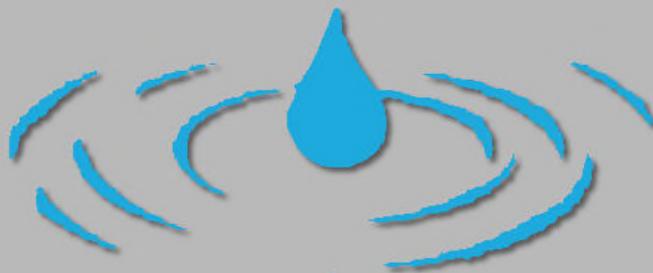


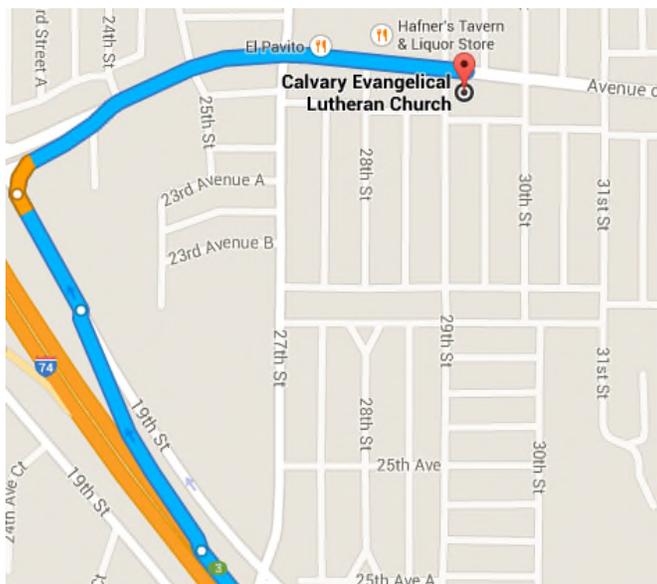
# Via de Cristo

Come to the  
Living Water



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Saturday, June 6, 2015

5:30 p.m.

## Calvary Lutheran Church

2900 Avenue of the Cities

Moline, IL 61356

309-762-5423

Individuals and couples bring one dish to pass; families please bring two. Coffee, water and ice are provided by the host church, but any other drinks will need to be brought by the community. Babysitting will be available for children up to five.



Directions:

From 74 take exit 3 for Avenue of the Cities. Merge on to 19<sup>th</sup> Street. Turn right on to 23<sup>rd</sup> Avenue/Avenue of the Cities. Calvary Lutheran is on the right.



## From the Lay Director

From the Lay Director --  
Greetings!

Regarding the Rediscover and Recommit VDC workshop coming soon, Living Water VDC conducted a Rediscover and Recommit VDC workshop back in August 2013. The workshop material from the National Secretariat has been updated, so it is appropriate to offer this workshop again. The workshop is for everyone in the community. This workshop will be held on May 2, 2015 at St Matthew's Lutheran Church in Princeton, IL, starting at 10:00 am. Please consider attending, and send me an RSVP (gregjohnson575@gmail.com) so I know how many workbooks to have available. (There is more info about this workshop in the R&R invitation that was emailed recently.)

The plans for hosting the 2015 National Secretariat and delegates are progressing nicely. Information about this event will continue to be communicated by Pam and Gary Gross. Several volunteers will be needed during the gathering, which is July 23-26, 2015 at Augustana College in Rock Island, IL. Please plan to attend or help out at this event.

This fall, Living Water Via de Cristo will hold a coed weekend at Camp Menno Haven. Mixed Weekend #52 is set for October 29th through November 1st, 2015. Weekend #52 will be led by Clyde and Barbee Wray. Please keep them in your prayers as they have already embarked on this exciting journey. If you are interested in serving on Weekend #52, please fill out an application, which you can find on Living Water's website.

We are continually looking for donations which we use to provide scholarships to team members and candidates, as needed, and also for Living Water's fixed costs. An easy way to make donations is through the 'Donate' button on our website. All donations are greatly appreciated.

Another method of providing funds to LWVDC the last couple of years has been the Birdies for Charity program, as part of the John Deere Classic golf tournament. We will do this again this year. There is also a chance to win a car and other prizes. More information will be provided in June. This is another way which helps us to provide Weekend costs at reasonable rates, and scholarships as needed.

Thanks.  
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Greg Johnson  
Lay Director, LWVDC

# From Spiritual Director

## Spiritual Director's Report

*And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing.*

*1 Corinthians 13:2*

One of the requirements to be an ordained Lutheran pastor is to complete 400 hours of CPE, short for Clinical Pastoral Education, which is training in being a chaplain. But there is more to it than just that. I did my 13 weeks CPE at BroMenn Hospital in Bloomington, IL with 3 other pastors and a Roman Catholic deacon. 2 of the pastors were former musicians who were used to being in front of people and enjoyed the limelight. They were quick with their thoughts and quick to share those thoughts boldly. The other pastor and the deacon were less likely to take the limelight and were more apt to want to think and to complete a well thought out answer before speaking. The result is that the 2 more open pastors were the one's always giving input and the 2 others never shared their thoughts. Myself, for most of my life I was in the first group, ready to raise my hand and ready to immediately share every answer I knew and every opinion that I had. Years ago a mentor cautioned me that by blurting out I was not allowing those who were less open to give input. Not only did that give the appearance that I didn't value them and their thoughts and opinions, it robbed me and the other members of the group of the wisdom that these people had, but because of my (and other's) quickness of tongue, they were unable to share. Everyone suffers. Since that time I try, though not always successfully-I am not perfect, to let there be a silent pause, sometimes an excruciatingly long pause for me, and allow those who wish to develop a thought more fully before speaking, time to do that. In that way we all benefit; all member's opinions are valued and we all learn from each other. I brought that up to the CPE supervisor at one of our private conferences and she encouraged me, if I felt that way, to speak up at the next group session, to take a chance in order to improve learning. I did, and it brought about a profound change in the group's sharing.

So next time you are at a Bible Study, a Church Council or Committee meeting, or maybe next time you are a participant in a dialogue sermon-if you are quick of thought or tongue, take time to pause, to listen and to allow others to speak. You may learn something new because we seldom learn new things when we are speaking, only when we are listening to others. And if you are one who is somewhat shy, or one who likes to develop a thought more fully before speaking, take a chance and speak up. Say, "This thought isn't fully developed, but here goes..." The group needs your input, your thoughts, your wisdom.

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

God loves you and so do I.

Pastor Gene Vincent, First Lutheran, Ohio, IL  
Spiritual Director, Living Waters VdC  
LWVdC #18

## From the Rector and Rectora

De Colores!

“I saw the Lord always before me, for He is at my right hand that I may not be shaken.” Acts 2:25

We have had so many kind words expressed to us, much encouragement, and even gentle suggestions have touched our hearts as this community looks forward to the Fall Weekend as much as we do. Thank you.

The thought of what we are responsible for is a bit overwhelming, but by God’s grace, our faith lets us look toward this journey with excitement, humility, and joy. We remember through scripture God promises to be by our side, never forsaking or leaving us, and we depend on His grace for His guidance for the choices to be made in creating a team of service for the Mixed Fall Weekend #52.

Recently a devotion (Jesus speaking) gave comfort and promise as we begin this journey: “I pour my light into you and do not leave you. I love when you step toward Me to realize [My good plans for you]. There is [conflict] along the way – and distraction too. But I keep walking ahead, and I reach out My hand. I do not abandon you. [I will] clear the path in the midst of difficulty and sometimes rocky roads. My voice in you, these whispers to your heart, My words a blade of truth, [they] swipe away uncertainty and doubt.

**Faith is not knowing the details of what the future holds, but trusting Me to be with you in it.” From Loop (email devotions) – “I Do Not Leave” – Gather Ministries 2015**

His promise to “whisper to our hearts” gives us confidence as we start the lists of names to fill positions; we know God will place His sons and daughters exactly where He needs them to be for the candidates He will be sending to us to serve.

Conflict and distraction are a part of every day life, but are swept away by your faithful prayers. Your prayers – they are so important, and we ask you to continue praying from now through the Weekend #52 for us, for the team, and for the candidates that will be coming.

Our first training session as Rector/a and Head Cha will be Wednesday evening, April 29<sup>th</sup>. Please pray for us as we meet with Secretariat - prayers for open minds, for understanding hearts ..... and for names.

Please consider serving on team, either as cha or a much-needed prayer warrior. If you have not already contacted us and wish to serve, please email us ([BarbeeSW@hotmail.com](mailto:BarbeeSW@hotmail.com)), or fill out and mail an application. Applications are available on the website: [www.livingwaterviadechristo.org](http://www.livingwaterviadechristo.org). (Candidate applications are available, too.)

God’s blessings! He loves you, and we do, too.

Clyde & Barbee Wray and Charlotte Gustafson  
Living Water Weekends #13  
Rector/a and Head Cha – Fall Weekend #52

# From Palanca

Dear Brothers and Sisters of Living Water VdC,

Thank you again for your prayers for both Men's and Women's Weekend #51. You people amaze me so much. I feel very blessed to be part of Living Water. Sponsors please guide your candidates to your reunion group. Help them to continue to glow on their fourth day.

As I continue to check my gmail for Living Water, I was asked by other movements for prayers for their weekends. Below is a list of Dated Weekend for prayers. Reach out to others. It's great to take care close to home but it should not stop there. May God bless your heart to pray for others they are asking.

**Southeast Florida** May 28-31

**Pugsley Correction Facility #27** May 14-17

**Diocese of Calgary (Anglican) Cursillo community**

**Women's Cursillo** April 30-May 3

**Women's Walk to Emmaus** June 4-7

**Men's Great Banquet** June 5-7

**Boy's Awakening #23**

**In Decatur, Ill** June 5-7

**Men's Prison Great Banquet**

**In Decatur, Ill** June 5-7

**Girls Awakening #24**

**In Decatur, Ill** June 12-14

**Men's Unidos en Cristo #273** June 18-21

**Women's Unidos en Cristo #274** June 25-28

The last two are Hispanic but you don't need to pray in Spanish

Dios te ama y yo tambien

Elaine (Elana) Gauden

Palanca Chair



# Volunteer Registration Form

## National Via de Cristo Gathering 2015

Thursday, July 23 through Sunday July 26, 2015

Augustana College, Rock Island, Illinois 61201

Hosted by Living Water Via de Cristo

"...everyone who thirsts, come to the waters." Isaiah 55:1

One form for each person volunteering. **\*\*PLEASE PRINT\*\***

Name <i>First</i>	<i>Last</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	Name for Nametag
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Address	City, State, Zip
Home phone	Cell Phone
E-mail Address	Home Secretariat

What days and times will you be available to serve for the 2015 NLSAG?

<input type="checkbox"/> Thursday 7/23	<input type="checkbox"/> Morning	<input type="checkbox"/> Afternoon	<input type="checkbox"/> Evening	<input type="checkbox"/> Late evening
<input type="checkbox"/> Friday 7/24	<input type="checkbox"/> Morning	<input type="checkbox"/> Afternoon	<input type="checkbox"/> Evening	<input type="checkbox"/> Late evening
<input type="checkbox"/> Saturday 7/25	<input type="checkbox"/> Morning	<input type="checkbox"/> Afternoon	<input type="checkbox"/> Evening	<input type="checkbox"/> Late evening
<input type="checkbox"/> Sunday 7/26	<input type="checkbox"/> Morning	<input type="checkbox"/> Afternoon	<input type="checkbox"/> Evening	

In what area(s) would you like to volunteer?

<input type="checkbox"/> Worship	<input type="checkbox"/> Hospitality	<input type="checkbox"/> Palanca	<input type="checkbox"/> Office/Newsletter	<input type="checkbox"/> Anywhere needed
<input type="checkbox"/> Registration	<input type="checkbox"/> Dorm	<input type="checkbox"/> Technology	<input type="checkbox"/> Music	<input type="checkbox"/> Prayer Chapel
<input type="checkbox"/> Video recording	<input type="checkbox"/> Transportation	<input type="checkbox"/> Greeter	<input type="checkbox"/> Set Up	<input type="checkbox"/> Clean Up

Are there any restrictions on your volunteer duties? \_\_\_\_\_

We will have no set "team meetings," but certain departments might meet before the event to coordinate their activities. There will be a place for volunteers to check in and be briefed on what the duties will be for that day. You may be assigned to more than one area if you volunteer for a full day. If you are staying on campus for the full event, please complete a standard registration form and send payment to Twyla Lingard, as directed. Please check "Lay Visitor" and write in "Volunteer."

Day volunteers will be charged for any meals eaten in Augie Dinning Hall. We will need a count of these meals three weeks before the event. If you want to eat with the group, we will send out a form to you in early June. At that time, you can decide what meals you would like and send in a check for the meals selected. Meals are served buffet style, with beverages. Fast-food places are available within a mile of the campus, plus there will be an area for volunteers to eat food brought on campus.

Breakfast \$ 7.00

Lunch \$ 10.00

Dinner \$ 13.00

Mail completed Volunteer Form to:	Pam Gross 3810 32 Ave. Moline, IL 61265
E-mail: gdgross144@gmail.com	Phone: (309) 797-5561

## Find a Reunion Group

### **Sisters In Faith**

Meets 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Mondays at 5pm contact:

Debbie Case – Group contact and organizer 309-787-4895

### **Lazarus Reunion Group**

Meets every Monday at St. John's Lutheran Church in East Moline at 6:00pm

Duane Little – Group Contact and Organizer 563-349-6814

**Calvary Lutheran Church**, 2900 Ave of the Cities, Moline on Tuesdays at 6:30pm

Greg Johnson Group Contact 309-236-3394

**Perry Memorial Hospital Chapel** - Two groups

Womens at 4pm on Mondays contact Dianne

Men's at 7pm Mondays contact Jim

**Hyvee Rock Island Cafeteria** - Fridays at 7:00 am

Bob Frank, Dennis Miller, Gary Allen, Myron Yoeckel, Dan Tollerud, Doug Hoffman, Pr. Randy Willers

**McDonalds** - Ave of the Cities Moline on Wednesday at 12:30 Luncheon

Barb Geerts 563-940-4933 Group Contacting

**Calvary Lutheran Church** - 2900 Ave of the Cities Moline- Ladies Group

Saturdays at 7:00 am

Pam Gross 309-797-5561

**Grieff's Auto Tech** - Princeton IL- Thursdays at Noon

Greg Grieff, Phil Kaufmann, Tom Nelson

**LALIC Group** - Meeting fluctuate

Jim and Stacy Whitten 1-815-894-9315

Others to contact for group information

Tim Oloffson- 815-303-1725- Big Apple Resturant in Princeton on Wednesday at 8:00am

Linda Berry - 815-878-9567- St. Matthews in Princeton on Mondays at 6:30pm

Kim Bush- 309-714-0085- Panera Bread in Moline on Wednesdays at 5:00pm

Linda Storm- 309-944-3317- Barneys in Geneseo on Thursday at noon

Victoria Manor in Geneseo on Tuesday at 8:15 am

Jeff Whalen - 815-674-7722- St. John's Lutheran in Peru Wednesday at 5:30pm

Mike Goer- 309-231-4221- Evangelical Covenant in Princeton Tuesday at 6:30pm

John Verworn- 309-441-6585- Township Hall on Wolf Rd Geneseo, Thursday at 6:30am

Carol Ploch- 815-202-3338- St. John's Lutheran in Peru Tuesday at 9:00 am

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