

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.

November 2014

Ahoy, Mateys!

Briarwood Lutheran Retreat Center Hosts Weekend #92

Greg Hefner

Rector, Weekend #92

Blessings to the 4th Day Community! One of our many beliefs is that God’s timing is perfect. And as such, so is this article. I was informed tonight by Doug Guinn and the NTLs Secretariat that, despite only 6 participants, Weekend 92 will go on as scheduled. You can never truly appreciate something until you almost lose it. I again praise God and Doug’s staff for a dream come true for me and so many others.

Our staff has been christened *Motley Crew 92* by none other than SD Suzanne Guinn. We have had so much fun talking like pirates and speaking of our maiden voyage to Briarwood Island on

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GREETINGS FROM THE DIRECTOR

Doug Guinn

Lay Director, Lutheran Via de Cristo of North Texas

Greetings to the North Texas Via de Cristo community! As I write this, I look out my window to a beautiful fall day in north Texas. This is one of my favorite times of the year. The mornings are cool and afternoons warm. It reminds me how blessed I am to be here to experience it. It also reminds of God’s love for me and his whole creation. Part of our Gospel this week is Jesus response to the Pharisees question as to which commandment is the greatest, “³⁷... ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’^[a] ³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment. ³⁹ And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’^[b] ⁴⁰ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”

It seems like such a simple concept, but it is so difficult for us to follow. Each day we experience periods of brokenness, where living this commandment seems impossible. Especially when the definition of “neighbor” is anyone we encounter in our daily life journey. Many of our “neighbors” seem unlovable, but God

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November 6th. I include myself on the list of all past rectors who joyfully recognize and appreciate the folks God has called to serve. In a small way, I understand what Jesus must have felt in calling The Twelve. At first, it was “*what am I getting myself into*” to be followed later by “*these are the disciples I want to take into battle*” or in my case, into retreat.

I have cherished your prayers and support these last several weeks. *Please don't stop! It's working!* It is a humbling honor to be called to serve Via de Cristo in this capacity. I cannot think of anything more worthwhile and rewarding in serving our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. God's richest blessings to you all!

**PLEASE PRAY FOR
THE WEEKEND #92 STAFF**

- Greg Hefner - Rector**
- Laura Talafuse - Observing Rector**
- Carol Welch - Rector's Cha**
- Suzanne Guinn - Spiritual Director**
- Gaylene Chrystie - Spiritual Director**
- Carey Newton - Music Cha**
- Rose Johnson - Palanca Cha**
- Barb Guinn - Palanca Cha**
- Pat Hefner - Food Cha**
- Kathleen Bower-Gray - Food Cha**
- Wayne Shuck - Tech Cha**
- Mike Mayo - Ideal Rollista**
- Lee Lacy - Environments Rollista**
- David Van Buskirk - Laity Rollista**
- Sybil Shuck - Piety Rollista**
- Kim Nyman - Study Rollista**
- Terry Hefner - Action Rollista**
- Jerry Gray - Christian Community Rollista**
- Wayne Shuck - Leaders Rollista**
- Helen Mayo - Total Security/4th Day Rollista**
- Nancy Mathews - Table Leader**



Make a Great Choice!

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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!



Welcome Our Weekend #92 Participants!

Participant	Church	Sponsor
SARAH SUE BRUBAKER	Advent Lutheran – Arlington	Dolores Trokey
KATRINA WILL COLWICK	Grace Lutheran – Carrollton	Lorraine Markwardt
STEPHANIE HOLOWAK	Grace Lutheran – Carrollton	Lorraine Markwardt
GRANT MAPLES	Grace Lutheran – Carrollton	Kimbal Markwardt
DREW YOOS	Calvary Lutheran – Richland Hills	Don Holmes
JACKLINE VICKERIE	St. George's Episcopal – Washington, DC	Eslyn Chapman

asks us to see them with the eyes of Christ, and love them because they were created by God to be loved.

As we approach this Advent season, let us remember that to love our neighbor, we must also love ourselves, and we cannot do either without loving God with everything we have and letting Him into our heart and soul to guide us each moment.

May God bless each of you as you live out your 4th Day, the rest of your life, in the all-encompassing grace-filled love of Christ.

De Colores!
Blessings to you all.
Ultreya!

Via de Cristo Weekend #92
November 6-9, 2014

- November 5th * Wed 6:30 pm Setup - Food & Palanca Drop Off
- November 6th * Thu, 6:45 pm VdC #90 Begins
- November 8th * Sat, 12:40 pm Arrive for Visitation
- November 8th * Sat, 1:10 pm Love Team Visitation
- November 9th Sun, 6:30 am Wakeup
- November 9th Sun, 2:45 pm Clausura Setup
- November 9th Sun, 3:30 pm Clausura Begins
- November 9th Sun, 6:00 pm Homecomings at Various Locations

