

Lansing Emmaus Community

Footprints



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A Word from Roxi

Dear Fellow Travelers,

First, a heart-felt welcome to all of our new Community Members. You are deeply loved by God, and by your new Emmaus family. We rejoice with you in your deepened relationship with our Lord, Jesus Christ, and desire to support you during all of your Fourth Days. I look forward to getting to know you! My Fourth Days are always blessed by working with the Auxiliary Team during a Walk weekend. Recently, I had my first experience serving as a prayer warrior during a recent Walk. Now while I have been a prayer partner and prayed for individual speakers and Pilgrims in the prayer room, I did not have an inkling what was it going to be like to devote three whole days to prayer.

During this 72 hour experience in the Prayer Room, I found that it was very important to pray with each speaker before, during and after each talk. Just as each of the 15 talks builds on the foundation the first talk, the "layers" and depth of prayer builds as well.

I was blessed to have two experienced prayer partners sharing the 72 hour experience with me. The Holy Spirit was with us, just as Matthew 18:20 describes. We had the wonderful support of the Auxiliary Team, who made special efforts in supporting us as we prayed.

One of my prayer partners had the foresight to create a prayer request form that we found to be ex-

tremely helpful. They were first used by the Conference Room Team and then after the Friday afternoon Grace Talk, the prayer request forms were introduced to the Pilgrims and placed on the Conference Room tables so they could complete and send them to us for specific prayer.

The most powerful prayer times during the Walk was when Pilgrims were brought to the Prayer Room individually, needing prayer for a specific issues. I know that when we prayed together, I had never felt the magnitude of God's presence that way before. The room was charged with his loving, awesome power! Time and time again, we would pray, not knowing what the issue was that brought the Pilgrim to the Prayer Room, and before we were finished praying, God specifically answered the need of the Pilgrim. WOW! I still get goose bumps!

The Prayer ALD helped by making sure we had a list of the speakers, and the times they were scheduled to give their talks. We had a Chapel Agape sheet completed for each talk, enabling us to personalize or prayers. Each Chapel Agape sheet contained requests for specific prayers, and scriptures, themes, thoughts and hymns or other music used during each talk. We took turns reading the scripture requests from several different bible translations, and were reminded that hearing the scripture read aloud as we followed along in another translation was very enlightening. I read aloud Romans 12 from The Message. It was so moving for me, that I would like to share a small part of that wonderful lesson with you now.

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Lansing Area Emmaus Board 2004

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The above people are your Board of Directors for this year. They are in these positions, not to do all of the work, but to see that all the work gets done and to lead a team of people. **They need your help!** If you feel the Lord calling you to help out in some way, please contact one of the Directors and tell them you would like to join their TEAM. We would love you to join us in completing our appointed tasks for this year.

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Please read it aloud!

PLACE YOUR LIFE BEFORE GOD.

So here's what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life – your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life – and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him. Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it. Unlike the culture around you, always dragging

you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you. Romans 12:1-2 [The Message](#)

My friends, I learned first hand the importance of "full-time" Prayers Warriors in the Prayer Room during each Walk, and I pray that every Walk will be supported in this special way.

Remember, Christ is counting on you, and you are counting on Christ.

De Colores!

Roxi Bass, Community Lay Director
Walk 28, May of 1996, Table of Deborah

De Clores!

I hope you all participated in some way — as a pilgrim, auxiliary, making agape, candlelight / closing, and /or in prayer — to support the Spring Emmaus Walks. They were amazing Spirit-filled events and if you have not participated recently, I would invite and urge you to consider doing so at one of the upcoming walks. Speaking of the upcoming walks, we are now accepting applications!! Do you know someone you've been thinking about sponsoring? Act NOW to re-

serve these dates on their calendar: Men's Walk — Clare United Methodist Church, September 16-19; Women's Walk — Mt. Hope United Methodist Church (Lansing) October 14-17, 2004.

If you would like to serve by greeting and checking in the new pilgrims for a walk, the Registrar (me!) would love to have your help!! You can contact me by email (ragdoll@voyager.net) or phone (989-224-2787). It's fun and only requires a couple hours of your time! UNLESS, of course, you want to go

from the registration table to helping with the auxiliary —you may be surprised to find out that YOU are the person that is blessed from your experience!! "Try it — you'll like it!"

I hope you all have a summer filled with fun and an overflowing abundance of God's blessings and His awesome love. This was written with a smile and a hug for each of you! Pam Wyrick, serving you on the board as Registrar.

HELP!!!

**Trailer haulers are desperately needed
We need someone to haul the Emmaus trailer to and from the walks.
Contact Bonnie Williams or Roxi Bass.**

**I am looking for computer skilled people for the upcoming walks to work in the mail room.
Fall 2004 Men's and Women's Walks
Contact Tina Pakkala, Mailroom Coordinator @ (517) 662-1820**

Women's Walk #59 Auxiliary Report:

Gordon & Cheryl Galloway and Cori Feldpausch are happy to report that Walk #59 was wonderful and went very smoothly. They would like to THANK each and every person who came out to assist in Auxiliary throughout the weekend and could they feel God's

presence with each and every Servant. We found Lawrence Avenue UMC to be very welcoming and with all the space we were able to keep the conference room separate from all the behind the scenes activity which is always a plus. They report that this group of Pilgrims were "rowdy" and enthusiastic! You could just feel the Holy Spirit working through each and every one of

them. It was a pleasure to serve as the Auxiliary Coordinators for the weekend and we look forward to meeting the new Pilgrims at the reunion gathering May 8th.

God's Peace,

Cori Feldpausch and Gordon
and Cheryl Galloway

WHAT IS PROGRESSIVE SERVANTHOOD?????

We have just finished two wonderful walks, and there are many new community members added to our number and we welcome you! The Team Selection Committee thought it might be well to explain to our new (and old) members the concept of "progressive servanthood", so you might understand how you can get involved right away in the powerful work God is doing in this community.

According to the Emmaus Manual, which LAEC (that means Lansing Area Emmaus Community) members agree to follow, the purpose of progressive servanthood is to provide leadership training and spiritual development. **But exactly what IS progressive servanthood?** It simply means you begin serving your community in "silent servant" positions on what is called the auxiliary team and after some time and experience, may progress to the conference room.

The auxiliary team includes all the "behind the scenes" people you saw very little of during your walk. This includes the kitchen, housekeeping, mail room, dining room, prayer room, luggage lugging, registration, snacks, set-up and tear down, organizing, supplies, serving dinner, and many other duties.

We hope each of you who are called to do so, will continue your 4th day by finding a 4th day group, by attending gatherings, candlelights, closings, and by sponsoring pilgrims (sponsorship training available after gatherings on the second Saturday of every month at Trinity United Methodist Church). We also encourage you to begin working in auxiliary positions as soon as possible.

If you are interested in working on auxiliary, please let board members Harry Wallin or Gordon Ross know.

Those old-timers in the community interested in working in the conference room let me know. You may get a telephone call asking you if you would like to work in auxiliary. Prayerfully consider it, and if you are able and willing, please join us.

Eventually, you may be willing and ready to move on to working in the conference room. In the conference room, you would first be an Assistant Table Leader, then a Table Leader, an Assistant Lay Director at least twice, and then perhaps Lay Director. Working in any of these positions does not guarantee you will progress to the next level. The progression may also take some time to accomplish, as there are only about 34 positions in the conference room (17 for each of two walks for women and the same for men each year) for the entire year.

Some may not be ready or may not wish to work in the conference room until they have worked with the community for a longer period. It is very important if you are to work in the conference room that you are a member of a 4th day group, and are actively involved in your local church.

Usually the conference room is staffed for each walk with 1/3 new conference room team members, one-third *second-or third-time* team members, and one-third *team veterans*. This guideline from the Emmaus Manual helps us to avoid using the same "old hands" team after team and expands the leadership base of the community. This is commonly referred to as the "1/3 rule".

The leadership development process (progressive servanthood) equips and trains community members to assume leadership positions in their local church. The purpose of Emmaus is to renew the local church!

Judy McPherson
Assistant Community Lay Director
Team Selection Committee Chair
Emmaus Walk #34, Mt. Pleasant, MI
October 1997 – Table of Esther

Come Join God's Team

You will read elsewhere in this newsletter how essential the Auxiliary is, and how greatly appreciated. There is a question that is not answered, and that is, "Why should I consider serving on the Auxiliary?"

There are several answers to that question. I pray that you find one that speaks to your heart. One very good reason is in gratitude for what the Lord has done for you, perhaps on an Emmaus Walk, but certainly over the broad spectrum of your life. If you felt the presence of Christ's love on your Walk, it is because a great many people worked hard to show it to you. Pass it on.

Another good reason to work in the auxiliary is to allow the Lord to stretch your comfort zone. Even people who have worked a great many Walks are blessed with new experiences each time. It is a way to keep growing in service to the Lord. The Emmaus movement, and our Emmaus Community don't believe in sink-or-swim learning. We believe in starting people with relatively simple service and gradually moving them on to more demanding positions. That way a person can establish a firm foundation of experience to build on.

There is one more reason I want to bring to your attention. Working in the Auxiliary is rewarding. Yes, you will work hard, but you will also have a lot of fun! There will be great fellowship, won-

derful food, (remember your Walk?) singing, praying, communion, and so much more. Things happen that nobody can predict, like 8 people joining in a rousing rendition of the Star Spangled Banner in the middle of the kitchen in the middle of the night, or a soul connection with another Christian that results in a conversation that takes up most of the night. I don't know how you will be rewarded, but I know that you will be. In my own experience, I've worked for pay and I've worked for love. When I work for love, the pay is a LOT better. To come and join the fun, contact Gordon Ross or me - phone numbers and e-mail addresses are listed on page 2 of this newsletter.

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Harry Wallin, Co-Auxiliary Coordinator

A Refiner of Silver

A warm welcome to all the new members of the Lansing Area Walk to Emmaus community. I pray God blessed you in many ways on your Walk to Emmaus, and you have been refreshed and renewed by the Holy Spirit to be used of God. God never quits seeking to work within each of us ~ refining, molding, purifying until we become wholly God's. As I think about how God refines and shapes each of our lives to reflect unconditional love and grace I am reminded of the following illustration.

The story is told of a group of women that met for Bible study. While studying in the book of Malachi, chapter three, they came across verse three which says: "He will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver." This verse puzzled the women and they wondered how this statement applied to the character and nature of God. One of the women offered to find out more about the process of refining silver, and to get back to the group at their next Bible study.

The following week, the woman called up a silversmith and made an appointment to watch him while at work. She didn't mention anything about the reason for her interest, beyond her curiosity about the process of refining silver. As she watched the silversmith work, he held a piece of silver over the fire and let it heat up. He explained that in refining silver, one needed to hold the silver in the middle of the fire, where the flames were the hottest as to burn away all the impurities.

The woman thought about God holding us in such a hot spot, then she thought again about the verse, that "He sits as a refiner and purifier of silver." She asked the silversmith if it was true that he had to sit there in front of the fire the entire time the silver was being refined. The man answered yes, that not only did he have to sit there holding the silver, but he had to keep his eyes on it the entire time it was in the fire. If the silver was left even a moment too long in the flames, it would be destroyed. The woman was silent for a moment. Then she asked the silversmith, "But how do you know when the silver is fully refined?" He smiled at her and answered, "Oh, that's easy - when I see my image in it."

As the master silversmith, God continues to keep an eye and hand on our lives when we allow the refining and purifying process to happen in us. The more we are refined the more we seek to give and serve God in ways we never thought possible both individually and as a part of God's church. There's a song that says, "Refiner's fire, my heart's one desire is to be holy. Set apart for you, my Master, ready to do your will." The more we are refined the more we are willing to allow God to use us. The more we are refined the more we grow in holiness and servanthood. The more we are refined, the more we reflect the image of Christ in us ~ an image of unconditional love and grace.

God Bless You on your Fourth Day journey.
Pastor Becky Morrison
Lansing Area Walk to Emmaus Spiritual Director

Attention - Attention - All Emmaus Pilgrims:

We are beginning a fundraiser for new mattresses. Our old ones are breaking down and occasionally "smelling". Please let all previous Emmaus pilgrims know. I am aiming for a goal of \$9000. We have been given a great price of \$19 for foam mattresses and are

thinking of making mattress covers. I am thinking of Slumberjack or Therm-a-rest mattresses with the help of corporate donations. If you are interested in giving, please send a check to Cheryl Galloway, Treasurer Lansing Area Emmaus, noting mattress fund. If you would like to make it in memory of or in Honor of, please send that note with the check. Thanks!!
Wendy Stanley - w_stanley@sbcglobal.net

Women's Walk # 59

Completed

The beautiful Charlotte Lawrence Avenue United Methodist Church was the place, gorgeous days of April 22-25th were the dates. The best auxiliary and conference room teams that anyone could ask for came together for us at Walk # 59.

The community filled the sanctuary for candlelight and our pilgrims were thrilled

with all of it. One table expressed that after each "surprise" they looked at other with a "Wow," and after the next a "W O W !!!," etc.

We had a great follow-up reunion and terrific sharing prior to the May community gathering in Lansing. We learned that in more than one instance the things that were "given up to God" on Saturday morning were already taken care of by God when we returned home on Sunday evening! What a testimony to the awesome power of God!

The ministry of the Ithaca Men's Chorus on Saturday night; the realization that not only was our community in prayer, but so were Emmaus groups all over the world; the many agape gifts that seemed to just appear; the wonderful meals; house-keeping and all the other efforts so gladly given by the Emmaus people for this walk were not lost on these pilgrims. On behalf of those of us who received everything from you, I say **THANK YOU ONE AND ALL!!!!**

E. Howes, Lay Director

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Upcoming Events

May 13-16 Women's #46 Grand Rapids
June 8 Lansing Emmaus Board Meeting, Alma U.M.C.,
Alma, MI. 6:30 P.M.
June 12 Lansing Gathering, Trinity U.M.C. Lansing,
4:30 P.M.
July 10 Lansing Gathering, Trinity U.M.C.
Lansing,4:30pm.
July 13 Lansing Emmaus Board Meeting, Trinity
U.M.C., Lansing, MI. 6:30 P.M.
July 22-25 Women #125 Southeast Michigan
Aug. 10 Lansing Emmaus Board Meeting, Alma U.M.C.,
Alma, MI. 6:30 P.M.

Aug. 14 Lansing Gathering, Trinity U.M.C.
Lansing,4:30pm.
Sept. 11 Lansing Gathering, Trinity U.M.C.
Lansing,4:30pm.
Sept. 14 Lansing Emmaus Board Meeting, Trinity
U.M.C., Lansing, MI. 6:30 P.M.
Sept. 16-19 Men Lansing Clare U.M.C. Clare, MI.
Men's #47 Grand Rapids Men Superiorland Glad-
stone, MI.
Sept. 30-Oct 2 Women's #48 Grand Rapids
Oct 9 Lansing Gathering, Trinity U.M.C.
Lansing,4:30pm.
Oct 12 Lansing Emmaus Board Meeting, Alma U.M.C.,
Alma, MI. 6:30 P.M.
Oct 14-17 Women Lansing Mount Hope U.M.C. Lan-
sing, MI. Men Jackson Grass Lake, MI; Men # 63
Kalamazoo
Oct. 15-17 High School Girls Flight of Hope Chrysalis
Oct. 21-24 Women #64 Kalamazoo; Men # 126 South-
east Michigan
Oct. 28-31 Women Jackson Grass Lake, MI
Nov. 4-7 Women # 127 Southeast Michigan
Nov. 5-7 High School Boys Flight of Hope Chrysalis