

Northern Lights

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Dear DeColores Community:

We have all been blessed to witness two inspiring weekends that changed the lives of many individuals, both candidates and team members. We encourage everyone to stay connected through Follow up Meetings, Ultreyas, Reunion Groups, as well as remaining active in our churches.

Our special thanks to all of the men on the team of Weekend #77 that rallied together to execute God's weekend in spite of our loss of Roger Adkins, who was to be the co-rector. These men demonstrated their willingness to serve God, each other and the candidates, during their time of loss. Our prayers continue for Roger's family. He is surely missed!

It has truly been our pleasure to serve this DeColores community.

May the peace of the Lord our God be with you all!

Curt and Kathy Britten
President Couple

Letters From Past Rector & Rectoress

Dear DeColores Community,

Weekend #77 is but a blink or a speed bump in the realm of eternity. Those of us who were a part of it will remember it for as long as we are able to serve our Lord here on this earth. Our dear friend and fellow servant, Roger Adkins, went to be with the Lord on the day the weekend started, David was suffering from cancer and many on the team were suffering or distressed in one way or another.

The weekend was a struggle at times and a blessing for all those involved. God blessed us in ways beyond our dreams. David commented that he now feels better than he has in years. Many

renewed their commitments to God, their families and their churches. Some even gave everything over to Jesus for the first time in their lives! The Crusista's and team were enveloped and loved by our God like no other weekend. He truly is amazing and worthy of our praise!

Thank you for all your prayers for the weekend and please continue to lift David and the Crusista's up to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

God Bless,

Ed Halvorsen
Co-Rector

New Crusista's

Bruce Caylen
Jeff Fauver
Michael Fischer
Mike Millar
Sue Adkins
Kelly Amsden
Cristina Donnelly
Bren Elliott
Linda Gutowski
Marcia Haycroft
Elizabeth (Liz) Henning
Ruthie Holbrook
Stacy Howe
Cierra Hunt
Maribeth Kneer
Barbara McDonald
Hannah Mickulin
Shana North
Jamie Thornburg
Michelle Vazquez
Roberta (Bertie) Wernick



Letters From the Outreach Rector & Rectoress

Northern Michigan DeColores
Community,

My name is Bob Sturm. I am the Rector for the Grayling Men's weekend #3. I attended Northern Michigan Weekend #51, a life changing experience. I, along with my wife Alice, have served on the Northern Michigan DeColores Board, as well as the National Board for the past 3 years. In addition, we have been hosting Ultreyas in Grayling every other month for the past year.

The theme of this Weekend is "Come As You Are". The scripture is Romans 3:23-24, and the song is "For Those Tears I Died". My Co-Rector is Steve Jones and my Head Coordinator is Dennis Goff.

I pray that the Northern Michigan community will support this weekend with their help and prayers. I praise God for the opportunity to serve him by bringing this wonderful ministry to Grayling and the surrounding area.

In his Service,
Bob Sturm

Dear DeColores Community

My name is Alice Sturm and I am blessed to be the Rectoress of Grayling Women's Weekend #4. This weekend, along with the Grayling Men's Weekend #3 is a result of the National Outreach Weekends that took place in Grayling in the summer of 2010.

I made Northern Michigan DeColores Weekend #52, an event that was pivotal in deepening my relationship with Jesus Christ. As a result I am committed to helping others find that relationship too.

Grayling Weekend #4 will take place at Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church in Grayling, MI on February 9-12, 2012. The theme is "Give it all to Jesus", and the Scripture is Matthew 11:28 which says; "Come to Me all you who are weary and carry heavy burdens and I will give you rest." The theme song is "Be Not Afraid."

Mellody Halvorsen is my Co-Rectoress and together we have been building the team with the Lord's guidance. The inside team had its first meeting on October 8th and already I can feel the excitement and anticipation for the weekend building.

I ask for your support for this weekend by attending Holy Hour, volunteering for kitchen help and 24 hour prayer chapel, by making Palanca, and coming to closing. In the middle of winter this may be a struggle and a sacrifice. As we strive to heed God's call to carry DeColores to this area your loving support and prayers are what will help us succeed. To God be the glory!

In His love and service,
Alice Sturm

We want to thank the DeColores community family. What a comfort and blessing so many of you have been to us during the recent sudden passing of Roger. He loved DeColores ever since he made his weekend #7 in 1994. The cards, calls, memorials given in his name, the food brought for the memorial service and the many hugs and prayers have been overwhelming. As a dear friend said to me last night, he was Mr. DeColores. May God continue to bless the community of believers. Love, Barbara and Myrna Adkins

| Inside Team | Grayling Weekend #3 | Outside Team | Inside Team | Grayling Weekend #4 | Outside Team |
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| Rector – Bob Surrm Co-Rector – Steve Jones Spiritual Directors – Jack Richards David Rosenberg Ben Smith Rollistas – Ideals – Brian O'Dell Laymen – Bill Lewandowski Piety – Dan Chapp Study – Phil Hobson Action – Tom Carey Leaders – Ken Weber Environment – Fred Ward CCIA – Keith Merchant Head Coordinator – Dennis Goff Coordinators – Charlie Tinon Jeff Moore Dean Farrier Chas – Larry Roggow Carl Nichols Jim Alexander Head Cook – David Stockford Cooks – Al Johnston Tom Carey Don DePeel Head Musician – Ed Halvorsen Musicians – Jim Harris William (Butch) McKeen Auxillaries – Roger Marcotte Brad Porter Jeff Fauver Travis Shutler Jeremy Weatherholt Michael Fischer | Potluck Couple – Sponsor's Chapel – Setup Crew Coordinator – Take Down Crew Coordinator – Cleanup Crew Coordinator – Kitchen Help – Food Donations – Photographer – Joan Ward Cross Lanyards – Melody Halvorsen Cross Painting – Jane Larsen 24 Hr Prayer Chapel – Banner – Yvonne Harris Beth Cline Cooks Aprons – Connie Minnick Coordinators Aprons – Connie Minnick Chas Aprons – Connie Minnick Musicians Aprons – Connie Minnick Table Decorations – Faith Renewal Stoles – Holy Hour Hosts – Holy Hour Homily – Bill Davis Hour Hour Video – Palanca Bags – Nationad DeColores Tote Bag Painting – Alice Sturm Connie Minnick Closing Hosts – Randy & Melissa Snyder | | Rectoress – Alice Sturm Co-Rectoress – Melody Halvorsen Spiritual Directors – SisterAugusta Strautz David Rosenberg Rollistas – Ideals – Shirley Schmoock Laymen – Amber Ahlin Piety – Pat Kangas Study – Carol Rosenberg Action – Patti Davis Leaders – Vicki Hogerheide Environment – Storm Miller CCIA – Nancy Goff Head Coordinator – Carmen Cook Coordinators – Pam Rohr Yvonne Harris Chas – Ruth Doyle Joan Ward Pam Clifford Head Cook – Donna Lewandowski Cooks – Linn Brown Mary Luke Kathleen Armstrong Head Musician – Patty Cox Musicians – Karen David Michelle Merchant Auxillaries – Dorothy Frederick Laura Nelson Sharon Stockford Anissa Chapp Angel Dutton Crystal Young | Potluck Couple – Sponsor's Chapel – Setup Crew Coordinator – Take Down Crew Coordinator – Cleanup Crew Coordinator – Kitchen Help – Food Donations – Photographer – David Stockford Cross Lanyards – Melody Halvorsen Cross Painting – Jane Larsen 24 Hr Prayer Chapel – Banner – David & Sharon Stockford Cooks Aprons – Connie Minnick Coordinators Aprons – Connie Minnick Chas Aprons – Connie Minnick Musicians Aprons – Connie Minnick Table Decorations – Faith Renewal Stoles – Sheila Jones Pam Meeker Holy Hour Hosts – Holy Hour Homily – Hour Hour Video – Bryon Harrington Palanca Bags – Nationad DeColores Tote Bag Painting – Alice Sturm Connie Minnick Closing Hosts – | |

Please note, if you see empty spots on the outside team, pray about it and then call Bob or Alice and volunteer to fill one or more of those spots.

Letters From the Spring Rector & Rectoress

Hello to the DeColores Community,

I am very excited to be selected to be the next Rector for men's Weekend #79. I made Weekend #43 in the spring of 2003. As I am nearing the end of my term as President Couple, I am honored to be serving as Rector. My Co-Rector is Mitch Mitchem and my Head Coordinator is Ken Godin. The theme is "Life Is Christ"; the verse John 3:16, "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have

everlasting life."; the song is "I am the Resurrection".

Please keep us in your prayers as we go forth in building a team for God's weekend.

Your servant in Christ,

Curt Britten

Dear DeColores Community,

First I would like to say how excited I am to serve our Lord and community as Rectoress of Weekend #80.

My name is April Smith. I am married to my best friend, Gil Smith, and we have 5 beautiful children. I attend New Hope

Community Church. I attended Weekend #48 in March of 2004. I have to say the journey from Weekend #48 to now has been a challenge at times, but the love of Lord has made it a blessing. I am honored to be serving Him and the ladies that will be attending Weekend #80.

Weekend dates: May 3rd – 6th at

the Kalkaska United Methodist Church; Theme: He makes all things new. Scripture: 2 Corinthians 5:17, "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!" Song; Amazing Grace.

I am honored to have Shirley Gelinias as my Co-Rector and Patti Davis as my Head Coordinator.

I feel the love and prayers daily from all of my friends and family. Please continue to pray for the team, and the ladies that will be attending the weekend.

Your sister in Christ,

April Smith



There was a 4th Day Workshop held in Kalkaska back in September. A 4th Day Workshop explains the ins and outs of a DeColores Weekend. You learn why things happen when they do, the history, and all kinds of things. The food was great (oh yes, we eat too!) and the fellowship priceless. Thank you Vicki & David Hogerheide for putting it on. If you have never attended a 4th Day Workshop and would like to learn more, look for the one in 2012! We announce them in the newsletter and at Ultreyas.



The annual DeColores concert is now a past memory. It was wonderful! Kathy Fitch organizes this event and puts many long hours of work into it. All the talent is contributed, all the work donated. All the proceeds go to help the DeColores Community. If you were not able to attend, ask someone who did to see how they enjoyed it. Try and attend next year! Thank you Kathy for doing this for the DeColores Community.

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