

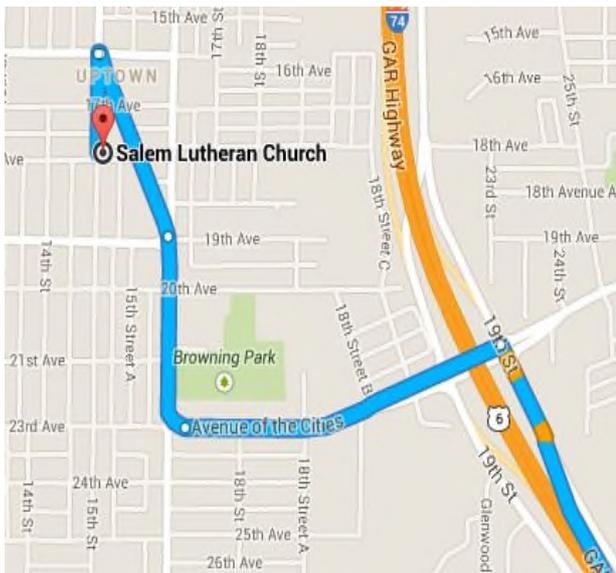
# Via de Cristo

Come to the  
Living Water



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Saturday, August 1st, 2015

## Immanuel Lutheran Church

5:30 p.m.

Pastor Frank Langholf

1013 Franklin Grove Rd,

Dixon, IL 61021

815-284-2804

Continuing Education: 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Worship with Congregation: 5:30 p.m.

Meal and 4th Day Talk Following Worship.

Offerings given in worship support Immanuel Lutheran Church. A basket will be available at the meal if you would like to support the VDC movement.

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 I-88, take the State Route 26 exit. Turn onto IL-26 N/S Galena Ave, you will stay on this for 1.2 miles. Turn right onto E 7th St. Continue to follow Autopista Lincoln. Use the left 2 lanes to turn slightly left onto IL-38 E/Franklin Grove Rd, you will be on this road for 1.9 miles. Immanuel Lutheran Church will be on the left.



## From the Lay Director

Greetings, for my final time.

The annual meeting of Living Water was held at the Ultreya on June 6th. After opening remarks were made, the activities, events, and accomplishments of the past year were mentioned. Then, the main part of the annual meeting began -- the election of new secretariat board members. Here are the results:

(completing a 2-year term and re-elected for a second 2-year term)

Pre-Weekend -- Clyde and Barbee Wray

Communications -- Adam and Amanda McMillin

Spiritual director -- Pastor Gene Vincent

(beginning their first term)

Leaders -- Jeff Whalen (moving from Treasurer position)

Treasurer -- Betty Fisher (completing Jeff Whalen's term)

Lay Director -- Bob Groene

(those with one more year of their service commitment remaining)

Assistant Lay Directors -- Tim and Carol Ploch

Palanca -- Elaine Gauden

Secretary - Nyla Krabbenhoft

Weekend -- Jim Whitten

Post Weekend -- Kate Webster

Kitchen -- Mike and Lori Turner

(Thanks to those completing their term and leaving the secretariat)

Leaders -- Clark Stojan (who has actually served 2 terms)

Lay Director -- Greg Johnson

Thanks for a great two years. I appreciated the opportunity to serve Living Water. It has been very rewarding working with the members of the secretariat and attending and participating in the VdC events. Please continue to support the secretariat with your prayers and involvement.

Until the next event . . .

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Greg Johnson

## From Spiritual Director

### Spiritual Director's Report

As we study God's Word and learn about God's self-revealing to us in Scripture, we can and do draw closer to God, to learn a little about more about the Almighty. This is a good thing. But those who know me know that one of my favorite sayings is, "we take God's blessings and turn them into curses." In our sinfulness we sometimes become pumped up and inflated with our knowledge of Scripture, elevating ourselves in our own eyes above others who have less knowledge. So rather than attracting others to follow us in seeking God's grace, we turn them off. I ran across a devotion this morning that speaks to that.

*Naturally everybody desires knowledge, but what use is it without a sense of the mystery of God? A humble peasant who serves God is more pleasing to God than a conceited intellectual who knows the course of the stars but ignores the things of the spirit. Those with a self-knowledge realize their own worthlessness, and do not enjoy public approbation (approval)...A realistic and humble attitude is the highest and most valuable thing we can learn... From "The Imitation of Christ", Thomas A Kempis, p. 7, Translated by Robert Jeffery, Penguin Books, LTD, 2013.*

This is a devotional attributed to Thomas A Kempis (1380-14710, a Jesuit Monk. His point in this devotional speaks to me of not only the 13<sup>th</sup> Chapter in 1 Corinthians, but also of Philippians 2:3-11, imitating Christ's humility. As a friend of mine from Taste of Grace VdC told me once, something his young daughter told him- "Look it up!!" Yes look it up and find that looking out for the interest of others, of emptying ourselves of our own false ambitions and our own sense of wanting to be recognized for our works, this is the way to imitate Christ. The knowledge we gain is best used for others, not for ourselves.

Pastor Gene Vincent  
LW VdC Spiritual Director.

## From the Rector and Rectora

*“And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose. And those He predestined, He also called; those He called, He also justified; those He justified, He also glorified.”* Romans 8:28, 30

De Colores!

Summer is here and God showers us with His blessings in pallets of color – the different greens of the leaves on trees and shades of grass, flowers bursting open in hues to dazzle and tempt you to closer inspection, butterflies flit and flutter, drawing our eyes to follow. God gifts us with the season of time and celebrations with our friends and family. Memorial Day, Father’s Day, and the 4<sup>th</sup> of July bring out grilled hamburgers and hot dogs, popsicles, ice cream cones, fireworks, fishing, baseball games, picnics, and vacations. Our hearts delight in this abundance of grace, and we can’t help but smile for the joy we receive in what He spreads before us.

His grace is abundant. He has given us lists of names of willing servants to choose for Mixed Fall Weekend #52. We have confirmed most of our Rollistas and Head Chas; Charlotte and we will begin to call for your servant’s heart in the next week or two, filling the team with the much-needed chas. If you haven’t yet, and you wish to serve on team as a cha OR a prayer warrior, contact us now by email, FB message, or text (contact info listed below).

Team Meeting Dates and Locations:

>August 29 – First Lutheran Church in Geneseo, IL

>September 19 – Calvary Lutheran Church in Moline, IL

>October 2-3 – Overnight – St. Matthews Church in Princeton, IL (men will be sleeping at Hampshire Colony Church)

>October 17 – Hampshire Colony Church in Princeton, IL

As you pray for Team #52, include prayers for our Rollistas as they begin thinking about and/or preparing their rollos. As soon as the team is completed, we will put the list on this website for your continued personal prayers for these servants.

Community, now is the time to pray, to begin listening to God, to hear the name of the person He has put on your heart and in your thoughts when you think of Via de Cristo, and to begin a discussion with your candidate.

Members of the team are continually bringing candidates to the weekend they are serving, and are so blessed to be a part of this transforming weekend with them; but Weekend #51 was filled with candidates sponsored *only* by team members. God blesses us in that all things work out for His glory, but when we are serving on team AND sponsoring a candidate, it can be distracting and stressful to serve both important roles.

We encourage *ALL* of our VdC community to pray for and ask fellow Christians to attend Via de Cristo.

PRAY >>> LISTEN >>> PRAY >>> ASK >>> Pray.

Have you asked your Pastor to attend? Pastor Gene will gladly discuss the weekend with them if they have questions. Have you asked your Sunday School teachers, or your Bible Study group? Have you asked your best friend, your brother, your Mom? Have you asked your co-workers? If you need information, there is a pamphlet you can print off (click “about us”) to give to your candidate, or ask Pastor Gene or any member of Secretariat to call them (numbers for all are listed on the home page). Applications to email or to print-off for candidates are on this website.

Please continue praying for Charlotte and us, and for each other as we continue to make our calls to you to complete Team #52. Your prayers are so very important; they give us the encouragement we depend on to stay focused on the path God has laid before us.

Enjoy your summer. Bask in His blessings. Live...laugh....love. We will see you in August!

God loves you; we do too.

Clyde and Barbee Wray 312-757-1229 630-672-3209 BarbeeSW@hotmail.com

Charlotte Gustafson

Living Water Weekends #13

Rector/ a and Head Cha for Weekend #52

## From Palanca

Hi everyone,

Am starting to think that with all this rain we must be living in the biblical time. I've been looking for Noah. If anything, his boat. Then I realize that am really looking for Jesus and when I hurt spiritually it's because my eyes was not focus on Him. Remember the story of Peter and the disciples when they were in the boat on that storming night and they thought they saw a ghost? I just finish a bible study about "If you want to walk on water, you got to get out of the boat. I sometimes have to remember that and to place my eyes deeply on the Holy Spirit.

I know it's hard to take that leap of faith. We get to comfortable when things are right or perfect. Especially now that school is out and warm weather/humidity is clouding our minds. But that's when I/we need to be more aware of the negative feelings when things seems to comfortable.

Please remember or take a quick look at your green card and ask yourself, "How much am I walking on water"?

I like personally like to say and write a BIG Thank You to Greg Johnson for his great service as a Lay Leader. Even though I service one year with him, I feel a great loss. I'll be praying for you Greg for your next great adventure. May our Lord rain His great blessings upon you and your family.

I send a notice to the community last week about National Lutheran VdC gathering in July 23-26. We are asking for prayers for that weekend. It's under 2015 National Lutheran VdC. But I forgot to give you all the website.

[www.3dayol.org](http://www.3dayol.org)

May your summer be wonderful and safe. God Bless to you all.

Por que

Dios te ama y yo tambien

Because

God Loves You and So Do I

Elaine (Elana) Gauden #40

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

<p>Mail completed Volunteer Form to:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Pam Gross 3810 32 Ave. Moline, IL 61265</p> <p>E-mail: <a href="mailto:gdgross144@gmail.com">gdgross144@gmail.com</a> Phone: (309) 797-5561</p>
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## 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

**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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