

Via de Cristo
Come to the
Living Water



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Saturday, August 6th, 2016
5:30 p.m.

St. Matthew's Lutheran Church
416 Dover Rd
Princeton, IL 61356
(815) 879-6491
Pastor Scott Schmidt

Potluck: 5:30 pm

Worship and 4th day talk will follow

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-80 take exit 56 to IL 26-S/N. Main St. Stay on Main St until you reach the intersection with Elm Place/ IL 34 and turn left. You will then turn right onto N. Euclid Ave. Follow Euclid Ave until you reach Dover Rd, which runs at an angle. Turn left and you will see the church on the right.



From the Lay Director

First, I'd like to update all on who are now seated on the Living Water VdC Secretariat Board following elections at the June annual meeting:

Asst Lay director is now Charisse Jesalowski

Spiritual Director remains Pr. Gene Vincent

Co-Palanca remains Missy Stilfies and (new) Jennifer Schmidt

Pre-weekend remains Barbee and Clyde Wray

Weekend is (not sure yet, but our trailer and contents will be taken care of by much of same group from First Lutheran, Ohio)

Post-weekend remains Kate Webster

Communications remains Adam and Amanda McMillin

Kitchen remains Mike and Lori Turner

Leaders remains Jeff Whalen

Secretary is now Ellen Dalton

Treasurer remains Charlotte Gustafson

Lay Director remains Bob Groene

Next, I'm happy to let you know that our two voting delegates at the 2016 National Lutheran Secretariat Gathering (July 21-24 Sylvania, Ohio) will be Barb Geerts and Teri Griebel. Barb has done this previously, I think this will be Teri's first NLS Gathering. My wife Cindy and I are planning to attend as non-voting information gathering folks.

Third, late last winter we discovered a glitch in scheduling dates for last spring's women's weekend #53—Camp Menno Haven was not available. With little time to deal with, we fortunately found Camp Stronghold as a replacement; and the weekend wen on. Other camps were suggested as replacements, but time did not allow us to visit them.

So we have taken that as an opportunity and a committee has been formed to review the camps we have used over the last several years and to investigate known potential camps. Greg Johnson is serving as chair of the committee with members from all around our geographic area. If you have a suggestion or comment regarding any camp, please let Greg know; his cell and text number is (309) 236-3394.

And finally, the Rev. Dr. Gary Erickson visited First Lutheran Geneseo recently. He is Director of Evangelical Mission for both the ELCA and the Northern Ill Synod. His remarks were directed to us as a congregation, but also sounded much like to a VdC community:

From welcome (passive) to invitation (active)

From “how are ya?” to “how are YOU?”

From “what can I do for you?” to “what can we do together?”

From “sign up sheets” to “personal invitations”

From membership to discipleship

The heart of the matter – Relationships!!

With God

Within our faith community

Within the wider community

My God continue to bless us all....Bob Groene

From the Rector/Rectora of 54

Let all that you do be done in love -1 Corinthians 16:14

God Blessings to all, we hope you are enjoying your summer as we are. The process of building God’s Weekend #54 is progressing smoothly, we have been praying over many of your names and we are getting a list together, but please continue to pray for us as we well know that there may be “glitches” along the way. Also please prayerfully consider anyone you may have on your heart to attend the weekend, and send us their first names so we may pray for them also.

Again Weekend #54 is October 27th through October 30th .

GLYASDW Greg and Cindy Hart and Kevin McAnally Rector, Rectora and Head Cha Weekend #54

http://livingwaterviadecristo.org/wp/?page_id=136 (Team application)

http://livingwaterviadecristo.org/wp/?page_id=133 (Pilgrim application)

Birdies for Charity

Living Water Via de Cristo is participating in the Birdies for Charity program, which is part of the John Deere Classic PGA tour event. Donors are asked to pledge an amount per birdie made at the Classic (held August 8 - 14 at TPC at Deere Run in the Quad-Cities), or simply to donate a flat dollar amount. Birdies for Charity helps the pledged dollars grow by donating an additional percentage to the participating groups. In addition, donors may choose to participate in the “Guess the Number of Birdies” Contest, with a chance at winning some great prizes.

The money we raise helps us provide scholarships and handle expenses not covered in the

weekend fees for our retreats. We appreciate all the ways our Community supports Living Water. With your help, we can continue to offer weekend spiritual retreats at an affordable cost.

The pledge form can be found at <https://birdiesforcharity.com/about/pledge-forms>

or if you would prefer to be mailed a pledge form, please contact Greg Johnson at gregjohnson575@gmail.com

Thanks.

The Living Water Secretariat

Find a Reunion Group

This list is a work in progress, but I pray that it can be the start of accurate information that can continue to grow. If you have a group to be added or changed, please email Kate Webster (Post Weekend Chair) at katewebster56@gmail.com. You can also call or text 815-992-9036. If you had a reunion group listed on the previous list that is still active, please notify me so that I may add you to the current list. If you are in need of a reunion group, but don't see one in your area or time frame, please contact myself or another member of the secretariat. We can connect you with other Living Water Pilgrims in your area. GLYASDI, Kate Webster Post-weekend Chair Please remember that the ideal reunion group size is 3 to 5 members. If your reunion group seems large, please consider splitting off to allow new members to join. It can be difficult for new or inexperienced pilgrims to start a reunion group, consider being that mentor. **WEBMASTER NOTE: To maintain security for the contacts in this list, I have added images of the tables to their own pages, to which I referred in my article. You can access the lists at [this link](#).**

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