

Lansing Emmaus Community

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Challenges and Responses

Many of the long-time members of our Emmaus Community are well aware of the difficulties we have had in the last month. With the exception of the Men's Walk being moved, I believe most of the newest members are not aware of many of the problems that occurred. That is as it should be. I will say this much: Never have I seen two Walks to Emmaus encounter so much opposition from the Enemy as have Walks 55 and 56, but what the Enemy means for evil, God can turn to good. I am not trying to minimize any other Walk's challenges, because each Walk presents its own challenges. What I am saying is that we must be doing something the Lord wants us to do because we're running into such challenges.

What is most important is what we can learn from these challenges, and where we go from here. We must not be deflected from our mission of raising up leaders from within the Church. Board members have been reminded of the importance of meticulous planning and

clear communication. I was involved in both of the recent Walks, and what I saw was a true servant attitude. In the words of Ned Weller, who captures that spirit so clearly: "What can I do to help you?" Let us keep learning and keep growing, and always keep in mind Who we are serving. May the praise and glory go to The Lord.

As I write this, the war in Iraq seems to be winding down. Whether or not this turns out to be true, let us pray for peace in the world: not just in Iraq, but in the Middle East, the Korean Peninsula, and in our own corner of Michigan, but in every nook and cranny of the world. Let us pray for understanding among Christians of differing opinions and beliefs, and between people of all the world's religions, and even with those who claim to have no religion. Let us by our prayers and actions be agents of the Kingdom of God – of *shalom*: health, healing, wholeness, and peace.

GLYASDI

Harry Wallin

2003 Fall Walk Lay Directors

Dave Bass - Men's Walk #57 @ St. Louis UMC on September 11-14

Roxi Bass - Women's Walk #58 @ Mt. Pleasant First UMC on October 2-5

Please lift up the Fall Lay Directors in prayer as they build our teams and for pilgrims that would attend.

Also, please be in prayer about where you may be able to serve on either or both of these walks.

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Lansing Area Emmaus Board 2003

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OUR NEW WEBSITE

Have you visited our new website?

It is packed with information.

The address is:

<http://members.truepath.com/lansingemmaus/homepg.html>

If you have trouble logging on, contact me at gallowayg@acd.net. I will send you the link.

We would like to add a Praise and Prayer page to our website. We are looking for a group of two or more people that would be interested in working on this project. You would need a computer with access to the internet. You could do this from the comfort of your own home.

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NEWSLETTER CHANGES:

As your Newsletter Board member, I am striving to reduce the costs of mailing our bi-monthly newsletters. It costs us nearly \$400.00 each time we send out newsletters. **This results in over \$2,400.00 for the year.** If you have e-mail or internet access, you can help us reduce our costs and be better servants of our money. I am looking into several possibilities of how we can change things to make an electronic version of the newsletter appealing to more people. A couple of the options are to offer a text only version, and to download directly from our web page. The text only version would be great for those who want the news but cannot receive attachments. If you are always on the web, then accessing from the web page may be the best alternative for you. That way you can access the newsletter when you would like to without adding to your e-mail allocation. If either of these options may appeal to you, please send me an e-mail at bjschmidt@core.com.

God Bless, Bill Schmidt

Words from our Men's Walk #55 Lay Director

Greetings to the Lansing Area Emmaus Community, My name is Mike McMillan. I took my walk to Emmaus in April 1990, on walk #3 at Trinity UMC in Lansing and sat at the table of Luke. It has been my privilege to have served as Lay Director from the table of David on Men's Walk #55 this March of 2003.

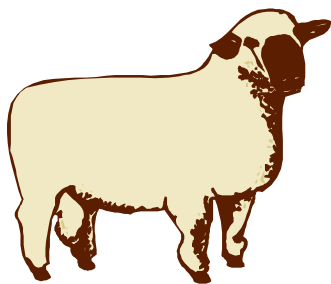
As with almost every walk, challenges were encountered and overcome. But this walk seemed unique in that there were only nine weeks to put together conference room and auxiliary teams and conduct the walk. Adding to the pressure was the necessity to have a change in the walk location six days before it was to begin. I'm pleased to report that God has prevailed. The men's walk became spirit filled and energy charged as soon as it began. The power of the

Holy Spirit continued to manifest itself in the pilgrims (and team members) right up through closing on Sunday. It was evident that hearts and lives had been touched.

My thanks goes out to all of the ALD's, the Spiritual Director and his assistants, the table leaders and their assistants for answering God's call to service on this walk. My thanks also goes out for the service rendered by the auxiliary team, its leadership, and to all those who felt God's nudging to help in a behind the scenes capacity to make Men's Walk #55 a complete success. Praise God!

To the men who stepped out in faith and took their Emmaus journey on Walk #55 this spring, I thank you for saying yes to allowing Christ to become a greater part of your lives. Welcome to the Lansing Area Emmaus Community.

GLYASDI,
Mike McMillan



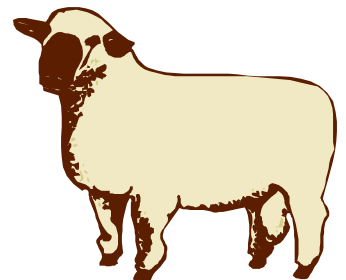
LOST LAMBS

From your Data Manager,

My name is Cheryl Galloway and I took my walk in October 1999, walk #42, in Mt. Pleasant and I sat at the table of Lydia. I serve you now as keeper of the computer and community information. Our Community list contains the names of over 1,500 Emmaus members. Over the years we have lost a few lambs and would like you help in locating them. Can you help us? If you know the whereabouts of any of these lambs, please contact me.

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Carol Gatton, Lansing
Donna Gilbert, Lansing
Janet Gilbert, Lake Odessa
Steve Hansen, Walker
Lisa Hansen, Walker
Betsy Hargett, Lansing
Ron Hargett, Lansing
Jan Hertel, Lansing
Beth Hicks, Cedar Springs
Nancy Jester, Cedar Springs
Lori Lipiec, Pontiac
Mark Patterson, Lansing
Jeannine Rogers, Mulliken
Bob Sanders, Vestaburg
Betty White, Sunfield



FOURTH DAY SURVEY

“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.” Colossians 3:16-17

Name _____

Address _____

Phone # _____ E-mail address _____

I took my Emmaus Walk on _____ at _____

I sat at the table of _____ Emmaus Walk # _____

I belong to a Fourth Day group ___yes ___no; City we meet in _____

On Date and time _____ We would welcome new members _____

I would be willing to help a new group get started _____yes _____no

I would like to belong to a fourth day group _____yes _____no

I would be willing to travel (how many miles) _____

I would like to participate in Emmaus programs and functions _____yes _____no

I would like to help in the following ways:

Music: ___guitar, ___piano, ___sing, ___dance, ___clowning, _____other

Behind the scenes: ___kitchen, ___snacks, ___72 hour prayer vigil, ___dining room

___cleaning restrooms, ___mail room, ___set-up, ___tear down, ___agape gifts

___work where needed

I would like to help a board member on their committee (circle one)

Kitchen; Fourth Day; Agape/Mailroom; Prayer Vigil; Newsletter

Team Selection; Member at Large; Auxillary; Supplies;

Site Selection

Registrar; Closing/Candlelight/Sponsors hour; Training; Book Table;

Gatherings; Data Manager; Music

Someday I would like to be on the conference room team ___yes, ___no, ___maybe

Return completed form to Darlyn Turner, 1719 Parkview Dr. Clare, MI 48617-9148

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(The information will be shared with the appropriate individuals)

The Lansing Area Emmaus Community Board of Directors (LAECBOD) considers the “Community List” proprietary information. It is customary however, for the LAECBOD to provide name, mailing address, phone number, and e-mail address information on a very limited basis to persons forming walk teams and LAEC projects. The list is not available for general distribution.

STRENGTHENING THE EMMAUS MODEL

No more secrets! Invitation but not demand. And love for neighbor and full participation in God's mission in the world. These are three clarifications Emmaus leaders will find in the new Emmaus manuals, the model, and the training offered at the 25th Anniversary Celebration.

NO MORE SECRETS is an important adjustment. We want every sponsor and community member to answer every question asked by a pastor or lay person. There was a time that we thought secrecy was essential in order to keep from "spoiling the special surprises" like the personal agape letters or the candlelight service. Painful experience in the USA and around the world has taught us that this is not the case. In fact, more harm has been caused by responses like "I cannot tell you but I know you will like it;" or "don't worry"; or, "you are not supposed to anticipate." We have found that it is possible to answer every question and not "spoil" anything for the pilgrim. It is far better to respond to every question honestly and factually. This can be done *without telling every detail* of the Walk. Pilgrims can be told that there will be numerous talks given by both clergy and lay speakers, there will be special times of worship and letters of spiritual encouragement. If they ask about a candlelight service, it is appropriate to say that there is a candlelight service during the weekend. Why? Because it is true and because by the time they come to these events in the weekend, they will experience them in the unique and beautiful manner that God intends for them, within the context of a 72-hour prayer vigil and the sacrificial love of a community that is offering them unconditional love and acceptance.

INVITATION, NOT DEMAND. The updated materials make it clear that pilgrims need to be given the invitation to respond without any sense of manipulation or taking control of their lives. Instead of taking away all watches, keys, etc.; pilgrims will be invited to remove their watches and place them in their pocket or suitcase. They will be given more information about why this is requested and the benefits that come from giving themselves fully to God and to the Emmaus process. The key is prayer and persuasion; not power, control, or demand.

ACTIVE LOVE FOR NEIGHBOR AND FULL PARTICIPATION IN GOD'S MISSION. The Emmaus movement has always emphasized Christian action. The new materials seek to strengthen this emphasis and give it additional structure and contents. Matthew 26 makes it clear that the Christian action Jesus has in mind is never satisfied by involvement within the four walls of the local church or the sacred spaces of a religious retreat or even on an Emmaus Walk. Until "the least of these" are fed, until the naked are clothed, the hungry fed and those sick and in prison are cared for, Christ is also hungry, naked, and alone. The language of the Cursillo movement that gave birth to The Emmaus Walk is clearly present when we speak of "the Christianization of the environment." The mission of the Emmaus movement will not be fulfilled until the entire Body of Christ is actively engaged in bringing Christ's attitudes and actions into our neighborhoods, schools, prisons and other helping organizations that care for all God's children, regardless of gender, age, race, or religion.



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OPPORTUNITY FOR SERVICE:

As christians, we are called to serve. Not just at church or for Emmaus, but sometimes to our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ. The joys blessings that we receive when we serve are great. The joy of spending time with the elderly can be very rewarding.

Dan and Marilyn Current, transfers from the West Michigan Emmaus community, are looking for someone to stay with their grandmother, Doris Oviatt age 96

from Owosso, for approx. 2 weeks in June, while they travel to their daughter's wedding. The dates could be adjusted slightly. They are needing to leave sometime after the 7th, and return after the 22nd. Mrs. Oviatt requires minimal care, but does need someone with her, round-the-clock. A respite volunteer through the hospital who can be called upon to come for up to 4 hours (at their convenience, of course), so the caregiver can get to the grocery store, etc. and is available a few hours each week to provide a break. If you or someone you know might be available, please call Marilyn at 989-723-1013 to discuss further details and wage.

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Upcoming Events

April 18 Good Friday

April 20 Easter

April 24-27 Men Superiorland Emmanuel Lutheran Church, Negaunee, MI.

May 1-4 Women Superiorland Emmanuel Lutheran Church Negaunee, MI.

May 10 Lansing Gathering, Trinity U.M.C. Lansing, 4:30pm.

May 11 Mother's Day

May 13 Lansing Emmaus Board Meeting, Trinity U.M.C., Lansing, MI. 6:30 P.M.

May 16 Deadline for Newsletter items for Next Issue. Contact Bill Schmidt at (989) 682-4153 or by e-mail.

May 26 Memorial Day

June 10 Lansing Emmaus Board Meeting, Alma U.M.C., Alma, MI. 6:30 P.M.

June 14 Lansing Gathering, Trinity U.M.C. Lansing, 4:30pm.

June 15 Father's Day

July 4 Independence Day

July 8 Lansing Emmaus Board Meeting, Trinity U.M.C., Lansing, MI. 6:30 P.M.

July 12 Lansing Gathering, Trinity U.M.C. Lansing, 4:30pm.

July 17-20 S.E. Michigan, South Lyon First U.M.C., South Lyon, MI.

July 24-27 25th Anniversary International Emmaus Celebration Nashville TN.

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August 9 Lansing Gathering, Trinity U.M.C. Lansing, 4:30pm.

August 12 Lansing Emmaus Board Meeting, Alma U.M.C., Alma, MI. 6:30 P.M.

Sept. 1 Labor Day

Sept. 11-14 Men Lansing St. Louis U.M.C. St. Louis, MI.

Oct. 2-5 Women Lansing Mt. Pleasant First U.M.C. Mt. Pleasant, MI.

Oct. 9-12 Men #60 Kalamazoo Wayland United Methodist Church, Wayland, MI.

Oct. 16-19 Women #61 Kalamazoo Wayland U.M.C., Wayland, MI.