

# El Tintéro



El Tintéro is Spanish for “the inkwell.” Legend has it that Martin Luther threw an inkwell at Satan who tempted Luther while he was writing.

March, 2015

## *A Message from the Rector*

*Briarwood Lutheran Retreat Center Hosts Weekend #93*

### **Laura Talafuse**

Rector, Weekend #93

Greetings 4<sup>th</sup> Day! Weekend #93 is quickly approaching. We have had some great staff meetings getting to know each other, listening to Rollos and learning some new songs for the weekend. Everyone is focused on sharing God’s grace with the participants. I am very pleased to report that for the first time, our weekend will make use of the new Streng Leadership Center at Briarwood for all aspects of the weekend, including Chapel, Rollo Room, Living Room as well as for Wakeup and Clausura. It is a new chapter in the life of our weekends and I am thrilled to share this magnificent location with our participants.

Our verse for the weekend comes from Mark 10:45 (NIV): “For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” It is our desire to emulate Christ and show our love for Him that fuels our desire to serve and introduce others to His love..

Our saint for the weekend is St. Teresa of Avila (28 March 1515 – 4 October 1582.), a Carmelite nun who spent her life in the study and practice of contemplative prayer. The following poem has been widely attributed to St. Teresa and these words will guide our weekend and hopefully model how we live into our 4<sup>th</sup> day: *continued on page 2*

## **In You Lord I Put My Trust**

### **Doug Guinn**

Lay Director, Lutheran Via de Cristo of North Texas

How can it be Lent already? Weren’t we just celebrating Christmas? For most of us time passes much too quickly. We go about our busy lives wondering where the time went. We never have enough time. Especially to do the things we want and be with the people we enjoy being with the most. It is the way of the world. We get trapped in our routines, which soon become ruts that we cannot get out of. Right now I am in a work rut, spending entirely too much time at the office to meet a deadline that will be soon forgotten by those who set it for me. My last week has been made up of eating, sleeping, working, repeat. It has left me feeling empty and resentful. Thank God for Sundays and God moments throughout the week where I am reminded how much God loves me. When I read the Psalm for today God spoke to me, and to my heart as he almost always does in the scriptures. It is at these ah-ha moments when God reveals himself and gives me a glimpse of where I can put my trust each day; That is on Him and His love for me. Let your heart listen to the words of this song, written by David more than two thousand years ago. May it bring you God’s peace and comfort:

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Christ has no body but yours,  
 No hands, no feet on earth but yours,  
 Yours are the eyes with which he looks  
 Compassion on this world,  
 Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good,  
 Yours are the hands, with which he blesses all the  
 world.  
 Yours are the hands, yours are the feet,  
 Yours are the eyes, you are his body.  
 Christ has no body now but yours,  
 No hands, no feet on earth but yours,  
 Yours are the eyes with which he looks  
 compassion on this world.  
 Christ has no body now on earth but yours.

I humbly ask that you continue to pray for the participants,  
 staff and myself through the weekend. God is up to  
 something good and I pray that our group can experience his  
 presence in a new and special way this weekend.

Ultreya!  
 Laura Talafuse  
 Rector Weekend #93

**Please pray for the Weekend #93 Staff**

Rector: Laura Talafuse  
 Rector's CHA: Shelly Brennan  
 Observing Rector: Sharon Bartells  
 Spiritual Director: Pastor Ernie Barr  
 Spiritual Director: Pastor Olin Knudsen  
 Music CHA: Keegan McConnell  
 Palanca CHA; Lawanda Wilson  
 Palanca CHA: Diana Piatt  
 Food CHA: Laurie Stokes-Bell  
 Food CHA: Mark Willson  
 Action Rollista: Katrina Colwick  
 Laity Rollista: Chris Gebhardt  
 Environments Rollista: John W. Harris  
 Study Rollista: Carolyn Knudsen  
 Ideal Rollista: Aaron Murphy  
 Leaders Rollista: Peter O'Neill  
 Christian Community Rollista: Vern  
 Steinman  
 Piety Rollista: Debbie Thomas  
 4th Day Rollista: Dailey Taylor  
 Table Leader: Grant Maples



**Make a Great Choice!**

Make LVDCNT Your Thrivent Choice!  
 Thrivent Choice, the Thrivent Financial  
 charitable giving program, allows eligible  
 benefit members to participate in choosing  
 where Thrivent distributes a portion of its  
 charitable funds. Eligibility for Choice  
 Dollars is based on a benefit member's  
 involvement in Thrivent Financial, their  
 level of product ownership (life insurance,  
 health insurance, and annuities), and  
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 Cristo of North Texas! To assign your Choice  
 Dollars, go online and visit  
[www.Thrivent.com](http://www.Thrivent.com) or call 1-800-847-4836  
 and say 'Thrivent Choice.'  
 As your Choice Dollars recipient, this will  
 help us continue our mission of providing  
 Grace Weekends!

Aren't grace weekends great?!  
 You know they are! Please consider making a  
 contribution. Your gift of \$155.00 can sponsor a  
 participant!

**Palanca!**

The cool thing about palanca is that it can take so many forms.  
 Letters, notes, crafty things, books, food, voices for serenade,  
 and your presence at Clausura. It ALL speaks to the participants  
 who are experiencing it as a human expression of God's  
 wonderful, amazing, free GRACE!

No matter what form flows from you, let it flow freely this  
 coming weekend, March 5-8. The best place to bring items and  
 food is to the 4th Day Room in Oak Grove. Serenade on  
 Saturday will be in the Love Team Chapel in Oak Grove. Even  
 though Daylight Savings Time makes a really early start to  
 Sunday, Wake Up has such a huge impact. You won't want to  
 miss it! Clausura on Sunday will be in the new Streng  
 Leadership Center (the new headquarters bldg), and I know you  
 will want to check that out, too!

One more thing. If you can come early to Clausura and/or stay  
 late, your help to set up or take down would be real palanca to  
 the teams who are working hard to get things picked up, set up,  
 and taken down.

Thank you for your part in making the weekend a special gift for  
 so many!!!

Ultreya!  
 Shelly Brennan

## Welcome Our Weekend #93 Participants!

Participant	Church	Sponsor
JOHN BUSTARD	King of Glory Dallas	Olin Knudsen
JUDITH BUSTARD	King of Glory Dallas	Carolyn Knudsen
MARILYN HOPPE	Faith Wichita Falls	Ginger Metcalf
ROXANNE KNAUSS	King of Glory Dallas	Louann Grams
BLAIRE MCCALED	Faith Flower Mound	Cynthia Murphy
MARIAH SOWDERS	Hope Springtown	Laurie Johnson
COLLEEN JENSEN	Faith Flower Mound	Shelly Brennan
LAUREN ROLLER	Grace Carrollton	Mike Eskew

### Psalm 25 (a) (Of David.)

- 1 In you, Lord my God,  
I put my trust.
- 2 I trust in you;  
do not let me be put to shame,  
nor let my enemies triumph over me.
- 3 No one who hopes in you  
will ever be put to shame,  
but shame will come on those  
who are treacherous without cause.
- 4 Show me your ways, Lord,  
teach me your paths.
- 5 Guide me in your truth and teach me,  
for you are God my Savior,  
and my hope is in you all day long.
- 6 Remember, Lord, your great mercy and love,  
for they are from of old.
- 7 Do not remember the sins of my youth  
and my rebellious ways;  
according to your love remember me,  
for you, Lord, are good.
- 8 Good and upright is the Lord;  
therefore he instructs sinners in his ways.
- 9 He guides the humble in what is right  
and teaches them his way.
- 10 All the ways of the Lord are loving and faithful  
toward those who keep the demands of his covenant.

Ultreya!

-Doug Guinn  
Lay Director

De Colores!

Blessings to you all•

## *Via de Cristo Weekend #93* *March 5-8, 2015*

- March 4<sup>th</sup> \* Wed 6:30 pm Setup - Food & Palanca Drop Off
- March 5<sup>th</sup> \* Thu, 6:45 pm VdC #90 Begins
- March 7<sup>th</sup> \* Sat, 12:40 pm Arrive for Visitation
- March 7<sup>th</sup> \* Sat, 1:10 pm Love Team Visitation
- March 8<sup>th</sup> \* Sun, 6:30 am Wakeup
- March 8<sup>th</sup> \* Sun, 2:45 pm Clausura Setup
- March 8<sup>th</sup> \* Sun, 3:30 pm Clausura Begins
- March 8<sup>th</sup> \* Sun, 6:00 pm Homecomings at Various Locations

