

Lansing Emmaus Community

Footprints



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Busy Summer Greetings!

After a week of annual leave spent working on some large projects around our home, Dave and I have just returned from a pleasant weekend in Traverse City where we were blessed to see family, fireworks, the Blue Angels and a dear Emmaus friend. We attended the Contemporary Service at Keswick UMC, and heard Rev. Don Spachman deliver his first sermon at his new appointment. After serving at Shepard UMC for the last 12 years, and on several LAE Walks, Don and his family have made the move to beautiful Suttons Bay. While Don's congregation at Shepherd and the LAE Community will miss him immensely, Don will continue to serve the Lord and be welcomed and loved by the folks at Keswick UMC and the Traverse Area Emmaus Community for many years to come. Thank you and Godspeed brother Don!

At the May Board meeting, the recommended appointment of Mary Jo Bump to complete 2004 as Music Coordinator was approved, and the Board then welcomed her at the June meeting. Even after moving to Grand Ledge, Mary Jo remained very active in the Grand Rapids Community, and just finished serving as the music leader on a Spring Walk held in Muskegon. A past LAE Board member, Mary Jo is also currently serving on the Flight of Hope Chrysalis Board. A professional in the food services industry, she has served as Head Cook on approximately 30 Walks, and will be the Head Cook on the LAE Woman's Walk this October. LAE will benefit from Mary Jo's wealth of experience, as well as her wonderful enthusiasm! Welcome Mary Jo!

Please mark your calendar and plan to attend the Multi Community Emmaus/Chrysalis Picnic on August 7th! The idea for a picnic involving the Grand Rapids, Kalamazoo,

Jackson and Lansing Communities was conceived during the first multi community "Round Table" meeting that was held last May.

The picnic will be held at a private pond that has a pavilion, tables and restrooms. Located at 11562 Saginaw Highway, Lake Odessa, MI – one mile South of Woodbury - at M-66 and M-43. Please plan to join us for all or part of the day. There is a family style Pot Luck at noon, and a hot dog roast at the fire pit about 5 pm. Bring your dish to pass and your table setting for lunch, and hot dogs and marshmallows for dinner.

Activities include swimming, fishing, swings, horseshoes, volleyball and more! So bring your family and friends, pack your picnic basket, swim suit, lawn chair and join us!

For further information contact Roxi Bass at rbb323@yahoo.com, Harry Wallin at owltalker@centurytel.net or Peter Brodbeck at mibarb@voyager.net.

It was a real blessing for me to have a long telephone conversation with our Regional Emmaus Representative, Cathi Eberly. During our conversation, I was impressed with her knowledge and compassion, and afterwards I felt as if I had made a new best friend. Cathi answered many questions, and shared excellent insights with me that included that as servants of Christ, we should always be open to working wherever God is calling us to serve, i.e. we should fluctuate between the Conference Room and Auxiliary, and not become Conference Room or Auxiliary centered. We also discussed that the Lord is more concerned with our ATTITUDE than our APTITUDE, and how our own expectations of what we know from what we have experienced can easily sidetrack us.

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Lansing Area Emmaus Board 2004

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The above people are your Board of Directors for the upcoming 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.

A Moment from our Community Spiritual Director

In the Book of Acts, Luke writes that on the day of Pentecost after Peter preached and thousands accepted Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior the following happened among those who believed:

"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved."

As members of the Emmaus community, we are called to become leaders within the local church. The Walk to Emmaus movement has had a tremendous impact within the Church in raising up leaders. BUT, we are also called worship, pray, serve and fellowship together as an Emmaus community. Each month we gather to share in fellowship and worship together. We send prayer requests to the community through email. We are called serve by

offering agape gifts for Men's and Women's Walks, Chrysalis Flights and Keryx weekends. We are called to serve in many different positions auxiliary, conference room, etc. on Emmaus Walks. We are called to offer others the opportunity to participate in the Walk to Emmaus experience.

When was the last time you came to an Emmaus gathering, attended a candlelight or closing or sponsored someone on a Walk? If Emmaus had such a great impact on your faith and your spiritual journey, then what is keeping you from helping our community to grow strong in Christ? We need your support. We can't be the fellowship of believers God wants us to be if you're not there.

Lloyd John Ogilvie, U.S. Senate Chaplain, tells about a young Korean who was learning the English language. He came upon the word "fellowship" and said, "I understand that. It means fellows in the same ship." -- as referenced by Hal Brady, 14 November 1993, Dallas, Texas.

We are, indeed, all in the same boat. Are we in that boat together or apart? The ship named the Lansing Area Walk to Emmaus Community is seeking to be a fellow-ship of believers. Note the calendar in the newsletter and then mark yours! Plan on fellow-shiping with us, the blessings are unbeatable!

"And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose."

Romans 8:28

Is God calling you to prayerfully consider involvement in His Emmaus community?????

My name is Darlyn Turner.....My walk was #28 at Trinity UMC and I am writing as the Fourth Day coordinator on the Lansing Board of Directors...and I have a great idea....but I need help!!! Some churches have an Emmaus bulletin board in place....some don't. With the thinking that it would be helpful for those seeking fourth day groups or for those wishing to become involved I have a plan to develop Emmaus

bulletin board persons in as many churches as we can. So to this end I need some volunteers. I will supply the information in a timely manner, if you will post it in a timely manner. If you are willing to serve the community in this way or even just willing to ask questions about the 'plan' please e-mail me at darlynt@hotmail.com or call me at 989-621-6828 (cell phone with voice mail always available).

I also am trying to get an idea of existing fourth day groups and would love to have a 'committee' to help with the venture, I think we could even pull it off without having to attend a 'real' meeting, just have a gathering of and exchanging of information. Fourth Day groups are vital to the health of our personal lives, and also to that of the Emmaus community.

GLYASDI-and I hope you call so I can tell you so in person.....

Greetings Pilgrim:

As this is written, two Walks to Emmaus Teams are being formed and Team Meetings have started.

A reminder:

- **Men's Walk to Emmaus #60 will be held at Clare UMC, September 16th – 19th**
- **Women's Walk to Emmaus #61 will be held at Mt. Hope UMC, October 14th – 17th**

We would like to encourage you to start the process NOW of sponsoring a Pilgrim for those two Walks.

As you know, historically, Men's Walks to Emmaus generally have an average of about 22 at each Walk; and last fall, a Walk had to be postponed until this Spring because a sufficient number of Pilgrims were not registered for the Fall Walk to justify conducting it then.

We have accepted the invitation to be Lay Directors for the Women's and Men's Walks respectively and we want to especially encourage you to start NOW in prayer to seek God's guidance about who YOU should sponsor for the Fall Walks to Emmaus.

(If you haven't had Sponsor Training in the last four (4) years, the Lansing Emmaus Community Board of Directors encourages you to do so before you sponsor this Fall. The BOD is committed to having Sponsors complete training at least every four (4) years. The responsibility is so critical they do not want to leave it to chance that you will be a good sponsor. The act of sponsorship is an intentional and responsible undertaking...please take it seriously and deliberately.

Sponsor Training is conducted after the Devotion and Communion component of the monthly (2nd Saturday each month) Gatherings, held at Trinity UMC in Lansing. **If you are unable to complete the training before the Walks, seek a CO-SPONSOR who has completed the training within the last four years to help you.**

Completing the Training is also a responsible act.

Remember, that someone thought you were special enough in their life to SPONSOR YOU.

**Pass it on!
De Colores,**

Darlyn Turner
Lay Director
Women's Walk to Emmaus #61

Ned Weller
Lay Director
Men's Walk to Emmaus #60

WELCOME NEW LANSING AREA EMMAUS COMMUNITY MEMBERS!

Men's Walk # 58, March of 2004, Saint Louis MI

Mark Coss, Jeff Giffen, Jason Heibeck, Kurt Jueckstock, David Michael Palmer, Kevin Steward, Richard Baumgartner, David Donnell, David Hazel, Charles Huffman, Eric Johnson, Scott Lobert, Larry Gidley, Jerry Hamm, Stuart Hazel, Edward Massar, Carlton McAfee, Ronald Phinney, Mark Dickins, Ed Gillette, Jeff Page, David Wade, Monty Whipple, and Reid Williams.

Women's Walk # 59, April 2004, Charlotte MI

Sherri Washabaugh, Marsha Spalding, Gina Gilliam, Shirley Rennells, Valerie Shaw, Kathy Dobie, Vickie Loomis, Linda Anderson, Sally Beadle, Sandra Reeves, Myrna Walldorff, Maryann Wittenberg, Phyllis Schleder, Karen Mason, Terrie Eisenmann, Tammie Travis, Judy Hegle, Andrea Smith, Sue Anderson, Coty Dobie, Amy Hopkins Tricia Cornell, Victoria Key, Chris Castor, Olivia Lowe, Shellie Outman-Higbee, Bridget Hazel, Tricia Steward, and Margaret Cooper.

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Fall Walk Auxiliary Heads looking for help.

What about YOU?

Bob Peña and Codee Kirkby will be the Auxiliary Co-Heads for the up coming Fall Women's Walk to Emmaus. This walk will be held at Mount Hope UMC in Lansing at the corner of Cedar and Mount Hope October 16 and 19. If you are interested in working behind the scenes please contact Bob at home at (517) 482-7358 or at penar@michigan.gov. Cody could be reached at 517-333-3246 or at qtlabfan1@hotmail.com. Or just show up to the training sessions. Training sessions are July 31 (tentatively Mount Hope UMC), 8:30a -3:30 p; August 28, 8:30a -3:30p at Clare UMC; September 11, 8:30a -3:30p (tentatively Mt Hope UMC); October 9, 8:30a-3:30p (tentatively Mt. Hope UMC). If you call please name and phone number where you can be reached. Bless all Bob and Codee.

Registration UPDATE

DeColores!! What a lot of bright colors this time of year!! The sun is shining (finally) and things are beginning to grow and ripen.

God is GOOD!

Just a reminder to prayerfully consider sponsoring a pilgrim for one of the Fall Walks.

MEN'S WALK #60 at Clare UMC in Clare, September 16-19

WOMEN'S WALK #61 at Mount Hope UMC in Lansing, October 14-17.

Registrations have been very very slow so far, so please don't miss this special opportunity to share an awesome experience with a special brother or sister in Christ. Applications and sponsor forms are available on the Lansing Emmaus Community website. Hope to see you at the Gathering July 10 or at the Multi-community FAMILY outing in August.

God Bless! Pam Wyrick, Registrar

Gather with the Lansing District Emmaus Community

Lansing District Emmaus **GATHERINGS** are held on the **second Saturday** of each month. Community members are encouraged to attend to meet new pilgrims and renew friendships. So, **bring a dish to pass and your table service. Beverages will be available.** Childcare will be provided. Family members are invited to attend even though they may not have attended an Emmaus Walk.

The **GATHERING** convenes at **5 pm.** At the Trinity United Methodist Church, corner of St. Joseph Highway and Canal Road (7533 West St. Joseph Highway), Lansing. An evening of music, fellowship, and devotion will follow dinner.

Upcoming dates are:

August 14, 2004

September 11, 2004

You are seen! You are known! You are loved!

See You There!

Questions???? Contact Michon Felton or Beverly Bailey, Gathering Co-Leaders

EMMAUS MULTI COMMUNITY PICNIC

Grand Rapids . Lansing . Kalamazoo . Jackson
&
Flight Of Hope Chrysalis

August 7, 2004

Family Style Potluck Lunch at noon with hot dogs and marshmallows later!

Gather at 11 am. and plan to eat at noon.

Please bring your table setting and a dish to pass.

For the fire pit (@ 5pm.) please bring a cooler with some hot dogs, buns, and a beverage.

S'mores makings would be a good idea too!

Condiments will be provided.

Fellowship will include a day full of creation and conversation
.... swimming ... lush lawn ... fishing(no flies please) ... swings ...
.... shade ... sun ... beach ...
horseshoes ... volleyball ... and more !!!

Picnic tables with seating for 100 under in a pavilion, so please bring a lawn chair.

You will enjoy our time together and you will be glad you came.

Bring your family and friends.

????? WHERE ??????

Look at the palm of your right hand.

Now try and imagine where Kalamazoo, Grand Rapids, Lansing and Jackson are on the
palm and **'The Pond' is in the middle !.**

The address for mappers is:

11562 Saginaw Highway, Lake Odessa, MI, 48849

Located; One mile South of Woodbury

(This is where M-66 and M-43 share pavement)

Look for a sign pointing east and go one half mile to the fun.

Note that this is a private pond area, so we will have use of it for the day.

Please check your Emmaus web site and Newsletter.

Or, contact any Board Member, or call Peter Brodbeck @ 269 - 367 - 4957

A reply to this announcement via email to < mibarb@voyager.net >

will help provide for large numbers.

See YOU there!!

HANDBOOK MOMENT

by Judy McPherson, Assistant Community Lay Director

This is the first article in a series of articles designed to familiarize Lansing Area Emmaus Community members with the Emmaus "model" or "handbook." The Lansing Area Board of Directors sign an agreement each year with the Upper Room agreeing to follow the handbook that is provided to the board. This handbook was thoughtfully put together and provides understanding for the many parts of this movement.

The focus for this newsletter will be on Chapter 8 "The Spirit of the Walk to Emmaus"

"The spirit in which the Walk to Emmaus is conducted is none other than the Holy Spirit. In Galatians 5:22-26, Paul lists the characteristics of the Holy Spirit manifested in people's attitudes and behavior, which he calls 'fruit of the Spirit.' This fruit also represents the character of an (Emmaus) team properly formed in the spirit of Jesus Christ. "

The fruit of the Spirit, of course, is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. This chapter of the handbook presents a page or so for each of the nine characteristics, and explains how each is best modeled on an Emmaus walk. For this article, love will be the characteristic that is discussed.

LOVE

"The weekend community should be characterized by an atmosphere of hospitality and acceptance. The pilgrims should feel that the Walk is an open and opportune space in which they can respond freely and honestly to the gospel of grace in the presence of people who care, a time in which they can rediscover themselves in relationship with God."

"..this love draws attention to God---not to team members. An ancient image depicts the spiritual life as a wagon wheel with spokes connecting at the center. The center represents God in Jesus Christ, and the wheel rim represents people. As we turn and are drawn to the center, we are, at the same time, drawn closer to one another. BUT when we attempt to move closer to one another on our own, along the rim of human need and natural inclination, we do not necessarily move closer to God. Nor do we necessarily move closer to lasting, spiritual relationships with one another. THE AIM OF THE WALK TO EMMAUS IS TO TURN PEOPLE'S ATTENTION TOWARD GOD, SO THEY MAY BE DRAWN CLOSER TO GOD, AND IN THE PROCESS DRAWN TOGETHER AS SPIRITUAL FRIENDS INTO A CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT'S MAKING. "

"God, not the team members themselves, will draw the pilgrims together as their attention is turned to God's welcoming love and as their hearts overflow with the gift of that love in the company of one another."

NEXT NEWSLETTER: JOY

Lay Director Report Continued from Page 1

After sharing and discussing all of Cathi's comments and recommendations with the Board, LAE will continue our commitment to gently turn back toward the excellent model in the Upper Room Walk to Emmaus Handbook. Cathi was very interested in our "Round Table" meetings, and intends to attend the Multi Community Picnic. Plan to meet her August 7th!

The LAE Fall Walk Teams, both Auxiliary and Conference Room are building nicely. At this writing, the Men's Conference Room Team has already had their first meeting. The Lay Director, Ned Weller is confident that the Team will be complete soon. While still seeking an Auxiliary Head, the Kitchen Head position has been filled. PTL! The Women's Lay Director, Darlyn Turner, reports that the Conference Room Team is complete, and she has Co-Auxiliary Heads, as well as a Kitchen Head.

Both teams need Auxiliary servants, so please be in prayer to see if this is the time for you to serve. Now is also the time to pray about sponsoring a Pilgrim for the Fall Walks. Pray hard!

In closing, I would like to continue to use THE MESSAGE to share more from Romans 12 with you. "I'm speaking to you out of deep gratitude for all that God has given me, and especially as I have responsibilities in relation to you. Living then, as every one of you does, in pure grace, it's important that you not misinterpret yourselves as people who are bringing this goodness to God. No, God brings it all to you."

God does bring it all to you!
Enjoy His grace this summer.

In His service,
Roxi Bass,

Trinity U.M.C.
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June - July 2004

Upcoming Events

Aug. 7 *Multi-Community Picnic*, Lake Odessa, MI, 5:00 pm.

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, 5:00 pm.

Sept. 11 *Lansing Gathering*, Trinity U.M.C. Lansing, 5:00 pm.

Sept. 14 *Lansing Emmaus Board Meeting*, Trinity U.M.C., Lansing, MI. 6:30 P.M.

Sept. 16-19 *Men's #60 Lansing* Clare U.M.C. Clare, MI.

Sept. 16-19 *Men's #47 Grand Rapids*

Sept. 30-Oct 2 *Women's #48 Grand Rapids*

Oct 9 *Lansing Gathering*, Trinity U.M.C. Lansing, 5:00 pm..

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

Oct 14-17 *Women's #61 Lansing* Mount Hope U.M.C. Lansing, MI.

Nov. 9 *Lansing Emmaus Board Meeting*, Trinity U.M.C., Lansing, MI. 6:30 P.M.

Nov. 13 *Lansing Gathering*, Trinity U.M.C. Lansing, 5:00 pm.

Dec 11 *Lansing Gathering*, Trinity U.M.C. Lansing, 5:00 pm..

Dec 14 *Lansing Emmaus Board Meeting*, Alma U.M.C., Alma, MI. 6:30 P.M.