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SUPPORT UNIDOS EN CRISTO #191 AND #192
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 308 WATER STREET, ALBERT LEA, MN 56007
507-373-2035

Men's Unidos en Cristo #191 will be **April 24 - 27, 2003**. The weekend scripture is,
"Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men." *Mark 1:17*

Women's Unidos en Cristo #192 will be **May 1 - 4, 2003**. The weekend scripture is,
"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you,
plans to give you hope and a future." *Jeremiah 29:11*



The Sunday morning serenades are open to Sponsors only. The Sunday dinner serenades, open to the entire Fourth Day Community, will be at 4:30 p.m. Sponsors please arrive by 4:00 p.m.

Need Palanca Ideas?

You might want to assist the Palanca team with prayer support...offer to help cook, serve, or wash dishes for the Kitchen Team...assist the 4th Day team in setup/clean-up before/after the Agape dinner, or after the Sunday morning serenade or the Sunday evening clausura. ♥ ***Please contact the appropriate team rector/a to coordinate your efforts with their needs.*** ♥

Men's Weekend #191

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| • Jim Balk | (Rector) | 507-377-2447 |
| • Brian Blecker | (Kitchen Rector) | 507-377-3956 |
| • Dave Lembke | (4th Day Rector) | 507-377-2716 |
| • Paul Gladfelter | (Palanca Rector) | 507-235-3796 |

Women's Weekend #192

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| • Cathie Gladfelter | (Rectora) | 507-235-3796 |
| • Beckie Blecker | (Kitchen Rectora) | 507-377-3956 |
| • Sue Peterson | (4th Day Rectora) | 507-377-2194 |
| • Pam Johnson | (Palanca Rectora) | 763-478-6234 |

Each Kitchen Team will be serving over 950 meals—this becomes the largest expense item of a weekend's budget. You might consider palanca of a meal per person—Agape Dinner meals average \$5.00/person or other meals average \$2.50 each.

The Kitchen Teams for the men and women are asking for palanca of monetary contributions for 30 lbs. of Chicken Cordon Blue, 20 lbs. of lasagna and 22 cheesecakes and for palanca of food: 50 lbs. lean ground beef, 20 lbs. shredded cheddar cheese, 15 lbs. of plain cereal, 20 lbs. sliced ham, 20 lbs. sliced turkey, 20 lbs. sliced beef, 30 lbs. sausage, 10 lbs. bacon, high quality apples and oranges and 44 bottles of Catawba juice. Contact Brian or Beckie Blecker at 507-377-3956 by April 11th to coordinate your palanca. Smaller amounts are OK, just let us know. Support by the 4th Day community has a significant impact on the weekenders and team. Please include a note to be read.

PALANCA NOTE There will be SIX tables (48) at the Men's weekend and the Women's weekend. When sending palanca to the Rollo Room, be sure to include enough for eight at each table, AND eight at the leadership table. Palanca for the Rollo Room must include enough for all weekenders and team or it cannot be distributed in the Rollo Room, but will go directly to the weekendender palanca bags.

DIRECTIONS I-35 to I-90 West to County 22 (Bridge Ave.), south through 4 stop lights, across bridge by lake, turn right at Texaco Station onto Fountain Street, left on St. Mary. Church is on the right-hand side of the street.

Attention 4th Day Community

Just think about how many people support Unidos en Cristo. Hundreds of letters from prisons and other Christian "walks" around the country and the world arrive for each Weekend! Please prayerfully think about the palanca you could send for the upcoming weekends. You might write an encouraging note, honor the weekenders with a contribution to a food shelf, homeless shelter, or a favorite charity. . . or consider enclosing a check with a palanca note to help cover the weekend expenses. Checks should be made out to Unidos en Cristo #191 or #192.

Address your palanca to: Men of Unidos en Cristo #191 or Women of Unidos en Cristo #192
Mail to: John Maddio, 4280 Hawksbury Circle, Eagan, MN 55123
Email: palanca@unidosencristo.net

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

Unidos en Cristo #191 Men's Team Roster

RECTOR

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ASSISTANT RECTORS

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KITCHEN TEAM

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Unidos en Cristo #192 Women's Team Roster

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TABLE LEADERS

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JUDY HANSEN, *First Presbyterian, Albert Lea*
JAN MATTSON, *First Presbyterian, Albert Lea*
JEAN PARSLEY, *Fairmont Evangelical Covenant*
GLORIA SMITH, *First Baptist, Rochester*
DAWN WILLNER, *Fairmont Evangelical Covenant*

PALANCA RECTORA

PAM JOHNSON, *Plymouth Covenant*

ASSISTANT PALANCA RECTORA

LYNNE LOEWING, *First Presbyterian, Shakopee*

PALANCA SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR

DAN FULLERTON, *Fairmont Evangelical Covenant*

PALANCA MUSIC DIRECTOR

DEBRA LINDELL, *Plymouth Covenant*

PALANCA TEAM

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CATHY MEYER, *Fairmont Evangelical Covenant*
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BONNIE REBELEIN, *Albert Lea Assemblies of God*
JUDY SANFORD, *Faith UMC*
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KITCHEN RECTORA

BECKIE BLECKER, *First Presbyterian, Albert Lea*

ASSISTANT KITCHEN RECTORA

DARCY NETZER, *First Presbyterian, Albert Lea*

KITCHEN TEAM

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ARDIS OSTERBERG, *First Presbyterian, Albert Lea*
DEBRA WILLARD, *Fairmont Evangelical Covenant*
LAURA YOUNG, *First Presbyterian, Albert Lea*

FOURTH DAY RECTORA

SUE PETERSON, *First Presbyterian, Albert Lea*

ASSISTANT FOURTH DAY RECTORA

TERRY RIGGS, *First Congregational UCC, Fairmont*

FOURTH DAY TEAM

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LYNNE HARTY, *First Presbyterian, Albert Lea*
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KATHY LUCAS, *Faith UMC, Spring Valley*
MOLLEE LUDTKE, *First Lutheran, Albert Lea*
DOROTHY MILLER, *Albert Lea Assemblies of God*
CAROL OLINGER, *Faith Covenant, Burnsville*
COLLEEN OLSON, *First Presbyterian, Albert Lea*
DIANE SWABACK, *Hastings UMC*

Singles Ultreyas

The Singles Community meets for renewal and fellowship on the 2nd Saturday of each month at 5:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. Wear your Cursillo cross and name tag, bring your songbook, yellow book and a dish to share. Questions -- call the host listed below. Upcoming Ultreyas are:

April 12 St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Cottage Grove
May 10 Redeemer Lutheran Church, Fridley
June 14 Trinity Lutheran, Stillwater

Larry Flor 651-485-5846
Todd Holmes 763-754-7749
Judy Laabs-Foss 651-429-6762

PARTICIPANT LIST FROM UNIDOS EN CRISTO #189 AND #190

BROOKLYN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, BROOKLYN CENTER

Warwick & Trish Alcock, *Wayzata Evangelical Free*
Paul Anderson, *Brooklyn UMC*
Tony & Margo Arens, *Christ Presbyterian*
Clay & Kim Bollin, *Litchfield UMC*
Bill & Mary Bretey, *St. John Vianney Catholic*
Tim & Valessa Caspers, *Crosswinds Community*
Linda Childers, *Eden Prairie Presbyterian*
Kevin & Michele Clark, *Pax Christi Catholic*
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Helen Kerr, *Hope Presbyterian*
Steve & Leanne Kess, *Litchfield UMC*
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Sherilyn Litzkow, *First UMC, Lindstrom*

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Patrick McNally, *Hopkins UMC*
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Rachel Mueller, *Christ Presbyterian*
Doug & Ann Ness, *Hennepin Avenue UMC*
Bob & Vickie Perce, *First UMC, Lindstrom*
Terry & Kathy Picha, *Faith Presbyterian*
Misti Plotz, *Fourth Avenue UMC*
John & Diane Plume, *Colonial Church of Edina*
Diann Powell, *Brooklyn UMC*
Lisa Predweshny, *Centennial Evangelical Free*
Marshall & Merilee Puls, *Hope Presbyterian*
David & Tammy Shade, *Wayzata Evangelical Free*
Todd & Wendy Siewert, *Lake City UMC*
Jerry & Susan Sood, *Rosemount UMC*
John Sutherland, *Brooklyn Park Evangelical Free*
Dwight Tuttle, *Coon Valley Lutheran*
Susan Wheeler, *Grace Church*
Rick & Sharon Williamson, *Wayzata Evangelical Free*
John & Wendy Young, *Wayzata Evangelical Free*
Kurt & Jennifer Zimmerman, *UMC of Peace*

PALANCA PRESS ON THE WEB: The Palanca Press is being posted to the 4th Day area of the web page www.unidosencristo.net. Currently, we mail 4,200+ Palanca Presses five times a year. Even using the Non-Profit Bulk Rate, this is a costly process. If you are trying to reduce the amount of paper in your house and would like to receive an email notification each time a new Palanca Press is available—and read it online—please send an email to unidosencristo@mn.rr.com, providing your email address. Please be assured that your email address will only be used for Unidos en Cristo communications.

The new password for the 4th DAY area of the Unidos en Cristo web site is "4444444".

NEW FORMS AVAILABLE New Weekender, Lay Sponsor/Clergy, and Team Request forms are available on the web page in the 4th DAY Area. Please begin using them immediately.

TEC

TEENS ENCOUNTER CHRIST (TEC) is an opportunity for teenagers (grades 10-12 recommended) to share their faith with other teens in a manner patterned after Cursillo/Unidos en Cristo. Contact the Team Apps individual listed below 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) team.

UNITED TEENS ENCOUNTER CHRIST (UTECH) www.unitedtec.org	
Convenor	Brad Wing 952-474-0786
Weekender Apps	Susan & Terry Lijewski 952-461-3699
Adult Team Apps	Jenni Widdifield 612-825-5784
Youth Team Apps	Terri Eggleston 763-421-4368

SOUTHERN MINNESOTA TEC www.southerntec.org	
Convenor	Rod Johnson 507-373-3266
Weekender Apps	Leon Gregg 507-288-2347
Team Apps	Chris Barber 507-346-2965

TEC #59 at Wayzata Community April 24 -27
TEC #60 at Hosanna Lutheran July 24 - 27

TEC #51 at First Presbyterian, Albert Lea, April 3 - 6
TEC #52 at Christ the King Lutheran, Mankato, July 24 - 27

Unidos en Cristo Weekend Watch

Weekend:	# 193 (Men)	#194 (Women)	# 195 (Men)	# 196 (Women)
Date:	July 17 – 20, 2003 Hope Presbyterian Richfield	July 24 – 27, 2003 Hope Presbyterian Richfield	Nov. 6 – 9, 2003 Rochester Evangel UMC Rochester	Nov. 13 – 16, 2003 Rochester Evangel UMC Rochester
Rector(a) Spiritual Director Asst. Spiritual Director Palanca Spiritual Director	Don Henrich	Carole Snyder		
Weekender Application Dates:	May 6 – June 3*	May 6 – June 3*	Aug 26 – Sept 23*	Aug 26 – Sept 23*
Weekend:	# 197 (Men)	# 198 (Women)	# 199 (Men)	#200 (Women)
Date:	to be determined	to be determined	to be determined	to be determined
Rector(a) Spiritual Director Asst. Spiritual Director Palanca Spiritual Director				
Weekender Application Dates:				

* Preference will be given to applications received during this time frame; however, applications will be accepted after these dates if the weekend hasn't filled. If you find that you have a candidate that could attend an upcoming weekend after the printed applications dates, the church liaison should contact Mary Hacker to determine if there are still spaces available.

WEEKENDER APPLICATIONS should be sent to Mary Hacker, 1130 Shore Acres Drive, Albert Lea, MN 56007, 507-377-0704, email: allocations@unidosencristo.net. Reminder: **Application fees** are now \$30. Need updated application forms for your church? You can print a master from the Unidos en Cristo web site—you'll find the application form in the 4TH DAY area.

CLERGY are needed for the November weekends. Please contact Patti Haaheim, revpatti@yahoo.com or 952-432-4408, or Dwight Netzer, Firstpres@deskmmedia.com or 507-373-2035, if you are able to serve.

IN LOVING MEMORY

We celebrate the lives of our sister and brothers in Christ, **Elaine J. Bauman (#20)**, **Ernie Harper (#29)**, **Ivan Lee (#41)**, **Kent Riedesel (#73)** and **Robby Willard (#131)**, who have entered their *Fifth Day* and are now in our LORD'S glorious presence.

Unidos en Cristo has received memorials in memory of Doug Duncan (#41), Paul Kiesling on the 5th anniversary of entering his Fifth Day, Ivan Lee (#41), Jeff Randleman (#71), Julie Smythe (#170), Jeanette Taatjes (L36), Jack Weems (L13) and Robby Willard (#131).

Memorials given in memory of Cursillistas may be sent to the Unidos en Cristo Council Treasurer and will be acknowledged in the Palanca Press. **Please send memorials to: Rick Pavelka, 254 Holly Road, Hopkins, MN 55343.** If you know of a Cursillista who has entered his or her *Fifth Day*, please email or call Sheree Johnson, Communications Editor, for names to be included in the Palanca Press. Email her at palanca_press@unidosencristo.net or telephone 952-944-7244. Others in the Fourth Day Community may have no other way of knowing special friends in Christ have now entered His glorious presence.

DeColores, Friends!

Recently I was watching the Oprah show and the topic was weddings. The guest speaker was concerned that so much emphasis was on the wedding day rather than the marriage. She further explained how so many couples were so disappointed/disillusioned with day-to-day married life after all of the excitement and planning for the “big day” and suggested that contributed to the ever-increasing divorce rate. While watching this, it occurred to me that perhaps we do the same thing with our Unidos en Cristo weekends. We spend so much time and energy getting people to go through the weekend, and they have this awesome “mountain-top” experience during the 72 hours, and then have a difficult time transitioning to a “normal Christian walk.” So, what can we, as friends, sponsors and fellow cursillistas do to help with the transition period? We can help our new cursillistas get into a renewal group; attend clausuras and bring them with us; encourage them to be on a team (there are opportunities to serve on Unidos teams, TEC and Charis) or call the 4th Day Rector/a and/or Kitchen Rector/a for an upcoming weekend and offer assistance; encourage them to attend ultreyas, your church's as well as the regional ultreyas being offered—Keep Christ Alive in your life!!!

Help to make the Unidos en Cristo weekend a wonderful beginning to a Christ-centered life—not just a fun weekend retreat.

Your Sister in Christ,
Jackie Hall, Convenor
507-367-2515

Nominations for Council positions are due to Jackie Hall by April 21

Regional Ultreyas Planned Following the success of the regional ultreyas held in the aftermath of 9/11, the Council has elected to implement annual regional ultreyas. The goals of these ultreyas are to renew, refresh and re-energize the 4th Day community through fellowship, praise and worship. These goals were beautifully met when more than 150 cursillistas attended the first annual West Regional Ultreya on March 9 at Faith Presbyterian in Minnetonka.

Sunday, April 13, the **East Regional Ultreya** and potluck supper will be held at St. Croix Valley UMC, 4:00 – 7:30 p.m. Churches designated East Metro will be notified directly; however, all cursillistas are welcome. Plans are underway to hold regional ultreyas in the north and south—watch www.unidosencristo.net for dates and times.

“Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as we see the Day approaching.” Hebrews 10:23-25

Charis Charis ministers to our brothers and sisters in prison. Charis weekends were founded in the Cursillo method and are held throughout the year in state and federal facilities. Like other communities, they have a council that works closely in ministering to the needs of those in prison. If you would like more information about Charis, write P. O. Box 245, Wayzata, MN 55391 or call 612-338-3847.

WEEKEND PRAYER VIGIL AVAILABLE ON-LINE Will you pray (for just one hour) as part of a 72 hour prayer vigil on behalf of a particular Unidos en Cristo weekend? At www.unidosencristo.net go to WHAT'S NEW and click on WEEKEND PRAYER VIGIL, specify the weekend # and follow the prompts to submit your commitment to pray for a specific time. You will be contacted to confirm your prayer commitment and to provide you with prayer suggestions.

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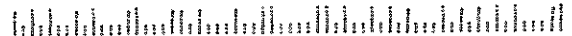
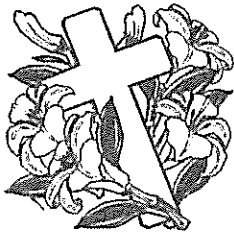
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