



# **LUTHERAN CURSILLO**

## **OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**

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*"You did not choose me, but I chose  
you, and appointed you, that you  
should go and bear fruit."*

*John 15:16*

**BUILDING LEADERS IN  
THE LUTHERAN CHURCH**

# GET TO KNOW CURSILLO

## WHAT IS CURSILLO

Cursillo is a Spanish word meaning "a short course" and thus Lutheran Cursillo is literally a "short course in Christian Living". It is a highly structured, three-day intensive experience in living a deeper Christian life, and is designed to help Lutheran churches equip their lay leaders for a more rewarding and active role within their home church. The weekend is centered around 15 talks (5 each day), given by both pastors and laypersons, all of whom are part of a team who have attended a previous Cursillo weekend. Meals, on-site sleeping accommodations, and lively entertainment are all included in an open and welcoming atmosphere.

## WHAT UNITES US

- Faith in Jesus and His Grace
- Common Lutheran Heritage
- Desire to build leaders for the local Lutheran Church

## WHY ATTEND CURSILLO

Lutheran Cursillo provides a rich and intimate space to encounter the overwhelming grace of God. It is uniquely designed to remove many of life's daily distractions that prevent us from fully experiencing the love and connection we long for with our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Walking with the Holy Spirit through the Cursillo pilgrimage strengthens the faith, redirects the mind, and renews the heart of the pilgrim. It also builds deep and lasting friendships with other local Lutherans, combating the isolation and anxiety that often become obstacles to discipleship in today's world.

## WHO SHOULD ATTEND A CURSILLO

Any member of a Lutheran Church in good standing with their community is welcome to attend Lutheran Cursillo. Back-to-back weekends are held separately for men and women. Spouses are encouraged to attend the same set of weekends if possible to share the experience together.

## HOW MUCH DOES CURSILLO COST

Lutheran Cursillo of Southern California is fully supported by volunteers in the Cursillo community and as such, is completely free for new guests to attend.

