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# River's Edge Via de Cristo Newsletter

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## New Lay Director

Hello My Friends,

I'm very excited about being the new River's Edge Via de Cristo Lay Director. Five years ago when I went on my weekend, I never thought I'd one day be helping to lead the community. It's truly a sign that if we open ourselves to the possibilities that God has in store for us, we can be quite surprised.

I'd like to thank Bob Wardenburg for his sacrificial service to our community for the last four years. He has left big shoes to fill and has been an incredible help to me during my transition. I also thank all of the outgoing Secretariat members for their service and the current members for their continued service.

Please join me in praying for our community as a whole and for all of our members. We are blessed to be a part of Christian community that supports and encourages each other. My "door" is always open to anyone who wants to share an idea, concern, or information with me. My phone number is (314) 921-8077 and my e-mail address is [pstatler@charter.net](mailto:pstatler@charter.net).

## Why Am I Here, Lord?

To support the River's Edge Via de Cristo and our Secretariat in any way I can. And, especially to offer prayers for members and our community!



## Men's Weekend

**April 30 – May 3, 2009**

Rector Paul Twillmann has been gathering his team together for the next Men's Weekend.

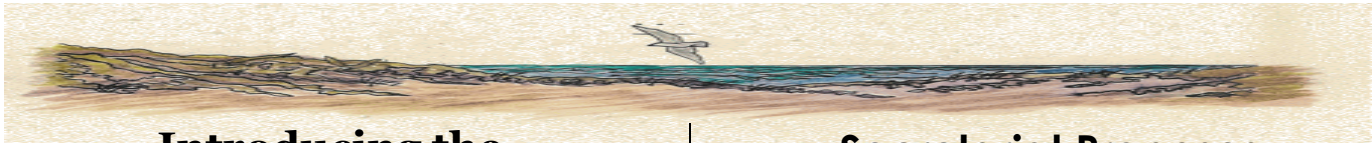
Have you contacted Paul to let him know how you will volunteer? How about a rollo for Weekend #12? Have you considered being a Silent Professor? It's fun and gives a fabulous new viewpoint of the weekend! Or can you work in 4<sup>th</sup> Day Room; maybe the Palanca Chapel. Full time is best – part time can be considered. **You** can do this!!

Training is scheduled for Friday, April 3 evening and Saturday, April 4.

Have you decided whom you will invite? Make a list and start contacting them. Our goal is to fill LaSalle Retreat Center. But, seriously, we need a minimum total number of 40, counting team and weekenders. Think back to your weekend experience – it should be shared with someone. Make the call! And pray – without ceasing!!

**Paul's waiting to hear from you:**

[ptwillmann@yahoo.com](mailto:ptwillmann@yahoo.com) or 314-599-5759.



## Introducing the 2009 Secretariat

- Lay Director ~~ Pam Statler
- Secretary ~~ Doris McCall
- Treasurer ~~ Penny Kammeier
- Palanca Director ~~ Laurie Dunnette
- Music Director ~~ Norma Wolz
- Communications Dir. ~~ Paul Twillmann
- Weekend Director ~~ Sandy Schuette
- Physical Arrangements Dir. ~~ Pam Statler
- Spiritual Directors ~~ Pastor Ron Schuette  
and Pastor MaryEtta Skinner

## Secretariat Members Retiring After 2008

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- Bob Wardenburg served four years as Lay Director.
- Wayne Ball served four years as Treasurer.
- Pastor Jeff Lindgren served two years as Spiritual Director.
- Ellie Newton-Rivero was Weekend Director for two years.

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The Secretariat meets after each Ultreya to conduct business and offer praise and prayers for our community. Contact Pam if you have comments: [pstatler@charter.net](mailto:pstatler@charter.net) or 314-921-8077.

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## Secretariat Proposes New Fundraisers to Help Fund the Weekends

### Idea #1 Simply Giving

*Simply Giving* is a Thrivent Financial for Lutheran program designed to help you conveniently contribute to an institution (or congregation or school). Through *Simply Giving*, you can make a pre-authorized withdrawal from your bank account or credit card. You determine the frequency of your automatic gift – weekly, semi-monthly or monthly. There is a \$5 minimum gift for each payment. Your gift (payment) is deposited into the organization’s bank account on the same day it is withdrawn from your account, at no cost to you or the recipient.

*Simply Giving* is a reliable, safe way to move your giving plan into action. It allows you to consistently share your gifts and helps keep your stewardship plan active. If you’d like more information, please contact Pam Statler (314-921-8077) or Penny Kammeier (314-521-6783). The completion of one simple form is all that is needed to start this program.

### Idea #2 Third Seat...Christ’s Seat in Community

Secretariat is encouraging everyone in the community to select an activity they participate in routinely (i.e., entertainment, a treat for self/family, a haircut, pedicure, coffee, doughnut, etc.) and buy Christ a seat next to them. Each person in the REVDC Community would then put the cost of that activity in a jar or envelope. You would take Jesus, your friend, to the event with you. At the end of two or three months, bring your “Third Seat Jar” to Ultreya or mail a check to Penny Kammeier, 1209 Haley Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63121. If you want, let us know what you and Christ did together and we’ll share stories. Pr. Mary Etta brought Christ with her recently when she took her dog, Katie, to get groomed.

Thank you for considering these ways to support River’s Edge.

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| <b>2009 Calendar...</b> |
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April 5 – Ultreya, Zion, Ferguson, MO. Food for Fellowship: A-J, Main Dish, K-S Salad, T-Z Dessert.

April 30 – May 3 – Weekend #12 – Men’s – LaSalle Retreat Center, Eureka, MO

May 17 – Ultreya, Hilltop Manor, Eureka, MO. Food for Fellowship: A-J Salad, K-S Dessert, T-Z Main Dish.

August 23 – Ultreya, Zion, Ferguson, MO. Food for Fellowship: A-J Dessert, K-S Main Dish, T-Z Salad.

October 11 – Ultreya, Hilltop Manor, Eureka, MO. Food for Fellowship: A-J Main Dish, K-S Salad, T-Z Dessert.

October 29 – November 1 –Weekend #13 – Women’s – LaSalle Retreat Center, Eureka, MO.

November 15 – Ultreya, Zion, Ferguson, MO. Food for Fellowship: A-J Salad, K-S Dessert, T-Z Main Dish.



### 2010 Calendar...

January 10 – Ultreya, Hilltop Manor, Eureka, MO.

April 29 – May 2 – Weekend #14 – Men’s – at LaSalle Retreat Center, Eureka, MO

September 30 – October 3 – Weekend #15 – Women’s – at LaSalle Retreat Center, Eureka, MO

### Why Am I Here, Lord?

To work on the Men’s Weekend – to bring a weekender – to pray – to send a donation to help defray expenses – come to Serenade/Closura – the ways are endless.

**The poorest man is he whose only wealth is money.**

Dr. Leroy Gager

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## National Lutheran Secretariat 2009 Annual Meeting

July 23-26

Barry University

11300 NE 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue

Miami Shores, FL 33161-6695

**The Word:** “I in them and you in me. May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.”

John 17:23

To learn more about this year’s Spirit-led **National VdC Weekend**, please visit <http://www.viadecristo.org/> and click on **Our Annual Meeting** in the Right Column, then on **Future-2009** for meeting details. Or contact the NLS-09 Florida Host Committee Co-Chair, Don Armbrust at 954-476-9022.

To Register for the NLS Annual Meeting in Florida, Click Here: <http://www.viadecristo.org/>, then go to **Our Annual Meeting** in the Right Column, and click on **Future 2009** and then download the **Registration and Notes** under the ‘One In The Son’ LOGO.

Questions? Tracy Schmidlin, President, National Lutheran Secretariat, (419) 829-6463, [tzvdc@aol.com](mailto:tzvdc@aol.com).



**Men’s Weekend is Close!**

**April 30 – May 3**

**La Salle Retreat Center**

**We Need You!!!**