

Lansing Emmaus Community

Footprints



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WHY HAVEN'T I BEEN RECEIVING MY NEWSLETTERS?

Many of you may be asking "Why haven't I been receiving my newsletters this year". The board of directors voted to reduce the frequency of the newsletter to save costs.

This Newsletter contains articles received since mid July.

New E-Mail Prayer Chain Established

Hello, my name is Elnora Wallin and I took my Walk to Emmaus in October of 1993 in Lansing and I sat at the table of Elizabeth.

How often we use prayer as the "last resort" rather than the **first** thing we do when we come into a time of trouble or concerns burden our hearts. We all know the power of prayer, but too often we try to rely on our own power rather than God's power to bring us through tough times. And sometimes we forget to praise God for His comfort, healing and victories as He answers our prayers. I am interested in starting a prayer chain via e-mail for the Lansing Area Emmaus Community.

Concerns, prayer requests and praises would be received by me via e-mail or by phone and I would send them out by e-mail daily (more or less often, as necessary) to those who wish to participate. I am currently on the Grand Rapids Emmaus prayer chain and have prayed for many concerns that have come daily from that community. I know the power of prayer and would like to share with our community in praying for the concerns that come from our community as well.

There may also be those in the community who don't have e-mail and would like to be involved in the Prayer Chain. We are looking for volunteers in every area who would be a "hub" for a "phone tree" of prayer concerns for those without e-mail access. "Hubs" could also volunteer to forward prayer requests to the prayer chain as well. If you know of someone in your area who is a member of the Lansing Area Emmaus and who does not have e-mail but would like to participate in the prayers please let them know you are available, and let us know who you are so that we can direct those who are looking for a connection to you as well.

This prayer chain will begin as soon as there are requests. Anyone who does not wish to be included on this prayer chain please respond with "unsubscribe" in the subject line of the message.

My phone number is 517-566-8452 and my e-mail address is owltalker@centurytel.net. Please include the word "prayer" or "prayer request" in the subject line of the message when you send requests for the prayer chain.

In This Issue:

Here's what you can expect to find:

- 1) New E-mail Prayer Chain
- 2) Board of Director candidates.
- 3 & 4) Voting Ballot
- 5) We Need Your Help
- 6) Emmaus 25th Anniversary Celebration, Member at Large, Gatherings Update
- 7) Board Members
- 8) Upcoming Events.

Meet your Board of Director Candidates

Please select eight (8) candidates and mark them on the enclosed ballot.

Beverly Bailey

Lansing Walk #57, Table of Miriam Lyons/Muir Federated Church -- Divorced, 3 children, 3 grandchildren. Beverly would like to serve on the Board because she "would like to become involved with a vital, outreaching community of faith, and use my gifts and talents for the good of the community and the Lord."

Michele Childs

Lansing Walk #20, Table of Naomi Grand Ledge UMC
Michele would like to serve on the Board because she has "been active in Emmaus for many years, and this seems like the right time!"

Nancy Francher

Lansing Walk #37, Table of Ruth
Trinity UMC, Lansing
Information not available at press time.

Kelly Jo Freeman

Lansing Walk #46, Table of Deborah Delta Haven Church -- Single, Kelly Jo would like to serve because she would like "to challenge the community and the Board to focus on God - to make decisions that are God-driven and not people-driven."

Mari Giffen

Lansing Walk #57, Table of Rebekah Crossroads UMC, Williamston -- Married (Jeff), Jeffrey, Rebecca. Mari would like to serve on the board because she has "a new, fresh approach to things. I have experiences and learnings to share from serving in the church and in the community. I'd like to have input into the future of the Emmaus movement."

Judy McPherson

Lansing Walk #34, Table of Esther Delta Haven Church -- 3 children (1 at home, 1 in CA, 1 at MSU) Judy would like to serve on the Board because she wants "to go and to serve where God has called her to serve."

Leon Martin

Lansing Walk #29, Table of Matthew Central UMC, Lansing -- Married (Cheer, Walk #32) raising 2 grandchildren. Leon would like to serve on the Board because he "sees a need. I'd like to find new ways to use my gifts to serve God." Leon is currently

Tina Pakkala

Lansing Walk #57, Table of Rebekah Grand Ledge UMC -- Divorced, 2 children (son 21, daughter 18) Tina would like to serve on the Board because she needs to serve God. "I've been nudged enough. It's time to do the work."

Gordon Ross

Grand Rapids Walk #24, Table of Joshua First Presbyterian Church, Dimondale -- Married (Darlene, Lansing Walk #57) 4 children, 9 grandchildren. Gordon would like to serve on the Emmaus Board because "I've just discovered there is more than going to church. There's lots of work to be done for the Lord."

Jane Thompson

Lansing Walk #57, Table of Miriam -- Single, attending classes to be a certified teachers aide. Jane would like to serve on the Board because she would like "to have input into future Walks and other activities."

Elnora Wallin

Lansing Walk #17, Table of Elizabeth Vermontville UMC -- Married (Harry, Walk #16) 3 sons, 3 daughter-in-laws, soon 6 grandchildren. Elnora would like to serve on the Board because she "feels that God is calling me, and I'd like to answer that call."

Pam Wyrick

Lansing Walk #56, Table of Elizabeth Pilgrim UMC, St. Johns -- Married, daughter, son, stepson, 3 grandchildren. Pam would like to serve on the Emmaus Board because "Emmaus is working to bring people closer to God. I'd like to bring a renewed Spirit of joy and energy and excitement to the community."

Lansing Area Emmaus Community Board of Directors Ballot October, 2003

The general policy of the Lansing Area Emmaus Community is to elect members of the Board of Directors for three years. Please see the table below to see who your current Board Members are. **The shaded cells are those which will be filled by this ballot.** Ballots should be postmarked by Saturday November 8, and results will be tabulated at the Board Meeting November 11 at Trinity U.M.C. In Lansing. Please fold and tape this ballot and mail to Harry Wallin, or drop it off at November's Gathering at Trinity UMC on Saturday November 8. Thank you for taking time to serve your Emmaus Community in this way. All Community members are always welcome at board meetings, and the results will also be reported at the December Gathering, and in the next issue of *Footprints*.

Class of 2003	Class of 2004	Class of 2005
Garnet Chappell	Carrie Bloom	Roxi Bass
Deb Fennell	Cheryl Galloway	Michon Felton
Bruce & Diana Hug	Andy Raymond	John Lord
Karen Weller	Darlyn Turner	Bob Pena
Ned Weller	Harry Wallin	Trina Roe
Leon Martin	Bonnie Williams	Bill Schmidt
Holly Richardson *	Vacant Position *	Jodi Schmidt

* Because of Carla Prout's resignation during the year, Holly Richardson was appointed for the remainder of the year. One position will be appointed for one year to fill this position. Because of this, in addition to seven 3-year positions, we need to fill one 1-year position. The seven persons getting the most votes will be elected to 3-year terms, and after them, the 1-year terms will be filled in order of descending vote total.

PLEASE VOTE FOR NO MORE THAN EIGHT (8) CANDIDATES

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Beverly Bailey, Lansing Walk #57 | <input type="checkbox"/> Leon Martin, Lansing Walk #29 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Michelle Childs, Lansing Walk #20 | <input type="checkbox"/> Tina Pakkala, Lansing Walk #57 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Nancy Francher, Lansing Walk #37 | <input type="checkbox"/> Gordon Ross, Grand Rapids Walk #24 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kelly Jo Freeman, Lansing Walk #46 | <input type="checkbox"/> Jane Thompson, Lansing Walk #57 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mari Giffen, Lansing Walk #57 | <input type="checkbox"/> Elnora Wallin, Lansing Walk #17 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Judy Mcpherson, Lansing Walk #34 | <input type="checkbox"/> Pam Wyrick, Lansing Walk #56 |

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We Need Your Help!

I prefer to be the bearer of good news and inspiration, but I must inform you that your Emmaus Community is in financial difficulty right now. There are several reasons for it, which I will do my best to explain.

There have been no unusual expenses, nor have we changed our pattern of spending substantially. In the last two years, we have started distributing our Newsletter by e-mail, which required an investment in software that has allowed us to minimize the increasing cost of duplication and postage. We have also established an excellent Website at an extremely minimal expense. We opted against several "free" web hosting services because they required viewers to see advertisements of questionable taste. Our website has allowed our members to keep themselves better informed, and has also been an excellent outreach tool.

A number of years back, the decision was made to decrease the cost of a Walk to a pilgrim. At that time, it made a great deal of sense. There were sufficient funds in the treasury between Walks to cover the expenses that occur before a Walk. The Auxiliary Heads, the Lay Directors, and the Head Cooks all need funds before the Walk begins. The treasury balance between Walks was rising, and we had no need to make a profit, indeed we are a non-profit organization and cannot legally do more than break even. We decided at that time to reduce the cost of a Walk for a pilgrim from \$75 to \$65. At somewhere near the same time, we increased the cost of a Team member (conference room or auxiliary) to work on a Walk if they worked both the Men's and Women's walk of the same set of Walks. Previously, we had said that one fee was sufficient payment for both a Men's and a Women's Walk for the same season of the same year (e.g. Fall, 2002 or Spring, 2003, etc.) Policy since the change is that someone who works on a Walk should pay \$25 PER WALK, largely to cover the cost of food, but also to cover other costs of the weekend.

The largest reason we are in financial difficulty now is that we have not been filling our Walks, especially the Men's Walks. We have a minimum of 20 Pilgrims on a Walk. That is established Board policy. The Board has set that policy aside on one occasion to my knowledge, and we had a Walk with 14 or 15 Pilgrims, I believe. The last several Men's Walks have had attendance in the range of 20 to 22. I worked the Walk with 14 Pilgrims, and saw the Holy Spirit do great works that weekend, and have seen the Lord doing mighty works on every Walk I have worked. Don't get me wrong! I do NOT regret having those Walks. I DO regret not being able to share that experience with more men. The Women's Walks have come much closer to filling up, but I don't believe they have been quite filled to capacity either.

Now comes the part where I ask you for your help. First, I am going to ask you for your prayers. Your Emmaus Board, including your Community Lay Director are going to need God's Wisdom and great powers of discernment to be good stewards and bring our Community back to better financial health. It is possible that we may need to make

some decisions which will not be popular, but please be assured that if they come, they will be as a result of much prayer and much consideration. Please pray for us.

Second, please pray for guidance on who The Lord wants to experience a Walk to Emmaus. We need Pilgrims. As you remember from Sponsorship Training, though, we don't just want warm bodies to fill a room. From Page 2 of the Second Edition of *The Upper Room Handbook on Emmaus*, published in 2001, "The purpose of Emmaus is to renew the church as the body of the risen Christ in the world through the renewal of Christians as faithful and committed disciples of Jesus Christ. Emmaus expands participants' spiritual lives, deepens their discipleship, and rekindles their gifts as Christian leaders in their churches and communities." We need Pilgrims, but we need the Pilgrims The Lord can use as disciples and leaders. If someone you have in mind is not there yet, be a good mentor and help them get to that point. All the same, if there is some whose name the Lord has put on your heart as a Pilgrim, NOW is the time to act. There have been times in the past that Men's Walks have been full with waiting lists. There have also been times that we have needed to offer a third Women's Walk in a year. Wouldn't it be great to get back there?

Third, we could use your financial support. Whenever we have asked the Community for scholarship funds so that financial difficulty might never be a deterrent for a person to become a Pilgrim, you have come through generously. I don't know why, but the generosity of God's People blows me away every time. I now appeal to you for basic operating funds. Since we are a non-profit organization, contributions are tax-deductible. If you wish to make cash contributions and you need a receipt for tax purposes, please let us know and we will be glad to provide you with one. We need more money in our basic operating budget. We currently have obligations we will have difficulty meeting.

I bring this matter to your attention with great faith that you will come through in any manner you can. On behalf of the Board and the whole Community, thank you to all of our "family" who have already contributed so generously. If you are unable to help financially, I trust you will still be able to help by praying. If the Lord provides you any insight about how we can proceed from this point, please let us know. I assure you that we are already considering many options, and taking a close look at how we got to this point in order to be sure we don't find ourselves here again. If you feel led to help lead your Emmaus Community, please feel free to contact any Board member. Contact information for all Board Members can be found in this newsletter. We are all volunteers, though we serve joyfully and gratefully, we could sometimes use more hands and minds to lighten the load. It has been one of my goals to encourage Community members to join Board Committees. If there is an area of work that is close to your heart, please feel free to contact me, the board member who coordinates that area of work, or our Member At Large.

In HIS Service

Harry Wallin

Emmaus 25th Anniversary Celebration

Anyone who went to Nashville, Tennessee July 24-27 to the Emmaus 25th Anniversary Celebration was blessed in a huge way. I can't tell you what all the blessings were for all 1300 pilgrims from around the world. I can't yet tell you all the blessings I received there, but I can give you a rough idea of a few. The first blessing was to be part of a gathering of 1300 4th Day Emmaus Christians from 14 countries, 40 U.S. States, and 37 denominations. We were so many. We were so diverse. Yet we were all one body. Twice, after devotions, ALL of us joined hands and circled the huge exhibition room. Some had difficulty seeing clearly through the tears that welled up into their eyes out of the joy and awe that filled their hearts.

Workshops were available on making a world of difference: in your life, in your Community, in your church, and in your world. I wished there were three of me. Then I might have had a chance of attending all of the workshops I wanted to. Those of us who had never been to a gathering like this had a chance to put faces and personalities with the names we had only seen on paper before, the leaders of the Walk to Emmaus. We learned that as a Community, there are many things we are doing well. We also learned that there are things we need to do better. I would be glad to share more with anyone who is interested, but I won't take the time or space now.

Perhaps the most surprising thing about the whole experience happened as Elnora and I were leaving. We had been talking with several other members of our Community, but had decided the time had come to roll up our banner and leave. It was near midday Sunday. Most of the participants had already left. As I was rolling up the banner, a group from the Puebla Sureste Emmaus Community of Mexico approached us. They asked if we would be willing to trade banners. I looked around for the other members of our Community we had just been speaking with, but they had all left. I wasn't sure it was a decision I should make by myself. When I hesitated, they said, "If it isn't your decision to make, it's O.K." I fired off a lightning prayer: "Help me, Lord! What should I do?" I don't remember even forming those words in my mind, that's how fast the prayer was, but the Lord read my heart, and I found myself saying, "This banner isn't really ours. It belongs to The Lord. We have been custodians of it for a while. If you would like to exchange banners, I'd be glad to." Maybe the workshop on Holy Listening I had attended had done more good than I thought.

They accepted our banner and I accepted their Chrysalis banner. That banner now hangs at Trinity United Methodist Church where our Community Banner once hung. They promised to display our banner at all their Gatherings, Walks, and Flights, and to remember us in prayer. I suggest we do the same. I am delighted that we now have new prayer partners in Puebla, Mexico. It could be the start of a beautiful tradition. In the meantime, is there anyone who would like to work together on a new banner for our Community?

Shalom, Harry Wallin

MEMBER AT LARGE

My name is Leon Martin. I took my walk to Emmaus in the Fall of 1996 at Lawrence Avenue UMC in Charlotte, Michigan and sat at the table of Matthew. I currently sit on the Lansing Area Emmaus Board as Member at Large. That means that I am your voice on the Board. Send your "great job", "this could be better", and new ideas to leonhm@juno.com and I will take them to the Board. I am obligated to tell you, the Community, that everything the Board does is the direct response to the model set forth by the Upper Room. All new ideas must meet that standard. One opportunity that I have embraced is to be the Boards representative to the Chrysalis Community for High School and College age youth.

You now have an opportunity and a mission to change the future. As members of the World Wide Emmaus Community, you have the privilege to sponsor your own youth or the youth in your church. I have literature and can get registrations. You can be proud of your Board and your Community. While in Nashville for the 25th Anniversary Celebration of Emmaus in America, I heard the word "commitment" a lot. Your Board and this Community is committed to Christ, the Spirit of the Walks, and

to YOU. Don't wait to be asked, step out in faith and volunteer to serve where God can use you. Believe me, serving the Lord is not only spiritually rewarding, it is fun. Decolores, Leon Martin

GATHERINGS UPDATE

Hi, My name is Carrie Bloom and I took my walk to Emmaus in November 1988 in Kalamazoo and sat at the table of Elizabeth. I am your Community Gathering Coordinator. The gatherings are monthly at Trinity UMC in Lansing. Gathering and fellowship begins at 4:30, Potluck dinner from 5 to 6, and Devotions, announcements, singing, and communion from 6 to 7.

The November 8th gathering theme will be thanks giving.

On December 13, gathering will be our annual talent show. If you want to read a poem, sing, play a musical instrument, or do a skit, or whatever God puts on your heart, call me at (517) 646-8076. Also if you would like to be on the Gathering Committee to plan themes, setup, and tear down, please call me.

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Name	Position	Phone	E-mail	Expires
Roxi Bass	Agape	(517) 676-4495	rrb323@yahoo.com	2005
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Cheryl Galloway	Data Manager	(517) 882-5595	gallowayg@acd.net	2004
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Leon Martin	Member at Large	(517) 332-4816	leonhm@juno.com	2003
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Upcoming Events

- Nov 8 Lansing Gathering**, Trinity U.M.C.
Lansing, 4:30pm.
- Nov 11 Lansing Emmaus Board Meeting**,
Trinity U.M.C., Lansing, MI. 6:30 P.M.
- Dec 9 Lansing Emmaus Board Meeting**,
Alma U.M.C., Alma, MI. 6:30 P.M.
- Dec 13 Lansing Gathering**, Trinity U.M.C.
Lansing, 4:30pm. (Tallent Show)
- Jan 10 Lansing Gathering**, Trinity U.M.C.
Lansing, 4:30pm.
- Jan 13 Lansing Emmaus Board Meeting**,
Trinity U.M.C., Lansing, MI. 6:30 P.M
- Feb 10 Lansing Emmaus Board Meeting**,
Alma U.M.C., Alma, MI. 6:30 P.M.
- Feb 14 Lansing Gathering**, Trinity U.M.C.
Lansing, 4:30pm.
- Mar. 9 Lansing Emmaus Board Meeting**,
Trinity U.M.C., Lansing, MI. 6:30 P.M
- Mar. 13 Lansing Gathering**, Trinity U.M.C.
Lansing, 4:30pm.
- March. 25-28 Men Lansing** St. Louis
U.M.C. St. Louis, MI.
- April 15-18 Men's #44 Grand Rapids**
- April 22-25 Women Lansing** Lawrence Ave-
nue U.M.C. Charlotte, MI.
- April 22-25 Men's #61 Kalamazoo** Three
Rivers U.M.C. Three Rivers, MI.
- April 29-May 2 Women's #62 Kalamazoo**
Three Rivers U.M.C. Three Rivers, MI.
- April 29-May 2 Women's #45 Grand Rapids**
- May 13-16 Women's #46 Grand Rapids**
- Sept. 16-19 Men's #47 Grand Rapids**
- Sept. 30-Oct 2 Women's #48 Grand Rapids**