

***"For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves." ( Luke 22:27)***

Have you lately found yourself becoming spiritually numb? Are you interested in further deepening your walk with Christ? If you're ready for a Holy Spirit awakening, then we invite you to participate in a Cursillo weekend.

What is Cursillo? Cursillo means "A short course" and literally is a "short course in Christianity" or a "short course in Christian Living." It is a three day, intensive study and experience of how to better live your life as a Christian.

**Lutheran Cursillo of S Arizona is holding another set of weekends in February and March 2023. Dead-line for commitment is this Week! Please contact Pastor today!**

**Mens: February 23-26**

**Women's: March – 2-5**

Cursillo uses Lutheran Theology and is led by Lutheran Clergy. You must be an active member at a Lutheran church to attend. For more information, please contact Pastor Tony.

Cursillo began in Majorca, Spain (which is why many of the words that you will encounter are Spanish) in the Roman Catholic Church. If you are married, both spouses should attend on the same pair of weekends. Guys one weekend, the women the next. Weekends are held at a Catholic retreat. Up to about 30 people can attend a weekend, with another 30 on the leadership team.

The Cursillo Movement consists of proclaiming the best news of the best reality: that God, in Christ, loves us. Communicated by the best means, which is friendship towards the best of each one, which is his being person and his capacity of Conviction, Decision, and Constancy. During the weekend, you will hear 15 talks and 5 meditations, there will be communion each day, and there will be plenty of good food, fellowship, singing (praise type music) and fun.

There is no cost involved in attending a Cursillo. The weekend is a gift to you from the community of those who have attended previously and those who are working on the team. A sponsor takes care of getting you there and bringing you home, as well as providing you with applications for the weekend. There is also a weekend for teenagers too and it is a great tool for the youth to learn more about what it means to be a disciple of Christ.

Preparations for the weekend begin MONTHS before the actual weekend and from the time you register YOU are already being prayed for and special arrangements are being made JUST FOR YOU so that your weekend will be filled with the knowledge of how much you are loved and cared for as a disciple of Christ.

The weekend is time where you will feel served. You will not be asked to perform any acts of service. The only thing that is asked of you is that you listen and pray. Yes, there is a lot of sitting time to listen. The talks can be summarized in the visual image of a 3 legged stool.

Schedule driven, but not announced... time is in God's time – Kyros NOT “chronos”

The event begins on Thursday – dinner / drive / check in / chapel

Friday – chapel / three short talks / and a special service in the evening which includes footwashing as a sign of servanthood.

Saturday – chapel / more talks and meditations / extra time to pray / group activity

Sunday – Morning greeted with special friends from around the Cursillo community /

The last series of small talks / chapel / and a summary course of reflection. The weekend ends with a formal Chapel service where all the participants will receive a cross.

Now the Cursillo movement is not completed on Sunday evening. It continues in small groups throughout the community at certain times. There are also large get togethers called Ultrayas where you can get together with others who have participated in Cursillo in past weekends and share some life experiences with them.

In conclusion: this ministry tool is more than simple congregational leadership training... it is discipleship training that is to be used not only here at church but in the community and in your life as a disciple where those who want to be first must be the very last and the servant of all. AMEN

Peace,

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