, including the counseling ministers at many churches, are trained specifically for those situations.

In His Name,

Bob Zalk Convenor

# **Cursillo Weekend Watch**

Weekend:	#83 (Men's)	#84 (Women's)	(none)	#86 (Women's)
Date (1992)	April 23-26	April 30 - May 3		June 18-21
Location:	Excelsior Covenant	Excelsior Covenant		Normandale Hylands
				UMC
Rector(a):	Pete Allard	Marilyn Lee		Judy Gentry
Spiritual Dir:	Jamie Swanson	Deb DeMeester		
Asst. SD:	Gene Bourland	Steve McDougal		Jim Dinsmore
Palanca SD:	Jeff Nellermoe	T 1 44 36 40		1 7 7 7 6
Application Dates:	Feb 11 - Mar 10	Feb 11 - Mar 10		April 7-May 5
Weekend:	#87(Men's)	#88 (Women's)	#89 (Men's)	#90 (Women's)
Date (1992)	July16-19	July 23-26	September 17-20	September 24-27
Location:	St. Cloud Presbyterian	St. Cloud Presbyterian		
Rector(a):		Suzanne Nelson		
Spiritual Dir:		Buzanio I (0.50n		
Asst. SD:				1
Palanca SD:				
Application Dates:	May 5-June 2	May 5-June 2	July 7-Aug 4	July 7-Aug 4
Weekend:	#91 (Men's)	#92 (Women's)	#93 (Men's)	#94 (Women's)
Date (1992)	November 5-8	November 12-15	Jan 28-31, 1993	Feb 4-7, 1993
Location:				
Rector(a):				
Spiritual Dir:			1	
Asst. SD:				
Palanca SD:				
Application Dates:	Aug 25-Sept 22	Aug 25-Sept 22	Nov 17-Dec 15(92)	Nov 17-Dec 15(92)

Note To Clergy: The Spiritual Director and other clergy positions are the most difficult slots to fill on any Cursillo weekend. If one of these weekends can be worked into you schedule, and you would like to serve, please contact a member of the Minnesota United Council Leadership Development Committee: Doug Dahl, Co-Convenor (454-8127), Rev. Jeff Utecht (First UMC, Lindstrom - H: 257-5163), Rev. Deb DeMeester (Oak Grove Presbyterian - H: 829-0549).

Note To Church Liaisons: All applications for weekenders should be sent to Sharon Rhodes, 9301 Yukon Ave. S., Bloomington, MN 55438 (941-9579).

## One New Church Will Join the United Community

Buffalo Covenant Church will be the new church on these upcoming weekends. Please support these soon-to-be 4th Dayers with your prayers and palanca:

Rev. Mike & Kris Scott, Buffalo Covenant Church

Jerry & Kristy Quaal (Lay Couple), Buffalo Covenant Church

# **United Cursillo Team Request Form**

If you are interested in *serving* on a United Cursillo team or would like to *suggest* another 4th Dayer, please fill out this form and mail to:

Dianne Getsch 5233 Richwood Drive Edina, MN 55436

Your name will be passed on to future rectors/rectoras. This form does not guarantee that you will be asked to serve -- it simply means that your name and information will be passed along to the appropriate team leaders.

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Please Identify Request Type:					
Name					
City		Zip			
Home phone	Work ph	ione			
Team preference:					
Table leader	Rollo	Kitchen team			
4th Day team	Palanca team	☐ No prefence			
Single's Weekend	Standard Weeken	d (Men/Women)			
Musical talent					
Other comments					
Previous team experience					
Name/location of your church					
Future Cursillo Weekend Preferences (Team #'s)					

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