



# PalancaPress

News of Unidos en Cristo Minnesota



## COUNCIL'S CORNER

We are looking for a Co-Convenor and Council Clergy. Please prayerfully consider these leadership opportunities and contact a member of the council for more information.

We currently looking forward to weekends this winter and spring 2025. This is a change from our previous plan of having a weekend this fall. Stay tuned for more information on dates and locations. Prayerfully consider how you might support these weekends.

See Pages 4 of this Palanca Press for information on our Summer Ultreyas. These will be great opportunities to worship, connect and give input on the future of Unidos en Cristo.



## IN LOVING MEMORY

We joyfully celebrate the life and resurrection of each friend in Christ who has entered their Fifth Day:

Arthur G Link - United #3 [1982] / VDC #17 [1984]  
5th Day - January 11, 2024

If you know of a Cursillista who has entered his or her 5th Day, please use the [form on the website](#) to let the UEC Community know.. Cursillistas may have no other way of knowing that their friends in Christ have entered His presence. If you provide the name and address of family, a sympathy card will be mailed to the family.

Memorials given in memory of Cursillistas will be acknowledged in the Palanca Press, unless otherwise requested. Send memorials to: Unidos en Cristo, 5108 W. 74th St., P.O. Box 390321, Edina, MN 55439



## DATABASE INFO

Have you made a change to your email or physical address since the last Palanca Press came out? Want to stay connected? Check out the website [unidosencristo.com](http://unidosencristo.com) , click on "Update your UeC Contact Info Here!!!"



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## WEEKEND #302

"To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven " (Eccl 3:1) was the weekend verse for UeC #302. And in some ways it was new season. This was the first time for a co-led weekend. In some ways, the season seemed to be settling in as it was the 3rd time a co-ed weekend has been done. And a lot of seasons were represented in the weekenders. They ranged from 18 to 70, and we had many first time team members, and others that were seasoned pros, and yet God's grace was present for all. What didn't change was the purpose, being friend-makers and ambassadors for Jesus. We had markers stacked to the ceiling, and chickens flying across the room. We had many, many, many bathroom breaks, and a first for Sarah and I. A request for Kumbaya in the Rollo Room. In the end, it was a blessed weekend.

One other newness in season. A lift in the request for the confiscation of devices. It is no longer a thing in the sponsor or weekend letter that devices will be taken by sponsors. However that doesn't mean that devices are encouraged. As someone (Mike) who has been on call for a long time, one of the blessings of the weekend was being able to leave the phone behind. And so as we started the weekend, one of the first things we asked the weekenders and team was that if someone had a phone, they put it away, and out of sight, and enjoy the gift of a notification free weekend. And to the credit of everyone, I don't think I saw one device until after the Clausura. So as a sponsor I will probably still see if I can hold onto any weekenders' devices that I can to give them the blessing of that, but it is no longer a weekend requirement.

As Mike and I reflect on Unidos en Cristo #302, we also want to encourage the 4th Day Community to continue to uplift and support this movement. To keep growing, we need to keep sharing this gift with others. We need to continue to volunteer our time and energy to be on the team or volunteer to help out with those special moments. While Ecclesiasties 3:1 was our verse for the weekend, we also feel UeC is in a season of change and renewal. We're excited to be a part of that!

Mike and Sarah Peterson



# SUMMER ULTREYAS

## Opportunities to Connect this Summer

- Sunday, July 28 at St. Lucas Community Church in Lake Elmo
  - 3 pm event start time
- Sunday, August 4 at Riverside Park, 5th Street North, Canon Falls, MN
  - 3 pm arrival/setup
  - 4-7 event
  - 7 pm clean up
- Sunday, August 11 at Main Street Church in North Branch
  - 3 pm arrival/ setup
  - 4-7 pm event
  - 7 pm clean up

We are ALL the 4th Day Team for these Ultreyas! Come early and stay late, if possible, to help with set up and clean up.

## Ultreya Agendas:

- Worship Service
  - Music
  - Council Welcome and announcements
  - Message
  - Communion
  - Prayer
- Abrazos
- Discussion Groups - (Let your voice be heard!)
- Dinner and Fellowship (Bring a Potluck Dish to share)

Team applications and sponsor forms will be available as well as opportunities to update your contact information.

## FIND US ON FACEBOOK



Stay connected with the UEC community and see the occasional chicken meme by

joining the **Unidos en Cristo MN (Cursillo)**

Facebook group <https://www.facebook.com/groups/47612058495>

You will be asked to indicate your weekend number and location of your weekend. This saves us time in locating you in our database.



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## CURSILLO FRIENDS



Unidos en Cristo is one of literally thousands of cursillo organizations. All offer the cursillo weekend in some form. Some are denominational, some are not. Some are co-ed. Some meet in churches, some in retreat centers. They all follow the same basic cursillo method.

Unidos en Cristo is "friends" with the following cursillo organizations in Minnesota and you are encouraged to know about them and support them. We all have the same basic goal ... to provide a weekend that is an encounter with God's grace.

**Catholic Cursillo:** Found active in many of Minnesota's Catholic communities: [www.tc-cursillo.org](http://www.tc-cursillo.org).

**Charis:** Cursillo in prison. Once you've attended a cursillo weekend, you can serve on team with Charis. For more information, go to: [www.charismn.com](http://www.charismn.com).

**Teens Encounter Christ (TEC):** Sponsor a teenager (grades 10-12) to serve as an adult leader on a TEC weekend. Visit [www.unitedtec.org](http://www.unitedtec.org) (metro) or [www.southerntec.org](http://www.southerntec.org) (Southern Minnesota) for more information. There is also a Lutheran TEC.

**Via de Cristo (Minnesota):** Visit [www.mnviadecristo.org](http://www.mnviadecristo.org). Now ecumenical, this began as Minnesota Lutheran Cursillo.

**Walk to Emmaus:** Sponsored by the Upper Room, information on this ecumenical community, which began in the Methodist tradition, can be found at: [www.mnemmaus.org](http://www.mnemmaus.org).