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The Spirit of Tres Dias

Let's be sure to remember the greatest love of them all this month... "For God SO LOVED the world that he gave his one and only Son."

John 3:16

You are SO LOVED that Jesus gave everything for you.

"Greater love has no one than this;
to lay down one's life for one's friends," John 15:13

Once we experience God's lavish, unconditional love, the only reasonable response is to share that love with others.

And this selfless love can only be expressed with supernatural help from God's Spirit. So this Valentine's Day, forget the chocolates, and instead offer your friends an undeniable witness of God's transforming love and power.

Allow them to feel SO LOVED.

Invite them to experience a Tres Dias Weekend!

Next Opportunity is Weekend #34!! Men's Weekend dates: April 21st -24th, 2016 Women's Weekend dates: April 28th -May 1st, 2016

ALTD Men's Weekend #34 update...

Mike and I have been very busy putting the team together the last month or so. The team is almost filled at this time, and we are extremely gratified and thankful for the men who have said yes to serving. They are all servants at heart.

My Weekend verse is . . . "Then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve...but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." Joshua 24:15 (NIV)

As men, we are constantly challenged with decisions as to which path we are to take: the worldly path or the path that Jesus would have us take. We must choose decisively, and strive to not waver in those decisions. Our spouses and families are desperate for their men to lead, and I would hope that the Weekend results in challenging the candidates and team to decide that they and their household will serve the Lord in all that they do.

The Men's team has a strong Prayer Warrior Team headed by Cindy Weltzien. Mike and I are asking for the Prayer Team and the whole Tres Dias Community to continuously keep us in your prayers so that

trainings are well attended, team members' health are guarded, and that God's presence is with the team always. Also, we ask for boldness on the part of all, to seek out and ask someone to attend the Weekend. That is what it's all about, right?

Randy Weltzien, Rector Mike Broome, Head Cha



whole being follows hard after YOU, My soul clings to you: our right hand upholds me



Praise God!

We have a full team of willing servants!

We are excited to have 14 first time servers on this weekend~ what a great testimony for how God moves on through Tres Dias and makes us desire to be leaders for His glory!

The prayer warriors have been a great blessing to the formation of the team~ we cannot thank them enough for their covering.



Leaders of Weekend #34 (from L to R, top to bottom)

Head Cha: Mike Broome Rector: Randy Weltzien Head Cha: Helen Uebele Rectora: Beth Welsh

Did you know that there is an ALTD prayer chain waiting to pray just for you? Send prayer requests, information, etc., to tresdiascommunication@gmail.com We are looking forward to being in awe of what Jesus does through all of us, when we say YES, LORD! Please consider inviting a Christian friend on this spring retreat. There is nothing better than spending three days with our God ~ and a group of women who are seeking Him too:)

GLYASDW Beth Welsh, Rectora & Helen Uebele, Head Cha

Secretariat Happenings

Have you ever wondered what the secretariat committee actually does? I began serving on secretariat in June of last year, and really, truly, had no idea of what it all entailed. Sure, I figured that they updated the website, organized trainings, and paid the bill for the weekend, but these last six months, my eyes have been opened to what really goes on behind the scenes.

Inspiration Center underwent new management last year, yet our weekends ran smoothly, thanks to the volunteers that worked through the transition. We are now storing our belongings in a trailer instead of at Inspiration Center. And loading the trailer went smoothly, again, thanks to the help of many. We are currently discussing the possibility of a new location for the weekend. And if the Lord leads us in that direction, we trust that it will work itself out. God has been faithful in the past, so we have no reason to expect that He wouldn't be in the future...

What I am now realizing is this, each weekend runs so smoothly not just because of the rector or rectora, but because the entire secretariat, team, and community make sure of it. We hold up the arms of the rector and rectora, just as Aaron did for Moses. We pray. We pray. We pray. And God is moved. And of course, ultimately, God gets all the glory for all that happens on each weekend, let us never forget that!

But, remember the first time you served on team? It was eye opening just how much the team actually did behind the scenes. You learned little tidbits that you never saw as a candidate. It was such a blessing to serve, and you came back to do it again and again...

Well, I've been blessed to have that "first experience" again...this time, by serving our community on secretariat. Does it require my time, talents, treasures? Of course. And it is worth it? Absolutely! I would encourage you to start praying about the opportunities that are coming this summer. Three positions open up for the secretariat board. Perhaps God is calling you to fill one. And you will be blessed to be part of it! GLYASDI!

SECRETARIAT OPENINGS COMING SOON:

Lay Director Post-Weekend Chair Reunion Cha

*A full description of responsibilities is available! *Just send a request e-mail to tresdiascommunication@gmail.com.

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Community Events....Mark your Calendars!

CREDO TALENT NIGHT

Come, Sing, Laugh, Enjoy Desserts and Worship together!

~ 4th Day Gathering ~
February 12, 6 pm
Alpine Lutheran Church
5001 Forest View Road
Rockford, Illinois
Would you like to share your talent?
We would love to hear or see the gift that God has given you!
Call or email Helen Meier: 815.227.4679 – meiermth@comcast.net

BELOYED CHURCH GUEST SPEAKER WEEKEND

Pastor Ryan Bensheimer will be giving the message at belovedchurchillinois.com Feb 27 & 28, 2016

Come and Worship together!

Pearl City Location: 220 N Main Street Saturday Evening 2/27, 6:30 pm Lena Location: 216 W Mason Street Sunday Morning 2/28, 9:30 am

Did you know we have a Tres Dias community nearby?

Northern Illinois Tres Dias SEQUELA

Saturday, February 27, 2016 at 7pm at First Presbyterian Church 1100 Calvin Rd. Rochelle, IL

Upcoming NITD Weekend Retreats

Men's Weekend #47: April 7-10, 2016
Women's Weekend #47: April 21-24, 2016
We are invited to join them for send off, serenade, and closura!
These weekends are held at Bishop Lane Retreat Center.
7708 East McGregor Road, Rockford, IL 61102

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