

Lansing Emmaus Community

# Footprints



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## NEW...

As I prayed and pondered about writing this first message of 2005, the word NEW kept coming into my thoughts. We are on the brink of a NEW Year that is already full of promise and hope.

Soon, the Lansing Area Emmaus Board will be having their annual overnight retreat where we learn NEW things about Emmaus and each other. We will welcome the NEW Board members, and will work to purpose ourselves to come together as a NEW team, ready to work for Christ and the Lansing Area Emmaus Community. During the retreat, there will be a special time that after prayer and preparation, the NEW Board will choose the 2005 officers and other position responsibilities. We welcome your supportive prayers!

On January 14<sup>th</sup> we will have our first Gathering at our NEW Community home, Pilgrim UMC, 2965 W. Parks Road in rural Saint Johns. Please remember the NEW day and time for our Gatherings! We will meet on the second FRIDAY of each month, at 6:30 pm. It is also important to note that the February, May and June Gatherings will be held at Salem UMC, Maple Rapids Road, North of Saint Johns, just off US 27, near Uncle Johns Cider Mill. Check our web site, [lansingemmaus.truepath.com](http://lansingemmaus.truepath.com), for maps to each location, and other valuable information.

The NEW Spring Walk dates have been selected, and we are ready to accept Pilgrim applications. The NEW Men's Walk date is April 7-10, and the NEW date for Woman's Walk is April 28 – May 1. At the December Board meeting, we voted to have only one Men's Walk per year for a while, so keep that in mind as you talk with your NEW prospective Pilgrims.

Sometimes "NEW" is puzzling or scary. Sometimes "NEW" is exciting and can be adventure! "NEW" places, people, tasks and responsibilities are an important part of life. With each NEW year we have the opportunity to make NEW resolutions to improve ourselves, our families, our Community and our world. Remember the GOOD NEWS! We are blessed to have a wonderful Lord and Savior who loves us, and is with us forever! Happy NEW Year!

God Bless,

Roxi Bass, Community Lay Director, 2004

*Father, help us renew our commitment to you, to release everything and to be owned by you. We long to submit ourselves to you so that we might know the holy freedom available to us only through your grace. Amen*

~ The Max Lucado Inspirational Study Bible

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Our Lansing Area Emmaus Web Site Address

[lansingemmaus.truepath.com](http://lansingemmaus.truepath.com)

## Lansing Area Emmaus Board 2005

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Cori Feldpausch			<a href="mailto:coriskids@aol.com">coriskids@aol.com</a>	2007
Michon Felton		(517) 669-5687	<a href="mailto:msfelton@pplant.msu.edu">msfelton@pplant.msu.edu</a>	2005
John Lord		(517) 676-0595	<a href="mailto:jalord1@juno.com">jalord1@juno.com</a>	2005
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Becky Morrison	Community Spiritual Director	(517) 645-7701	<a href="mailto:revrkmor@msn.com">revrkmor@msn.com</a>	2005
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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 called to help, please contact one of the Directors and tell them you would like to join their TEAM. They would love to have you join them in serving God and completing their appointed tasks for this year.

You will notice that no positions are listed for the Board of Directors except for the Spiritual Director's. At the Board Retreat, we will decide by prayer and discernment who will fill each position. We will announce these the results at the January Gathering, on the Web Site and in the next issue of the Newsletter.

### **Please say thank you to these hard working servants!**

The new year for the Board begins on January 1 of the new year and ends on December 31. The following folks were elected to serve on the Board and will complete their terms of service on December 31. Their work is appreciated. Carrie Bloom, Mary Jo Bump, Deann Dobbs, Cheryl Galloway, Darlyn Turner, Tina Pakkala, Andy Raymond, Bonnie Williams and Harry Wallin. For various reasons, the following folks were unable to complete their terms of service: Beverly Bailey, Kelly Jo Freeman, Leon Martin, Gordon Ross, Bill and Jodi Schmidt. All of these hard working servants deserve our thanks and a round, in fact several rounds of applause. Without the commitment and dedication of the Board Members, our Community would not get very far. **Thank you all, our hats are off to you!**

**Look for TWO Important announcements on page 3...**

## Hear Ye, Hear Ye, TWO Important announcements!!! GATHERING Day, time & place CHANGE, and MEN'S WALK

Trinity United Methodist Church has been our wonderful host church for gatherings for many years. Many thanks go out to them for being so gracious. Thank you Trinity for your support and love!

**Our Community Gatherings will meet on a new day and at a new time!**  
**Starting in January, we will gather on the second FRIDAY of the month at 6:30.**

To be a more central location for our northern friends, we will be meeting at **Pilgrim United Methodist Church, 2965 W. Parks Rd. in St. Johns, starting in January.** However, for the months of February, May and June, we will we gather at Salem United Methodist Church, 2307 W. Maple Rapids Rd. in St. Johns.

JANUARY	Pilgrim UMC
FEBRUARY	Salem UMC
MARCH	Pilgrim UMC
APRIL	Pilgrim UMC
MAY	Salem UMC
JUNE	Salem UMC

We had an excellent time at our December gathering worshipping and praising our God, Most Holy One, Friend, Guide, Comforter and King. Thank you to all the participants in the talent show. Find somebody who attended the gathering and you'll see that everyone had a great time. See you next month at Pilgrim United Methodist Church. Remember to bring a dish to pass, your own dinner service and a drink.

G.L.Y.A.S.D.I, Michon Felton

### News from the registrar

Greetings for the New Year brothers & sisters!! My wish for each of you is an abundant portion of God's blessings and a heart filled with thanks-giving to Him for the Amazing Grace & Gifts we enjoy every day!

**Heads up!!** It has been determined by your board to have only one scheduled **Men's Walk** a year until we begin to accumulate a waiting list again. We WILL continue to work with our neighbor communities to make sure that nobody is left out because of scheduling conflicts but for 2005, we are going with a Spring Walk only, April 7-10, in Clare. So, that means if you have a Pilgrim that is thinking of attending a walk, you NEED to get in the applications soon--or better yet, now!! You can e-mail me at [ragdoll@voyager.net](mailto:ragdoll@voyager.net)

Please place an announcement on YOUR church bulletin for the dates for the Men's & Women's Walks (men--April 7-10 in Clare; women--April 28-May 1 in Lansing) as well as the upcoming Chrysalis Flights (boys--Feb 25-27, girls--Mar 11-13). You can get more information from our website or a board member if you have questions. You could also include the news that our monthly community Gathering for Potluck and Worship will now be on the second FRIDAY of the month at 6:30pm at Pilgrim United Methodist Church on the corner of Parks and Dewitt Rds (see directions elsewhere in this newsletter or the website). Please join us for Gathering, and bring a friend (did you know that you do NOT have to be a member of the community to come to gatherings?? so guests ARE welcome)--we're looking for new faces to be there with us on this new day and time!!

Remember, there are also many ways that YOU can become involved in your Emmaus Community--serve on a board committee, serve on a walk, work on fundraising for the mattress fund, attend Gatherings, etc. If you'd like to help with REGISTRATION for the upcoming walks or help make name badges and tags, LET ME KNOW!!

**"Make your cup sweet--take it with grace" Pam Wyrick, Registrar, 989-224-2787**

## A SPECIAL INVITATION TO ALL EMMAUS COMMUNITY MEMBERS!

Come and enjoy a special day with our North Central Regional Emmaus Representative  
Cathi Eberly

On February 5, 2005, at Pilgrim United Methodist Church

2965 West Parks Road, Saint Johns MI

Cathi will use her vast experience and wit to present valuable, insightful training to us.

Please plan to arrive at Pilgrim UMC at 8 am

Bring a snack to share, and your favorite dish for the Luncheon Pot Luck.

Coffee and paper products will be provided.

Plan to bring plenty of paper and pencils to take notes! Cathi will answer all Emmaus questions!

### Insights from the Emmaus Handbook

#### Week 4 Patience

Three months ago, we looked at the weekend community being characterized by an atmosphere of hospitality and acceptance and love. Two months ago, we looked at what the Emmaus Handbook has to say about the Walk to Emmaus being full of occasions of true joy. Last month the topic was peace, which comes from a faith in and vital relationship with God. This month we will look at patience and the Emmaus Walk.

From the Handbook: "The three-day Walk to Emmaus is a full but very slow walk with the Lord. Even though the pilgrims follow the same path, each one's experience is unique. The pilgrims hear and see the Lord in their own way, according to their needs and God's will for them at the time of the Walk".

"Team members are called to have patience, not only with the pilgrims but with the work of the Lord in the process. The pilgrims are repeatedly told 'don't anticipate', yet sometimes team members need to hear this call for patience more than the pilgrims. The pilgrims are told on Friday night that no formula response is expected of them, that each person's response will be individual. But for this to be true, team members have to let go of their own expectations for the events and replace them with the prayer of thanksgiving for God's grace already at work in each life. Team members get in the way of the Holy Spirit when they try to fulfill their own expectations for the weekend. The team members are patient when their manner communicates an accepting space in which the

pilgrims feel free to respond authentically to God's presence."

May the Holy Spirit always be free to work in the process and lives of those who take the 72-hour Walk to Emmaus and may we not get in the way of that work! Oswald Chambers says this beautifully in his devotional, My Utmost for His Highest – May 5.

*A spiritually minded person will never come to you with the demand—"Believe this and that"; a spiritually-minded person will demand that you align your life with the standards of Jesus. We are not asked to believe the Bible, but to believe the One whom the Bible reveals* (see [John 5:39-40](#)).

Always measure your life solely by the standards of Jesus. Submit yourself to His yoke, and His alone; and always be careful never to place a yoke on others that is not of Jesus Christ. It takes God a long time to get us to stop thinking that unless everyone sees things exactly as we do, they must be wrong. That is never God's view. There is only one true liberty—the liberty of Jesus at work in our conscience enabling us to do what is right.

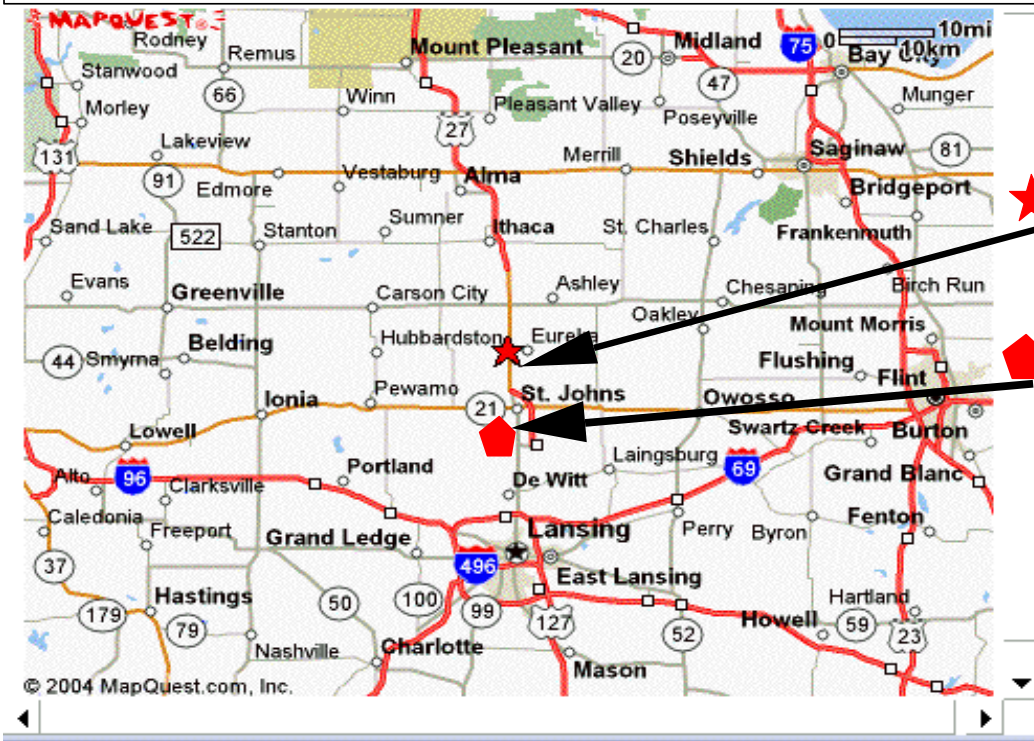
Don't get impatient with others. Remember how God dealt with you—with patience and with gentleness. But never water down the truth of God. Let it have its way and never apologize for it. Jesus said, "Go . . . and make disciples . . ." ([Matthew 28:19](#)), not, "Make converts to your own thoughts and opinions."

Judy McPherson,  
Assistant Community Lay Director

**Next month: Kindness**

### Directions to

## Pilgrim (♦) and Salem (★) United Methodist Churches



- ★ Salem UMC  
2307 W. Maple Rapids Road  
St. Johns, MI
- ♦ Pilgrim UMC  
2965 West Parks Road  
St. Johns, MI

North

Pilgrim United Methodist Church  
2965 West Parks Road  
St. Johns, MI

North

Salem United Methodist Church  
2307 W. Maple Rapids Road  
St. Johns, MI



Pilgrim U.M.C.  
Lansing Area Emmaus  
2965 West Parks Road  
St. Johns, MI

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## Upcoming Events

Jan 7 & 8 **Lansing** Emmaus Board Retreat  
Jan 11 **Lansing** Emmaus Board Meeting  
6:30 pm at Pilgrim UMC  
Jan 14 **Lansing** Gathering 6:30 pm at  
Pilgrim UMC (Note Friday)  
Feb 5 Cathi Eberly at Pilgrim UMC, 8:00  
am  
Feb 8 **Lansing** Emmaus Board Meeting  
6:30 pm at Pilgrim UMC  
Feb 11 **Lansing** Gathering, 6:30 pm at  
Salem UMC (Note Friday)  
Mar 3 - 6, Jackson Area Men's Walk  
Mar 9 **Lansing** Emmaus Board Meeting  
6:30 pm at Pilgrim UMC  
Mar 11 **Lansing** Gathering 6:30 pm at  
Pilgrim UMC (Note Friday)

Mar 31 - April 3 Jackson Area Women's Walk  
**April 7 - 10 Lansing Men's Walk at Clare  
UMC in Clare**  
**April 8 Lansing Gathering 6:30 pm at  
Pilgrim UMC (Note Friday)**  
April 12 **Lansing** Emmaus Board Meeting  
6:30 pm at Pilgrim UMC  
April 7 - 10 Southeast Mich Men's Walk  
April 7 - 10 Mid-Michigan Men's Walk  
April 14 - 17 Grand Rapids Men's Walk  
April 14 - 17 Mid-Michigan Women's Walk  
April 21 - 24 Southeast Mich Women's Walk  
**April 28 - April 1 Lansing Women's Walk  
at Mt. Hope UMC in Lansing**  
May 10 **Lansing** Emmaus Board Meeting  
6:30 pm at Pilgrim UMC  
**May 13 Lansing Gathering, 6:30 pm at  
Salem UMC (Note Friday)**