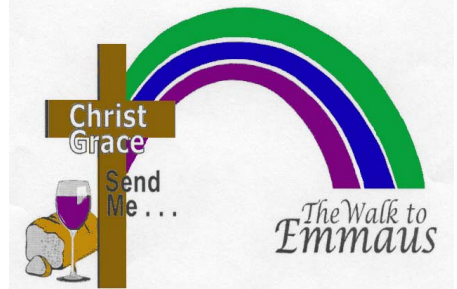


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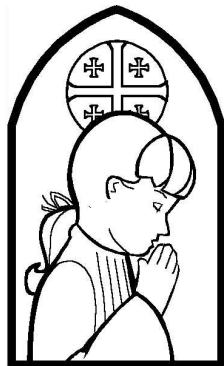
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## ROLE MODELS

I Thessalonians 1: 1-10

**H**ow do we move beyond a babyish faith? In two simple words: role models. Paul talks to the Thessalonian church about "what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake" (1: 5). Paul, Silvanus and Timothy brought them the message not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit with conviction.



But this good role modeling did not end with Paul and his colleagues. No, in this letter, Paul reports the Thessalonians "become imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and Achaia (vss. 6-7).

Role modeling is as essential now as it was then. It is up to us to rise to the occasion. What kind of role model are you? Are you

reading your Bible? Do you share your faith? Do you use appropriate language around your children, family and friends? When was the last time they saw you place a check in the offering plate? Was it a tithe or "leftovers?" We have a church and faith community that is in need of role models. Our children, young adults and young Christians are challenged to grow when they see us in Bible studies, attending prayer vigils, sharing our faith and giving sacrificially to the Lord. It's really hard to be inspired by role models who attend church sporadically and not consistently. Remember, our faith is more than just words. It means being an example.

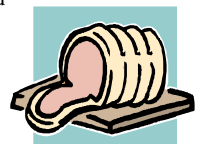
This is why the Emmaus Community is such a powerful renewal movement in the church. The Emmaus community is an example of Christian discipleship and spiritual growth. We are the leaders that help others move beyond a babyish spirituality to a spirituality with depth. Our role model inspires others to "not just talk, but walk the walk." Both laity and clergy are called to live out Christ's love in the world. This a great calling! It is up to us to rise to the occasion. Today someone is watching you. What will they see? Go forth and inspire them!

Janet

## NEW FOURTH DAY CONTEST A DELICIOUS SUCCESS

**O**ur 4th Day Contest winners enjoyed a Prime Rib dinner on August 25th. The weather was beautiful and the meal was served at pool side. Thank you to our Chef, Mike Chappell and to our hosts Garnet and Mike Chappell who opened their home for this event. Also Thanks to all who served: Ned and Karen Weller, Mike and Garnet Chappell, Bill and Jodi Schmidt, and Harry Wallin. We are now planning our next contest. This time it will be open to the entire community. See page 3 for information.

Bill Schmidt, 4th Day Coordinator



## ELECTION NEWS

Enclosed with this issue, you will find the ballot for the 2003 Board of Directors for the Lansing Area Emmaus Community. Please

take the time to read it carefully, complete it, and send it back by **November 9**. The ballot will fold into a pre-addressed envelope.

You may notice that there are several positions not filled by this ballot. We still need two Assistant Spiritual Directors. The Board recog-

nizes that Community Spiritual Director is too large a job for one clergy person to integrate with his or her other responsibilities. Please be in prayer that these important positions will be filled. If you know of an answer to this prayer, please contact Garnet Chappell, Ned Weller or Janet Sweet - Richardson

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