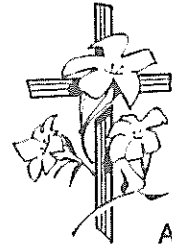




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SUPPORT UNITED CURSILLO #124 Woodbury United Methodist 7465 Steepleview Road, Woodbury 738-0305

Women's Cursillo #124 will be April 18-21, 1996. The weekend theme is: *'I lift up my eyes to the hills — where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.'* (Psalm 121:1-2)

THE SUNDAY MORNING SERENADE IS OPEN TO SPONSORS ONLY.

THE SUNDAY DINNER SERENADE, OPEN TO THE ENTIRE FOURTH DAY COMMUNITY, WILL BE AT 4:30 P.M.

Need Palanca Ideas?

You might want to assist the Palanca team in chapel coverage or Stations of the Cross... offer to help cook, serve, or wash dishes to the Kitchen team...* assist the 4th Day team in set-up or clean-up for the Agape dinner or after the Clausura. Please contact the appropriate team leader to coordinate your efforts with their need...

Women's Weekend #124

• Lee Peterson	(Rectora)	423-3718
• Barb Evans	(Asst. Kitchen rectora)	472-8921
• Martha Lindberg	(Fourth Day rectora)	430-3781
• Leanne Bondhus	(Palanca rectora)	423-4088

- * The Kitchen team has requested the following specific palanca — Fresh strawberries, catawba, chicken breasts, bagels, and mini muffins and donut holes for Sunday morning with the Congregation.



Extra Fourth Day Community help, as well as our presence at the Clausura, would be appreciated for this Women's Weekend. Please consider taking time on Thursday afternoon to help unload the trailer, serve the second seating on Saturday evening, or clean up the church on Sunday evening following the Clausura.

PALANCA NOTE: There will be six tables at the weekend (48 Weekenders and team). When sending palanca to the Rollo Room, be sure to include enough for 8 at each table, and 7 or 8 at the Leadership table.

ATTENTION 4TH DAYERS !!

One of the highlights of Cursillo is experiencing an example of God's abundant grace demonstrated through palanca. More and more we are aware of just *how many* people are supporting the Weekend as letters from prisons and other Christian "walks" from around the country and the world pour in!

Please remember the upcoming Cursillo and prayerfully consider the Palanca you send. You might write an encouraging note or honor the Weekenders with a contribution to a food shelf, homeless shelter or favorite charity. Or... you might consider enclosing a check with a palanca note to help cover the weekend expenses. Checks can be made out to **United Cursillo #124**.

Address your palanca to: Women of Cursillo #124
Mail to: Ralph Carter, 4747 Winterset Drive, Minnetonka, MN 55343

Please allow adequate time for mail delivery! Palanca will be delivered in time for each weekend.

UNITED WOMEN'S #124 TEAM ROSTER

Rector

Lee Peterson, *Eagan Evangelical Covenant*

Assistant Rectoras

Carol Butler, *Hastings United Methodist*
Barb McGraw, *Ford Parkway Community Church*
Judy Miller, *Hope Presbyterian*

Spiritual Directors

Patti Dando, *Promise Congregational*
Mary Marcoux, *Colonial at Heritage Square*

Music Director

Linda Schlueter, *Olive Branch Lutheran*

Rollistas

Angie Norell, *Hope Presbyterian*
Susie Prin, *Christ Presbyterian*
Kris Scott, *Faith Covenant*
Darlene Tibbetts, *St. Croix Valley United Methodist*
Rosemary Wood, *Eagan Evangelical Covenant*

Table Leaders

Mary Goblirsch, *Faith Covenant*
Jane Iverson, *Crosstown Covenant*
Denice Johnson, *Olive Branch Lutheran*
Ruth Jones, *Hastings United Methodist*
Kathy Kauppila, *First Presbyterian, Stillwater*
Gretchen Laven, *New Testament Church*
Lee Ann Randall, *Woodridge Church*

Palanca Rectora

Leanne Bondhus, *Eagan Evangelical Covenant*

Assistant Palanca Rectora

Robin Stratford, *Hope Presbyterian*

Palanca Spiritual Director

Judy Myers, *Excelsior United Methodist*

Palanca Team

JoBeth Anderson, *Friendship Church, Prior Lake*
Nancy Jensen, *Oak Grove Presbyterian*
Sandy Knight, *First Presbyterian, Shakopee*

Beth Lundsford, *First United Methodist, Lindstrom*
Carla Mills, *First Presbyterian, Stillwater*
Ruth Singh, *Olive Branch Lutheran*
Candi Theis, *First Presbyterian, Shakopee*
Kathy Turgeon, *Faith Covenant*
Connie Wilson, *Hope Presbyterian*

Kitchen Rectora

Linda Kneen, *Church of the Open Door*

Assistant Kitchen Rectora

Barb Evans, *Church of the Open Door*

Kitchen Team

Judy Bollar, *Shiloh Bethany Presbyterian*
Wendy Drexler, *Promise Congregational*
Jeanie Grimes, *Hope Presbyterian*
Karene Johnston, *Plymouth Covenant*
Mary Moffitt, *Rosemount United Methodist*
Judy Odegaard, *Plymouth Covenant*
Jane Olson, *Bethany Covenant*
Carol Reinhard, *Pilgrim Methodist*
Gwen Stanger, *Calvary Methodist*
Sally Turriffin, *Golden Valley United Methodist*

4th Day Rectora

Martha Lindberg, *First Presbyterian, Stillwater*

Assistant 4th Day Rectora

Chris Larson, *Bethany Covenant*

4th Day Team

Carolyn Anderson, *Oak Ridge Community*
Debbi DeJong, *Stillwater Evangelical Free*
Laurie Dick, *Stillwater Evangelical Free*
Diana Fowls, *Peace Reformed*
Deanne Gueblaoui, *Woodbury United Methodist*
Mary Jo Luedtke, *St. Pascal's Catholic*
Kelli Mathias, *St. Joseph's, Taylors Falls*
Myrna McInenly, *People's Congregational*
Sandi Shanley, *St. Lucas Community Church*
Bonnie VanderVegte, *First Presbyterian, Stillwater*

PARTICIPANT LIST FROM UNITED CURSILLO #121 AND #122

Normandale Hylands United Methodist Church, Bloomington

Mark & Nora Bengtson, *Church of Peace UMC*
Lois Benson, *Crosstown Covenant*
Bob & Sharon Berkner, *Cambridge United Methodist*
Harlan & Alice Blankenship, *Excelsior Covenant*
Bill Brocker, *Minnetonka United Methodist*
Ben & Carol Cerney, *First Presbyterian, Albert Lea*
Carol Davis, *Norwood United Methodist*
Bill DeLovely, *Hope Covenant*
Dave & Ellie Dunn, *Rochester Covenant*
Wendy Sue Earle, *Colonial of Edina*
Jim & Mary Erickson, *Faith Presbyterian*
Mike & Kay Hartzell, *Promise Congregational*
Joanne Hicks, *Pilgrim United Methodist*
Larry & Viv Houk, *Church of the Open Door*
Joe Janasz, *Christ Presbyterian*
Glenn & Linda Jeffrey, *Woodridge Church*
Mike Jilek, *Plymouth Covenant*
Jeff & Bev Johnson, *Bethel United Methodist*
Paul & Darla Johnson, *Woodridge Church*
Ed & Julie Kellen, *Fairmont Covenant*
Tom & Terri Krekelberg, *Church of Peace UMC*

Rod & Bonnie Lofquist, *North Branch United Methodist*
Dave & Beth Maiwurm, *Normandale Hylands UMC*
Gary & Paulete Malecek, *Normandale Hylands UMC*
Jim & Susanne Mattison, *Hennepin Avenue UMC*
Mark & Shawn Perlick, *Hope Presbyterian*
Ron & Nancy Peterson, *Bloomington Assemblies of God*
Richard & Susan Rezac, *Brooklyn United Methodist*
Scott & Donna Sauter, *Rosemount United Methodist*
Jerry & Linda Schrag, *Glendale United Methodist*
Jeff Scott, *Colonial of Edina*
Roar & Nancy Scott, *Oak Grove Presbyterian*
Ann Sundet, *Christ Presbyterian*
Mark Swanson, *Colonial of Edina*
Lonny & Sherie Thimjon, *Wayzata Evangelical Free*
Ed & Beth Trifiletti, *Eagan Covenant*
Randy & Kris Turek, *St. Louis Park Evangelical Free*
Randy & Becky Watermiller, *Buffalo United Methodist*
Rob & Mary West, *Wayzata Community Church*
Don & Ardis Wright, *People's Congregational*
Todd & Bonde Wright, *St. Lucas Community*
Eric & Joann Yost, *Eagan Covenant*

T.E.C.



T.E.C. (TEENS ENCOUNTER CHRIST) is an opportunity for teenagers to share their faith with other teens, in a way patterned after Cursillo. If you would like to serve as an adult leader on a weekend — as a Table Leader (ATL), or as an Adult Leader for the Kitchen, Wheat (TEC's prayer warriors), or Support (TEC's 4th Day) teams — please contact:

Southern T.E.C. (southern MN and northern Iowa)
T.E.C. (Twin Cities area) Weekender Applications

Sue Barber (507) 373-2733
Kay Dickson 474-0194

United TEC #31 will be at Wayzata Community Church, April 18 - 21

SPECIAL PALANCA NEEDED

United Cursillo now has robes to use for Stations of the Cross. We are looking for garment bags for storing the robes in the trailer. If you would like to "palanca" these special items, please contact Bob Olson, Supplies Coordinator (431-7968)

COUNCIL NOMINATIONS

Nominations for the 1996 - 1997 Council would be greatly appreciated. If you would like to nominate a Fourth Dayer or yourself, please contact Cherie Middleton, Communications Editor, (944-4064) by April 23.

KAIROS / WALK TO EMMAUS / VIA DE CRISTO / CHARIS

Expressions of Cursillo and Cursillo-related events are taking place all over the world — God's grace experienced and shared coast to coast, continent to continent. Please remember our sisters and brothers in prayer.

Cursillo

South America: Women's #110, Movimento de Cursillos of Sao Paulo, Brazil (April 18); Men's #2, Cursillos de Cristiandad of El Salvador (April 25); and Men's #154, Buenos Aires, Argentina (May 30).

Italy: Men's #19, Cursillos De Cristianita, Firenze (April 18).

Canada: Women's #12, Alberta Presbyterian Cursillo (April 25); Mixed #106, Anglican Cursillo of Toronto (May 31).

Sri Lanka: Men's #153, Sri Lanka Cursillo (April 18).

Switzerland: French #10, Cursilo in Geneva (May 30).

United Kingdom: Archdiocese of Liverpool Cursillo (May 24).

Son Valley Walk

South Africa: Women's #29, Benoni (May 2).

Via De Cristo

Men's and Women's Singles at Trinity Lutheran, Stillwater (May 16 and 23).

The Walk to Emmaus

First set of Weekends: Sandhills Emmaus, Laurinburg, NC (April 18 and May 2); Skyland Emmaus in New Jersey (April 18 and 25); and Peninsula Rainbow Emmaus in Virginia (May 9 and June 6).

Australia: Men's #1 and Women's #2 in Perth, AU (April 25 and May 2); Women's #3 and Men's #16 in Brisbane, AU (April 18 and May 23); Men's #23 in Canberra, AU (April 11); Women's #52 in Gold Coast, AU (May 30).

There will be an International Gathering commemorating the 20th anniversary of The Walk to Emmaus in Peoria, IL (April 24-27).

Handicapped Encounter Christ

Diocese of Rockville Centre, Long Island (April 25)

Kairos

First set of Men's Weekends in New Mexico (April 25) and Broad River Correctional Institution, South Carolina (May 2).

Tres Dias

Tres Dias is taking the Cursillo method to Russia. Prayers are needed in support of the efforts in Russia to bring Christians there to a deeper knowledge of Christ's love for them. Team members (Cost: \$1995 for expenses) and Sponsors (Cost: \$50) are needed. If you are interested, please contact Ralph Carter, (612) 935-2693.

Suggested palanca items are gum, candy, soaps, stickers, sponges, and wash clothes. Please send your palanca *before May 15* to: Jan Hamilton, 115 Shady Lane Circle, Canton, GA 30114.

Russia: Men's and Women's #1 (75 men and 75 women) in Moscow (June 19 and 24) ; Men's and Women's #1 (50 men and 50 women) in Vladimir (July 10 and 15).

YATEC

(Young Adults Together Encounter Christ) is for young adults 18-21. Please contact Mike Montesinos (894-3406) if you are interested in being a team member or know someone who might want to attend as a Weekender.

Charis Minnesota

Charis is a weekend for our incarcerated brothers and sisters. If you would like to be a part of an up-coming weekend, please submit your name to: Charis Minnesota, P.O. Box 582754, Minneapolis, MN 55458.

If you know of Cursillo-related experiences in other states or countries... or if you would like to send personal palanca to any of the above weekends or find out about other "Cursillo" experiences, please contact:

Ralph Carter

4747 Winterset Drive, Minnetonka, MN 55343

(612) 935-2693



CONVENOR'S CORNER

Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ,


Spring will soon be here !! Tulips and daffodils will begin pushing up from the warm earth and the sweet smell of lilacs and crabapples will surround us. Easter is a time of remembrance and celebration for Christians all over the world. I would like to share with you from CS Lewis, *Mere Christianity*.

"Give up your self and you will find your real self. Lose your life and you will save it. Submit to death, death of your ambitions and favorite wishes each day and death of your whole body in the end — submit with every fiber of your being and you will find eternal life. Keep back nothing. Nothing that you have not given away will ever be really yours. Nothing in you that has not died will ever be raised from the dead. Look for your self and you will find, in the long run, only hatred, loneliness, despair, rage, ruin and decay. But look for Christ and you will find Him, and with Him everything else thrown in."

The Cursillo Council has been busy planning for our weekends this year and in 1997. Please continue to pray and support each weekend and your home church.

In Christ's name,
Vince Gin

CURSILLO WEEKEND WATCH

Weekend:	#125 (Men)	#126 (Women)	#127 (Men)	#128 (Women)
Date:	June 6-9, 1996 Hope Covenant	June 13-16, 1996 Hope Covenant	Aug. 1-4, 1996 Wayzata Free	Aug. 8-11, 1996 Wayzata Free
Rector(a) Spiritual Director: Asst. Spir. Dir. Palanca Spir. Dir.	Ken Dean Harold Wiehoff Tom Ervasti	Mardi Longsdorf Jim Dinsmore Karen Bruins	John Ward	Cindy Gregorson
Application Dates:	March 26 - April 23	March 26 - April 3	May 21 - June 18	May 21 - June 18
Weekend:	#129 (Men)	#130 (Women)	# 131 (Men)	# 132 (Women)
Date:	Oct. 24-27, 1996 Colonial of Edina	Oct. 31- Nov. 3, 1996 Colonial of Edina		
Rector(a) Spiritual Director: Asst. Spir. Dir. Palanca Spir. Dir.				
Application Dates:	August 20 - Sept. 17	August 20 - Sept. 17		

Weekender applications should be sent to:

Carole Snyder (H: 479-2303)
P.O. Box 117
Maple Plain, MN 55359

In Loving Memory

We celebrate the life of this brother who has entered his Fifth Day and is in our Lord's glorious Presence



Carl G. Pearson

Memorials given in memory of Cursillistas may be sent to the Cursillo Council Treasurer and will be acknowledged in the *Palanca Press*. Please send memorials to:

David Tellett, Treasurer
3409 Yosemite Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55416

Please contact Cherie Middleton, Editor (944-4064) with names of those who have entered their Fifth Day.

"Come Back to Me"

(An open letter to all Fourth Dayers):

One of the more popular songs in our Cursillo music repertoire is *Hosea* with its haunting line, "Come back to me with your heart; don't let fear keep us apart." Whenever it is stated that there are more than 5000 Cursillistas in the Twin Cities Cursillo Movement, one cannot help but wonder why it is sometimes difficult to staff teams. So difficult, in fact, that the same people wind up working at least one weekend per year, year after year. In a sense, this line from *Hosea* could apply to those legions of Fourth Dayers who were once equally active in the earlier days of the Twin Cities Cursillo Movement but are seldom seen working weekends anymore.

We don't know what it is that keeps them from working weekends. What we do know is that without their faith-filled labors of love and service to the Lord, there would be no Cursillo Movement in the Twin Cities today. We also know the Holy Spirit who called them to work on teams years ago is the same Holy Spirit that is calling them today to come "into the fields" for still today the "harvest is plenty, the laborers few."

One is led to an awareness of the fact that one of the great blessings of the Cursillo Movement is the diversity of its Cursillistas, which is essential to its ability to penetrate and evangelize all environments. Weekenders still come to their weekends not just from diverse backgrounds, but of varying ages as well. They need to hear the faith-filled stories of people of varied ages who have labored in love for Cursillo. They need to learn that the work of rebuilding the Kingdom of God on earth is a lifelong, ongoing endeavor. They need to experience the personal witness of long-term Cursillistas whose loving commitment to the movement has imbued them with an inner light and spiritual strength that can only come from living the Method!

And so, long-absent Fourth Dayers, we now issue a heart-felt personal invitation to you. We dearly need the unique spiritual richness and giftedness that only you can bring to Cursillo. We still have Weekenders who hunger to hear of your labors and successes; who long for the spiritual mentoring and modeling that only you can bring; and who need to see people who have aged gracefully in working for the Lord. After all, life experiences have always spoken louder than words in Cursillo!

Please open yourself to the Lord for yet another call to serve Him in His Cursillo Movement. Send in a team application, and let the Holy Spirit once again issue His personal call to you.

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United Cursillo Team Request Form

(One name per form only — Please feel free to make copies)

Use this form if you are interested in serving on a United Cursillo team, or would like to suggest another Fourth Dayer

This form does not guarantee you will be asked to serve — it simply means your name and this information will be passed on to appropriate team leaders. If you have not been called for an upcoming Weekend after submitting this form, or have had to decline serving on a team when called, *please send in a newly completed form* as they may not be carried forward from team to team.

Please identify request type: Volunteer (self) Fourth Dayer Suggestion

Name:

Rev., Dr., Mr., Mrs., Miss, Ms. (Circle one) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone: () _____ Work Phone: () _____

Weekend Preferences (Date and / or Team #) _____

Team Preference: Table Leader Rollista Kitchen Team
 4th Day Team Palanca Team No Preference
 Spiritual Director Men's / Women's Weekend Singles' Weekend

Musical Talent _____

Other Comments _____

Previous Team Experience _____

Name / Location of your church _____

Please fill out this form and mail to:

Suzanne Nelson
452 Northland Avenue
Stillwater, MN 55082-5258

United Cursillo Community of MN
4808 11th Avenue South
Minneapolis, MN 55417-1105

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Call: (612) 822-6484

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