

ABUNDANT LIFE TRES DIAS



- April Newsletter-
God Loves You and So Do We!

UPCOMING EVENTS...

SECUELA COMING SOON!!

Mark your calendars...the victory secuelas are always the best! Come connect with your new ALTD brothers and sisters of Weekend #36!

ALTD VICTORY SECUELA

Date: April 21st, 6:00-8:30pm

Location: Faith Lutheran Church
1305 Blackhawk Blvd. South Beloit, IL

Pescadores from weekend #36 will be introduced and welcomed into the Abundant Life Tres Dias community.

**Sponsors- bring your Pescadores!
Tables- come and reunite!**

This is a community pot-bless supper- please bring a dish to share - hot, cold, salad, bread, desserts. Beverages and tableware provided.

**Meal time 6-7pm
Secuela 7:15-8:30pm**

Worship music by Steve Weber. Fourth day talk from participants of Weekend #36: Chris & Tina Fant and Craig Miller. Community prayer, message, and communion will follow.

Children are welcome, but childcare is not provided- parents will need to supervise their children. See you there!

OTHER UPCOMING ALTD OPPORTUNITIES

ALTD Weekend #37 comes this fall!!

Upcoming Men's Weekends:
#37- October 26-29, 2017
#38- March 15-18, 2018

Upcoming Women's Weekends:
#37: November 2-5, 2017
#38- March 22-25, 2018

Upcoming Dates for ALTD Supported Events

Men's Kairos Inside #21: April 20-23rd 2017, Stateville Correctional

Women's Kairos Outside #2 Eastern WI Chapter Weekend: May 5-7th 2017

May 25-28 Men's Credo Weekend #25, Salvation Army, Rockford

June 22-25 25-28 Women's Credo Weekend #14, Salvation Army, Rockford

One huge way to be a mighty prayer warrior is to sign up for their prayer scroll!

Look for the Abundant Life Tres Dias and other three day community prayer scrolls here:

<http://www.3dayol.org>

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ALTD Men's Weekend #37

This might be another ALTD first. David May might have finished his position as head cha, but God isn't finished with Him yet!

While he was still organizing Weekend #36, David May accepted the call from Secretariat to be the Rector for Weekend #37. Woo Hoo!



(Amy & David May at the movies)

Now that's a man filled with the strength of the Lord! We are looking forward to the mighty work that God is once again going to do through you and your team.



ALTD Women's Weekend #37

Congratulations to our dear friend, Marlene Reimer, who has accepted the position of Rectora for Weekend #37. She is excited to begin the process of watching the Lord's plan unfold, as He directs her to who He has already called to Weekend #37.

(It's just too bad she doesn't have any pictures of herself on social media for me to use in my newsletter!)

May both our newest Rector and Rectora be blessed and encouraged by these words from Isaiah as they begin the process of forming their teams.

Isaiah 40:29-31

"He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint."

Remember it is never too early to start asking participants to attend!

We also need community to sign up online for our prayer scrolls for weekend #37!!

<http://www.3dayol.org>

Would you be interested in being a ALTD Prayer Warrior? We'd love to have you. Please send an e-mail to tresdiascommunication@gmail.com to be added to our Prayer Warrior list.

ALTD Banner Receives a facelift...

ALTD expresses its sincere thanks to the women who made an updated banner for the team photo.

We love that it has the ALTD cross on it. Our community rocks!!



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Update From ALTD Lay Director Karen Weis...

Several Board Positions Open
Has Abundant Life Tres Dias touched your life in such a positive way that you would be willing to contribute your time and talent in service to our community?

This Christian Community is only as strong as its Board. As we learn on our weekends, we are ALL Christian leaders. The Apostle Paul tells us "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that **your toil is not in vain in the Lord** (1 Corinthians 15:58).

We have several positions open on the Abundant Life Board that need your prayerful consideration.

There are two three-year terms (June 2017 – June 2020):

Weekend Chair (we thank Bob and Kathy McGregor for their faithful service), and **Palanca Chair** (we thank Dan and Judy Piecha for their faithful service).

We have a two-year unexpired term (2017-2019) for Post-Weekend Chair (oversee Secuelas and Clausura).

Pastor Gretchen Hammeke has graciously agreed to serve one

more year as our Community Spiritual Director. The position of Secretary has already received the self-nomination of Jessi Panyk, and we thank her for volunteering to serve in this capacity.

A nominating committee headed up by Helen Meier will be meeting at the end of April to nominate people to be invited to serve, and I will be calling the nominees to ask them to prayerfully consider serving. We welcome self-nominations and nominations from our community. Couples may serve together, or positions may be filled by a Reunion Group (Weekend, Post-Weekend, Palanca). Secretariat meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month from 7:00 – 9:00 pm, at Westminster Church in Rockford.

Please prayerfully consider serving. The couples who have served us so faithfully have shared that they felt called by God to give their service. If you would like further information on the specific duties and commitment involved, please contact me.

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RESULTS OF ALTD SURVEY & MEMBER UPDATE

The secretariat of ALTD conducted a survey of all its members to assist in strategic planning, communication and member engagement. We heard from many of you (22) with ideas to make ALTD a stronger, more vibrant Tres Dias Community.

Rating the impact of their Tres Dias Weekend (from 1 being none/negative to 10 being positive impact), the average was 9.57. There was no ranking below 7.

Almost 60% said their church involvement increased as a result of their weekend, and 40% said it was about the same. Zero persons decreased their church involvement.

Being active in Christian small groups (share groups, Reunion Groups, Bible Studies) was cited by 86%. Only 14% were not involved in some type of small accountability group.

Some of the comments about their spiritual walk with Christ being different now than it was before they made their weekend may encourage you in your walk with Christ:

- My life is deeper and more connected to Christ and his saving grace. I wake up and live in gratitude and thanks more often, and

pray in a much deeper way.

- Serving the Lord in more ways than before...studying more...recognizing and turning from sin...
- I was a "newbie" Christian and between my Candidate weekend and working my 1st Team, Tres Dias was a MAJOR factor that locked-in my faith and changed the course of my life. I went from little/no faith to 15 years of involvement and service within my church and community.
- Revitalized. Fairly good on daily devotionals, currently trying to finish a read-through-the-bible plan. Continued involvement very beneficial (serving on weekends, reunion groups, Secretariat).
- I'm more aware of shining God's light in this dark world, being conscience of other's hurts and feeling. Bible study, on my own or in a group is the most encouraging part of my life. I serve often in our church and strive to be a godly example in the workplace.
- More at ease expressing the importance of my faith to others

- So much more aware of my own walk and encouraged to have a deeper relationship with Christ. Also grew in confidence and have been blessed to have opportunities to serve in Christ's name, both at ALTD weekends and in my community.
- At this time, I'm an involved with my Church, in 4 reunion groups. I find time each day to study Gods word. I'm letting him lead the way. I can see so many great things more than ever that are going on in and around my life!
- We both read the Bible or devotions daily and try to put God first in all we do.
- I became more aware of how Gods Spirit fills me and overflows. I have gone on to begin a special needs ministry and currently teach a Sunday School class of kids with special needs. My studying of God's word went from something I did now and then and at church to a daily, intimately personal experience.
- I am focused on Christ. I have learned to use the leadership skills I was taught to enhance the kingdom of God. I have

been blessed with spiritual gifts I had no idea I had and I also use them to bring closer to the kingdom.

- My Faith in Him has increased! I strive to live out my life for Him by daily trying to do some devotions and Bible reading, meditating on the Word of God and Prayer!! I strive to be a Friend and be there when a Friend needs me!!

What ALTD can do better to support our community:

- Make weekend fees more affordable
- Keep people connected and involved after their weekend
- Do a better job of communication with our community

We thank the respondents and will continue to offer various feedback opportunities.



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Facebook Search:
Abundant Life Tres Dias of Rockford, IL



www.rockfordaltd.webs.com

2017 Tres Dias Weekend Events

Put These 2017 Secuela Dates on Your Calendar!!

April 21st-Victory Secuela, 6:00pm

June 17th-Annual Picnic & Business Meeting

September 9th - Secuela & Essentials Training @ 6pm

December 1st - Christmas Victory Secuela, 6pm @ Westminster Presbyterian Church

ALTD Men's Weekend #37: Oct 26-29th 2017

ALTD Women's Weekend #37: Nov 2-5th 2017

You are invited to join us for any of the community events listed below. The weekends are being held at The Inspiration Ministries Retreat Center N 2270 WI-67, Walworth, WI 53184

Send off begins Thursday around 7:15pm

Candidates and sponsors arrive ahead of time.

Sponsors pray over candidate crosses in lower level afterward.

Serenade meets in the lower level Saturday around 6:15pm

Closura ends the weekend on Sunday around 4:15pm

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