

# Via de Cristo

Come to the  
Living Water



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5:30 p.m.

## Prince of Peace Lutheran Church

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We encourage those who will have participated in the first team training for Weekend # 53 to stick around as our Living Water Community joins for fellowship and worship.

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 will need to be brought by the community. Babysitting will be available for children up to five.

### Directions:

From Interstate 80, take exit 295A to merge onto US-61 S toward Brady St. Continue straight onto US-61 S for 1.4 miles. You will turn right onto E 53rd St and the church will be on your left



## From the Lay Director

From the Acting Lay Director --

Greetings and Happy New Year! After we have just recently celebrated Christ's birth, we look forward to the many ways we can serve Him in 2016.

After a great Mixed Weekend #52 in November, the planning for Men's and Women's Weekends #53 is well underway, and the team selection process is about complete. Please keep Rectora Jan Morse and Rector Mike Turner in your prayers as they prepare to lead the Weekends in April. More information will be provided by Jan and Mike.

Please remember to support the recent candidates in any way you can, such as helping them to find reunion groups, inviting them to Ultreyas, encouraging them to work on teams, and keeping them in your prayers. The role of a sponsor does not end at the Clausura! Also, there is a list of current reunion groups in previous newsletters.

Please continue to keep the Groene's in your prayers, as Cindy is going through chemotherapy and Bob is providing much-needed support. I have been asked to help out a bit with the Secretariat board, and I feel privileged to do so.

As always, please contact me, or any Secretariat member, with any questions or comments.

Thanks.

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Greg Johnson

Acting Lay Director, LWVDC

# From Spiritual Director

## SPIRITUAL DIRECTORS REPORT

Last month I helped a woman to make a move to a different rental for her safety and for the safety of her four children. On her way to meet with me she called to tell me she crashed her car. What a piling on of unfortunate events! I picked her up at her insurance agent's office and drove to the home rental office 30 minutes away. During that time her phone "buzzed" with a notification of some sort (email, Facebook, text, phone call) at least a dozen times. While she was filling out paper work for the rental, her phone "buzzed" at least a dozen more times. She did not reply to most of these "notifications", but she still looked at them, who they were from and what they were about. I asked her if she knew what Psalm 46:10 said. She said that she read the Bible often, but didn't know that particular one. I told her it says "Be still, and know that I am God" and suggested that with 4 kids, 2 jobs and 10,000 (my exaggeration) Facebook friends, that she take some time, even 20 minutes, to sit still, unplug from the world and plug into God. She said that she read the Bible over her lunch hour sometimes. But that is not what I meant-I wanted her to just slow her mind and thoughts down for just a few minutes, to let her mind, body and spirit rest. I don't hold much hope that she will be doing that.

Paul Baker gave a nice presentation as a "4<sup>th</sup> Day Talk" at the December Ultreya, reviewing the Spiritual Growth Card, aka "green card". One of the items in Piety is "Spiritual Direction"; it doesn't necessarily mean "Look Up", though that is a good directing to look for help. It means meeting with someone, a Spiritual Director, who can help assess your spiritual walk and lead you to books and practices that can help you to grow "Closer to Christ". Often this person can be trained in helping others in spiritual growth. But others come by it "supernaturally" by way of an indwelling and a filling of the Spirit. Yes the Holy Spirit can and does work outside of the "trained". In fact training and education can often be a detriment to spirituality, with human knowledge blocking the movement of the Holy Spirit into and through a person. The most important criteria in looking for someone to help you continue to grow spiritually is that that your guide be totally in love with Jesus Christ. After all, how can someone show you to love someone or something if they themselves do not have an overabundance of love?

So, as SD for the Living Waters Via de Cristo, here is your "spiritual direction" for the month-Be still and know that I am God (Ps. 46:10). Take a minimum of 20 minutes at least once a week to sit down and think of NOTHING, to clear your mind. No reading of books, no singing-not even hymns (though you can prep your mind for quiet time with an inner hymn sing). Think of nothing!! Listen to the silence in your head. Many thoughts will continue to pop into your mind but nip them in the bud. I know that we are all wired differently, most are 110v people, some are 220v and a few are 480v (Jeff W?) who are so wired that it is difficult to stop their brains from working in hyperdrive. But it CAN be done through discipline and practice and it is so very good, very refreshing for us to do so. Soon, into your silent interlude, you will be able to hear the sound of blood streaming through the veins in your head. Even that will be a temptation to think about. But just be still until you reach the point that you can feel the muscles in your face release. Then you know you have emptied yourself of the cares of the world. Enjoy this state of peace for a while and then, if you wish, pray, read scripture, sing hymns. Once you have emptied yourself fully, you will have room for the God to fill you with the Spirit. Try it, you'll like it.

God Loves You and So Do I

Pastor Gene Vincent

## From the Rector

*"Grace and peace to you from God our father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I always thank God for you because of His grace given to you in Christ Jesus. For in Him you have been enriched in every way..." 1 Corinthians 1: 3-4.*

Time seems to move so swiftly. Thanksgiving is almost upon us, with Christmas right around the corner. Living Water Via de Cristo men's weekend #53, April 7-10 2016, will be here before we know it!! We are beginning team selection very soon, so if you feel the Holy Spirit nudging you to serve, we would love to hear from you. I know this a very busy time of year, but serving our Lord in fellowship with other men of faith is an awesome experience and you will receive so much more than you give. Please pray about this opportunity and if it doesn't work, I would ask you to continue to pray for all the team members and candidates of Weekend # 53.

LWVDC Men's weekend # 53 will be held April 7-10, 2016, at Camp Meno Haven. Team training dates are tentatively set for February 6, February 20, March 4-5, and March 20. Locations yet to be decided. Please remember training for any 1<sup>st</sup> time team members will be held prior to the Ultreya on Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm at St John's Lutheran in Peru, Illinois.

I have been asked to serve as Rector, and Jim Larson will be Head Cha for Men's Weekend # 53. Please feel free to contact either of us with any questions or concerns.

God Loves You And So Do I,  
Mike Turner, Rector, Men's Weekend LWVDC # 53

## From the Rectora

"WHO are you, whooo ooo, whooo ooo..."

If you, like my husband Gary, are a fan of early rock-n-roll, you'll recognize that line from the group Who. More people throughout history than just the members of the band Who have asked that question, both of others and of themselves. "Who am I?" "Why am I here?" "What is this life all about?" We humans struggle with the answers to these questions, as we try to wrest meaning and purpose out of the daily grind and drama and monotony of our routine lives. What DOES it all mean, anyway?

The theme verse from Holy Scripture for LWVdC Women's Weekend #53 contains the answer to these...and ALL other...questions that we will ever have:

"But now, thus says the Lord —  
He who created you, oh Jacob,  
He who formed you, oh Israel:  
'Fear not, for I have redeemed you;  
I have called you by name; you are Mine.' "

Isaiah 43:1

Here...HERE is where our identity, our purpose, our meaning in life comes!! From a Saviour, God/Man who deigns to call us human merely beings His CHILDREN, flawed and scarred and sinful though we be. We gape in awe: it NEVER has been about us...it only and always has been, is, and will be about HIM who comes in the name of the Lord. We are His and we are loved!

THIS is what Team #53 will be all about, as we strive in every way to serve our candidates who may not yet know the answers to those questions. We CRAVE your prayers as we gel as a team, centered around the One who loves us...always has, always will!!

WHO is the one that needs you to ask them to attend LWVdC Weekend #53 to watch our Master's plan unfold?

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In unceasing prayer...

LWVdC Weekend #53 Rectora Jan Morse

## Find a Reunion Group

### Women's Groups

Reunion Group Name	Location	Time	Contact Person	Email	Phone Number
First Lutheran Women	First Lutheran Church Princeton		Gayle Little	<a href="mailto:Gmerr@acehardware.com">Gmerr@acehardware.com</a>	815-872-6029
Princeton Women	Perry Memorial Chapel	Every 2 weeks	Barbee Wray	<a href="mailto:barbeesw@hotmail.com">barbeesw@hotmail.com</a>	630-672-3209
Princeton Library Women	Princeton Library	Monday at 6:30 p.m.	Amy Peterson	<a href="mailto:pete318@comcast.net">pete318@comcast.net</a>	815-878-9203
St. Matthew's Women	St. Matthews Lutheran Church	Monday at 6pm	Sandra Rose	<a href="mailto:cutecutter64@yahoo.com">cutecutter64@yahoo.com</a>	
Women's Pilgrim Group	Messiah Lutheran Church in Aledo	Wednesdays at 1:00 pm	Margie Olson	<a href="mailto:margie13wld@gmail.com">margie13wld@gmail.com</a>	
Peru Women	Peru Library	Tuesday at 5:30pm	Carol Ploch	<a href="mailto:ploch70@yahoo.com">ploch70@yahoo.com</a>	815-202-3338
Baker 87	Dixon IL	Wednesdays at 7:30 am	Wanda McBride	<a href="mailto:wgmebride@yahoo.com">wgmebride@yahoo.com</a>	815-994-1397
Moline Women	Hungry Hobo Moline IL	Thursday at 5:30 pm	Barb Geerts	<a href="mailto:ezwriter@netins.net">ezwriter@netins.net</a>	563-940-4933
Davenport Women's	Family Resources, 2800 Eastern Ave, Davenport, IA	1st and 3rd Tuesday at 5:15	Chris Medina	<a href="mailto:cawm54@yahoo.com">cawm54@yahoo.com</a>	
Geneseo Women	Geneseo IL	Thursday at 11:30 am	Patty Tuner	<a href="mailto:prkt40@gmail.com">prkt40@gmail.com</a>	309-945-5538.

## Men's Groups

Reunion Group Name	Location	Time	Contact Person	Email	Phone Number
Peru Men's	St. John's Lutheran Church	Thursdays 5:30 to 7:00 pm	Jeff Whalen	<a href="mailto:jeffreywhalen@sbcglobal.net">jeffreywhalen@sbcglobal.net</a>	815-674-7722
Lazarus Connection	Meet at St. Johns Lutheran Church, East Moline IL	Monday at 6:00 P.M.	Duane Little	<a href="mailto:grandpasblessed@yahoo.com">grandpasblessed@yahoo.com</a>	
Princeton Library Men	Princeton Library	Wednesday Nights	Jeff Jaques	<a href="mailto:jjagues@mblusa.com">jjagues@mblusa.com</a>	815-303-4552
First Lutheran Men	Princeton IL		Merle Polson	<a href="mailto:polsonme@frontier.com">polsonme@frontier.com</a>	
	Calvary Lutheran in Moline	Tuesday 6:30 pm	Greg Johnson	<a href="mailto:gregjohnson575@gmail.com">gregjohnson575@gmail.com</a>	309-236-3394
	Moline IL	Thursday 7:00 am	Mike Turner	<a href="mailto:docmat1@aol.com">docmat1@aol.com</a>	309-236-2375
	Princeton IL	Saturday at 7:00 am	Rev. Gene Vincent	<a href="mailto:micahsixeight@comcat.net">micahsixeight@comcat.net</a>	

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