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## EXCITING TIMES FOR THE LANSING AREA EMMAUS COMMUNITY

Very soon you will receive a very important POSTCARD from the Lansing Area Emmaus Community. The Board is striving to be good stewards of God's resources, and YOU and this little postcard will assist us in many ways, including a long overdue cleaning up of our data base. We ask that after you read it, to please mark your responses to the four questions, check your name and address, make any necessary corrections and then place the completed postcard in an envelope and mail it back to us by September 10<sup>th</sup>. That will insure that you will receive a ballot in time for the upcoming election for the Board of Directors. The Nominations Committee will send ballots to Community members who respond by returning the postcard. If you are unable to return the postcard by the September 10<sup>th</sup> due date, please go ahead and complete the questions and return the card to the Community as soon as possible. You will then remain on the LAE Community data base. We thank you in advance for your cooperation and response.

The Fall Walks are just weeks away! Please pray for all the Pilgrims and their Sponsors, and for the Walk Teams under the excellent leadership of Lay Directors Ned Weller and Darlyn Turner. Please plan to be at the Clare UMC on September 18<sup>th</sup> and Lansing Mt Hope UMC on October 16<sup>th</sup> for the Candlelights. Go ahead mark your calendars for one of my most my favorite parts, the Closing Ceremony, on the Sunday afternoons following the Candlelight's. If you are unable to be there in person, please pray!

Big news . . . WE ARE MOVING! Yes, after many wonderful years of meeting at Lansing's Trinity UMC, we are moving to PILGRIM UMC in rural Saint Johns. In the past few years, the Lansing Area Community has undergone tremendous growth, and the LAE Board of Directors feels that our membership would benefit greatly from having a more central location. Pilgrim UMC is located just west of US 27 on West Parks Road, and easy to get to if you take the Price Road expressway exit. Pilgrim UMC has a large number active Emmaus Community members, and they also are blessed to have two seasoned Emmaus Pastors, Merlin and Kay Pratt. Complete directions to Pilgrim UMC will be made available in the near future.

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## THE LANSING AREA EMMAUS FALL 2004 MEN'S WALK POSTPONED

The Fall Men's Walk to Emmaus that was scheduled for September 16 - 19, 2004 has been postponed until next Spring. The number of men registered did not reach the minimum of twenty established by the Upper Room Emmaus Handbook.

The LAE Board of Directors extends our regrets to all the Pilgrims who were registered to attend, and hope that they will not be discouraged, but instead plan to attend the Spring Men's Walk next April. The Board would also like to thank Clare UMC, and all the team members who have been preparing for this Walk, and encourage everyone to continue to pray for the Pilgrims, their Sponsors, the Team and our Community. God is good, All the time!

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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.

## Lay Directors Report Continued

**IMPORTANT!!!** We will still be meeting for Gatherings at Trinity through December 2004. Gatherings at Pilgrim will start January 8, 2005. The Board will start holding all of their meetings at Pilgrim in September.

The Lansing Area Emmaus Community would like to thank Trinity UMC for allowing us to use your beautiful facility for so many Gatherings, meetings and Walks, with so much grace and love. Thank you Alma UMC, for hosting the "Even Month" Board meetings for several years. Although we won't be visiting as much, you will always have a very special place in our hearts. THANK YOU!

The Board has undergone some more changes. Because of serious health issues, the BOD sadly accepted the resignations of **JODI SCHMIDT** and **GORDON ROSS**. We hope that you both will be feeling better and recover soon! Also resigning is **BEVERLY BAILEY** who has accepted a new position in another city, and will be moving very soon. Godspeed Beverly! We

wish you the best. We thank each of you for your faithful service to the Lansing Area Emmaus Community.

To help counteract all of the "goodbyes" we need to extend a big "welcome aboard" to new Board member **CORI FELDPAUSCH**! Cori has accepted an appointment to complete this year as Secretary. Cori is an active member of the Community, and a blessing to work with.

In closing, allow me to continue to share another portion of Romans 12 from THE MESSAGE. The only way to understand ourselves is by what God is and by what he does for us, not by what we are and what we do for him. In this way we are like the various parts of a human body. Each part gets its meaning from the whole, not the other way around. The Body we're talking about is Christ's body of chosen people. Each of us finds our meaning and function as a part of his body.

**Trusting Jesus,  
Roxi**

## Insights from the Emmaus Handbook Month 2 - JOY

By Judy McPherson,  
Assistant Community Lay Director

In last month's newsletter we looked at the Emmaus Walk being characterized by an atmosphere of hospitality and acceptance and love. This month, we will look at what the Emmaus Handbook has to say about the Walk to Emmaus being full of occasions of true joy.

JOY – now there's a word for you. I've heard many sermons on joy and I'm still not quite sure what it is. I know that it is NOT happiness – that's the big point of most sermons on the subject that I have heard. It is present despite circumstances for those who have this fruit of the Spirit. It is not something that I have really quite gotten down yet! I do remember, however, having joy often during my 72 hours back in 1997 when I took my walk and I'm sure that you do as well.

## WHAT THE HANDBOOK SAYS

"There are many times of joy during a walk including the joy of singing, self-expression, uninhibited laughter, insight, liberation from the shackles of sin or inner hurt or murderous anger. There is the joy of knowing God's presence, of feeling accepted, of finally giving one's life wholeheartedly and without reservation to Jesus Christ. Joy on the walk to Emmaus comes in moments of seriousness and in moments of great fun. "

"The team should be careful, however, that the expression of joy in fun does not give way to boisterousness and getting "carried away." This can happen when jokes get out of hand, when people make fun of one another, or pilgrims are dominated by the team members' having fun among themselves; too much sarcasm can poison the atmosphere. Extroverts can take over the weekend in such a way that the introverts feel left out and unable to participate. It also happens when negative traditions are started by a community to "liven up the walk". The walk is already lively and full of occasions for expression of true joy. Team leaders need to be aware of the team's influence on the atmosphere of the weekend and share concerns at the nightly meetings."

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Yes, it is true. I remember many times of joy during my walk and the walks on which I worked – most especially in the auxiliary! What a joy to serve anonymously, realizing the joy that the work behind the scenes will bring to pilgrims who are totally unaware of it! Joy is a fruit of the Spirit and not something that is manufactured by us to liven up a walk or make others happy. It cannot be forced, but is lavished upon us when the Holy Spirit freely moves without our help. May all the Lansing Area Emmaus Community Walks be times of joy for the pilgrims, their families, the auxiliary, and the conference room teams.

From My Utmost for His Highest, Oswald Chambers  
– March 5

Joy comes from seeing the complete fulfillment of the specific purpose for which I was created and born again, not from successfully doing something of my own choosing. The joy our Lord experienced came from doing what the Father sent Him to do. And He says to us, "As the Father has sent Me, I also send you"  
. . . so that I may finish my race with joy, and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus . . .  
—Acts 20:24

I urge you to do a word study on joy in your Bible and to prayerfully consider what you discover.

**NEXT MONTH: PEACE**

## 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 - POSTPONED**
- **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

## 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. Coffee, tea, water, and soda drinks 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 p.m.** 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:

**September 11, 2004    October 9, 2004    November 13, 2004    December 11, 2004**

God's goodness is never lost.  
It just mostly goes unclaimed.

--Laurie Beth Jones  
Grow Something Besides Old

**See You at the Gatherings!!!**

### Spiritual Directors Report

Steve Laue in Shepherd's Diary wrote, "For some reason, pigs and money go together. As in piggy-bank. As in "bring home the bacon." As in "living high on the hog." And even though "you can't make a silk purse out of a sow's ear," your mind's eye will picture a pigskin pocketbook the rest of the afternoon once you've heard that porcine proverb. Even in the life of the church, pork meets penny. The term STEWARD traces back to the medieval English "STY-WARD." Yep, a pig-keeper.

Jesus talked a lot about stewards and stewardship. Unfortunately for the purposes of this article, the Hebrew word for steward had nothing to do with pig farming (which, after all, just isn't kosher). And, the one encounter Jesus had with a pig farmer wasn't exactly good stewardship (all that deviled ham and nobody got to eat it -- Luke 8:32-35). Never mind the pigs, stewardship of money was a very important topic to Jesus. If you get the Bible out and do a little figuring of your own, you will find that one-sixth of Jesus' words have to do with money -- the only subject he talks about more is the kingdom of God ...."

As an Emmaus Community we are about the Kingdom of God. Our ministry is to help develop leaders

for the Kingdom of God, and God is using our community in a powerful way to raise up those leaders. BUT, we can't overlook the fact that in order to run our ministry funds are needed. Just as costs are rising for each of us to maintain our personal lives where 'pork meets penny', costs are rising to meet the needs for each Emmaus Walk we hold.

We need your help as God's stewards. Our funds are low. We are struggling financially. There are lots of 'gimmicks' I could come up with to get you to give a financial gift, but I'm not going to do that. I am praying that this community will give enough to more than help us to pay for the two up coming walks just because we are expressing our need. Pray about what God wants you to give - then bring your check to the next gathering, the Men's Candlelight or Closing, or mail your check to Cheryl Gallo-way, treasurer or to our Lay Director, Roxi Bass (see Board listing for addresses).

May you, as one who has been blessed by God through the Emmaus experience, offer your gift to our Emmaus Community so others may also experience God's blessing in their lives.

In Christ's love,  
Pastor Becky

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## Upcoming Events

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

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

**Dec 25** We celebrate the birth of our Lord.