

ABUNDANT LIFE TRES DIAS



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Newsletter**

PRAYER VIGIL

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WEEKEND INFORMATION

Fall 2026 Weekend #53
Army Lake Camp
N8725 Army Lake Road
East Troy, Wisconsin 53120

Men's: October 8-11, 2026
Rector: Dave Donehay
Head Cha: Chris Riggs
Women's: October 15-18, 2026
Rectora: Dawn Stewart
Head Cha: Brandy Bourey

PRAYER VIGIL LINKS: It's never too early to sign up for the 75-hour prayer vigil. To sign up, follow the links below:

MEN'S WEEKEND

<https://prayervigils.net/vigils/412>

WOMEN'S WEEKEND

<https://prayervigils.net/vigils/413>

CONNECT WITH US

These newsletters arrive in your inbox quarterly. To get up-to-date information, check out our [Website](#) or our [Facebook page](#).

PAY-IT-FORWARD

Please consider giving to our Pay-It-Forward Fund on an ongoing basis or with a one time donation. These funds are used to pay for Participant Registration Fees. [Click here to contribute](#). Thank you to all who already bless our Community and the Participants in this way!!

Rector and Head Cha Weekend #53



My name is Dave Donehey and I attend The Chapel - Grayslake and the ToV Community. My first weekend was # 38 in the Spring of 2018, where I sat at the table of Joshua. Since then, I have served on 12 Teams and also completed a stint on the Secretariat as Weekend Chair. I am truly honored to be able to serve as the Men's Rector for weekend # 53.

My family consists of my wife, Lori, 8 kids, 4 grandkids, and two cats. To say that I lead a full life would be kind of an understatement.

Those who know me well would say that I'm always on the move, and that's ok, as I'm not one that handles boredom very well. I usually have a lot of irons in the fire, but also like to make time to spend with God, my family, and the various communities I'm involved with.

My hobbies are many and varied and include: woodworking, riding my Harley, target shooting, home improvement projects, music, Bible study, and serving people.

As you might expect, I am looking forward to the best weekend ever! Team formation is near complete and Chris and I are starting to get into all of the details that make these weekends so special. I expect that the Lord will move in a big way, as He always does, in all of the Participants and the Team and pray that myself and Chris can facilitate that to the best of our ability.

The weekend is already being bathed in prayer and there is a truly awesome group of Prayer Warriors interceding for us in a big way. I would ask the community at large that if any men are willing and able to serve as a Music Cha to please reach out to me right away.

I truly appreciate this opportunity we have to be Christ's hands and feet for Weekend # 53!

May God Bless you and keep you.



I am a child of God. My name is Chris Riggs. My weekend was in the fall of 2015 ALTD number 33. I am married to my beautiful bride Missy Kay Riggs. We are embracing a covenant marriage. We recently just became grandparents of a beautiful granddaughter. I am a foreman at a union masonry company. I really enjoy what I do. It is an art form. I'm a leader in my church. I'm a leader at my job. I'm a leader in my home. And I only lead through the direction of Jesus Christ. I'm excited to be with my brother Dave and serve Jesus and him on this upcoming weekend. So let the works of Jesus continue to destroy the enemy.

Rectora and Head Cha Weekend #53

Dawn Stewart and Brandy Bourey have been walking together in Christ for 10 years. They both value their family, in which they get the privilege of being married to wonderful men who also daily choose to follow Christ, and are also friends! Their children range in age from 10 to 23 years old. Dawn has a grandson who is almost 2 years old. Both Brandy and Dawn have a deep love for the Lord and seek to live out their lives according to the values of the Kingdom of God. They make it their mission each new day to connect first to God and then to the world around them. They are beyond excited to serve on weekend 53 as Rectora and Head Cha!



New Elected Secretariat Members

Secretary-Angela Bliss

My name is Angela Bliss. I attended Weekend #47 in the fall of 2023 and sat at the table of Martha. My family and I are part of the covenant community called TOV. I have been married to my husband Mitchell for 15 years. He works as a CNC Machinist. God has blessed us with four beautiful children. Lilliana is our oldest and only girl. She just turned 14 years old. Our three boys are Nolan (11), Owen (9), and Nathaniel (7). I am a stay-at-home mom and have been homeschooling our children for over 10 years, since Lilli was in preschool. I enjoy spending time with my family and going on road trips. I love to sing and will be joining a local choral community this fall called Voice of Praise. I look forward to serving as secretary for ALTD.

Palanca-Laura Swenson

I attended ALTD weekend 50 and sat at the table of Peace. I am currently a member of Highview Evangelical Presbyterian Church in Genesee, WI and volunteer with their Praise Band. Since weekend 50, I have served as a chapel cha on weekend 51 and music cha on weekend 52. I am actively involved with the Faith Walkers reunion group and married to Dale. We have two children, Kelly Brockwell and Adam Swenson, three fun grandkids, a wonderful son-in-law Jeremy Brockwell and soon to be daughter-in-law Rochelle. I teach piano lessons in my home two days per week and other interests include golfing, gardening, walking and traveling.

Weekend-Tracy and Edie VanKeuren

Edie

I attended weekend #45 in the fall of 2021. Since then I have served as table cha, dorm cha, server cha and palanca cha. I am married to Tracy Van Keuren. Together we have 9 children (6 boys and 3 girls) and 6 grandkids (2 boys and 2 girls) and another boy on the way. I love to travel, connect with other ladies, spend quality time with Tracy and other people, and entertain in my home. My primary interests are health and wellbeing. I am constantly studying and attending classes on God's ways of being healthy, cooking and having longevity.



Tracy

I attended weekend #45 in Fall of 2021. Since then, I have served as server cha, dorm cha, table cha and presented the CCIA Rollo. I am married to Edie Van Keuren. Together we have 9 children (6 boys and 3 girls) and 6 grandkids (2 boys and 2 girls) and another boy on the way. I enjoy spending time listening to the Bible and Bible commentaries, traveling with Edie and Lola. My primary interests are roller skating and bowling.

Welcome new Spiritual Director-Paul Lazzaroni

I'm Paul Lazzaroni — husband to Meggan, father to Carter, Bella, Jaxson, and Jac, carpenter, pastor, theologian in progress, and ski consultant. Growing up in Walworth County, I've spent most of my life building things — whether homes, relationships, communities, or occasionally fixing something I was absolutely sure I had fixed correctly the first time.

Today, I serve as a pastor within the TOV Community. Prior to that, I was on staff at Lakeland Community Church as the Facility Coordinator and Host Team Director. I began building homes in the mid-90s, and although the projects are smaller these days, carpentry remains one of the ways God provides for our family. Meggan is a counselor in the Lake Geneva area, and together we are coming up on four years of marriage.

I've had the privilege of serving in many different capacities within our community and beyond, but after attending my first Tres Dias weekend — Weekend 45 — just a month after our wedding, it became evident to both of us the love, wisdom, and relational depth that helps shape the Tres Dias ministry.

People are my first love, but I still enjoy working in garages, riding motorcycles, writing, reading, skiing, and exploring. At the end of the day, I'm simply someone who loves the Lord, loves people, and wants to help create spaces where others feel encouraged, challenged, and reminded that God is still restoring lives today.

I'm grateful, honored, and excited to continue serving God through Tres Dias in this new role.



Introduction of new community Spiritual Director

Rev. Dr. Bruce A. Jones, a life-long Presbyterian, is no stranger to the Abundant Life Tres Dias Community. Rev. Bruce attended NITD #6 in the fall of 1995 and sat at the table of Peter, the Rock. He served on ALTD as Dorm Cha. He has served over 20 weekends as a Spiritual Director for both women's and men's teams. He appreciates the ecumenical nature of Tres Dias.

Rev. Bruce worships at Rock Presbyterian Church in Janesville, WI, with his wonderful wife, Krista, the music director. This summer, they will celebrate 25 years of marriage. They raised two sons: Jonathan and Alexander. JJ, a UW-LaCrosse graduate, works as a coach at a performance gym in LaCrosse. Alex, a man of many talents, works as an estimator and project manager for an exterior contractor.

This summer, he will also celebrate 30 years of his ordination. Rev. Bruce originates from Northern New York State, just south of the Canadian border, growing up on a hobby farm surrounded by dairy farms. Bruce graduated from Cornell University: College of Agriculture and Life Sciences with a bachelor's degree in Agricultural Education (1986). He began working for 4-H Youth Development Programs. He moved to the Midwest to attend the University of Dubuque Theological Seminary for a Master of Divinity (1996). He has served churches in Wisconsin and Illinois. He earned a Doctor of Ministry degree (2011). He also serves as a Police Chaplain. He did step back from ministry and returned to 4-H work in Jefferson County, WI. Then he returned to full-time ministry as an intentional interim pastor for three churches over a period of five years.

His "Ministry Verse" comes from Ephesians 4:12, "To equip the saints for ministry." He believes in the Abundant Life Tres Dias is a wonderful way to equip the saints to serve the Body of Christ, the Church. God's grace empowers us to work together across denominational lines as one body.

"There is only one God, There is only one King,

There is only one Body, That is why we sing."



YOUR ALTD TO DO LIST

- Pray for wisdom and guidance for the Secretariat Board.
- Pray for the Leaders and their planning for Weekend #53.
- Pray about what your part will be on Weekend #53.
- Start praying now for who you will sponsor for Weekend #53.
- Mark the next Secuela date on your calendar and invite any Participants you have ever sponsored to attend with you.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR WEEKEND #53

Sponsor Someone:

Participant Registration Deadline Dates:

- Men - September 28, 2026
- Women - October 5, 2026

Provide Palanca for the Weekends:

Make gift palanca

Write letter palanca

Attend Send-off

Men's Weekend - Thursday, October 8 @ 7:00 pm arrival

Women's Weekend - Thursday, October 15 @ 7:00 pm arrival

Come out to Army Lake Camp to enjoy a time of fellowship and to mingle with the Participants and Team to kick off the weekend. Please gather in the Dining Hall.

Pray over the Crosses

Immediately following Send-off, be sure to stop in the Palanca Prayer Chapel to pray over the Participants' crosses and the Weekend.



Attend Serenade

Women to Men - Saturday October 10 @ 6:15 pm arrival

Men to Women - Saturday October 17 @ 6:15 pm arrival

Please come out and lift your voices in song to bless the Weekend

Participants and Team. Please gather in the Terrace Room. Entrance is to the left of the Dining Hall entrance.

Reminder that our Serenade policy is that only community Pescadores who have attended and completed a Tres Dias weekend or its equivalent or a Rock Weekend or its equivalent may serenade. Women serenade the men, and men serenade the women. Pescadores are encouraged to dress their best and wear their crosses. A Pescadore who has a spouse or "significant other" as a participant may come to pray but may not participate in the singing.

Attend Clausura

Men's Weekend - Sunday, October 11 @ 4:30 pm arrival

Women's Weekend - Sunday, October 18 @ 4:30 pm arrival

Come to the closing event to celebrate the Weekend and welcome the new members of the Community following their Tres Dias weekend. The Clausura is open to all so invite clergy, family and friends. Please gather in the Dining Hall.

Weekend Location:

Army Lake Camp, [N8725 Army Lake Road, East Troy, WI 53120](#)



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