

# Lansing Emmaus Community

# Footprints



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## LET'S CELEBRATE!

We all know that the main purpose of Emmaus is not to hold Walk weekends, but is the renewal of the Church as the body of the risen Christ in the world through the renewal of church members as faithful and committed disciples of Jesus Christ. However, after working with the Auxiliary Team at our Men's Walk #60 in Clare in early April, I feel like celebrating! It has always been a joy for me to work on an Emmaus Walk weekend. I don't care what job I'm assigned too, whether it is chopping veggies, or sweeping floors, I just enjoy serving the Lord with my Emmaus brothers and sisters.

There was a lot of **joy** during Walk #60. Maybe it was because of the postponements of both of our Walks last fall that made this Walk especially sweet. Maybe it was because of all the training the Lansing Area Community and the Board of Director's has had this year helped us appreciate the Walk to Emmaus even more. Maybe it was the new folks who experienced their Walk weekends in another state who quickly became dear friends as we worked side by side. Maybe it was being with Pilgrims experiencing working Auxiliary for the very first time. Maybe it was because the Lansing Area Emmaus Community is really trying to follow the Emmaus Handbook.

Woman's Walk #61 Lay Director told those who attended the last Team Meeting that she had been getting ready for this Walk for a year. She thought that she was ready last fall, but God had been working on a few things in her life during the

last six months, and now she felt far more ready for Walk #61. As she talked, I saw a parallel with the Lansing Area Emmaus Community. We also thought we were ready last fall, but instead of stagnating, we used the last six months to learn and grow and change for the better.

Let's all celebrate at the May 13<sup>th</sup> Gathering as we welcome all of the Pilgrims from Walks #60 and #61 into our Community! **God is good, all the time! Let's celebrate!**

With renewed joy, Roxi Bass,  
Community Lay Director, Lansing Area Emmaus

## Pastor's Paragraph

April Showers Bring May \_\_\_\_\_. You fill in the blank. It could be flowers, green grass, Robins, other birds and animals, leaves on trees, worms... The list could go on. But my point is that April showers bring new life! In Emmaus, it is the new life that we have in Christ Jesus. Easter was early this year. Maybe it was because God wanted to reach the entire human race as soon as possible, to offer yet again, the saving grace, salvation and new life of Jesus The Christ. Cont. on

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Pastor's Paragraph cont. from Page 1 In April, the LAE Community held two Walks! That's new life. That's two more groups of Pilgrims who were given the opportunity to 'see Christ' in a new and different way. That's two groups of Community members; families and friends of the Pilgrims; members of the churches and local communities where the Walks were held; merchants and passers by, who saw LAE members representing the Body of Christ. LOOK, the Word spreads and there's more new life! What will you do with your new life? How will you share it? GLYASDI!

### THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

The Lansing Area Emmaus Community is an "agape" community. Men's Walk #60 and Women's Walk #61 were truly blessed with wonderful, insightful and meaningful agape provided by all of you. Thank you all for your generosity and the love that you showed the pilgrims, they will never forget!

The Upper Room Handbook on Emmaus – which we are covenanting to follow – states "Table agape is an expression of

unconditional love; therefore personal names are not attached, although Reunion Group or church names are acceptable." Please remember this as you prepare agape for the upcoming fall women's walk, October 13 – 16 at Eaton Rapids UMC.

Again, thank you all so very much for showing you support of the pilgrims through your prayers and agape.

DeColores, Janet Ball, Agape Coordinator

## DeColores!

Hope each of you is able to take time out to be in the warm sunshine and enjoy all the many colors of springtime in this awesome earthly home God has created for us!! There's nothing as peaceful as praying in a garden or while walking in the woods or by the lake. Praise God each day for His amazing goodness!!

Reminder that **the next three** Walk to Emmaus weekends are already scheduled!! Don't wait to be in prayer about sponsoring a pilgrim!! And don't wait too long to turn in their applications!! The upcoming **Fall 2005, Women's Walk** will be at First United Methodist Church in Eaton Rapids

**October 13-16** — just a few short months away!!! Both Spring 2006 walks will be at New Hope United Methodist Church in Mecosta — Men's, February 23-26 (we HOPE it will be 'spring' by then!) and **Women's, March 9-12**. It's never too early to submit an application for your pilgrim!!

Remember that a person does NOT need to have completed a walk to join your 4<sup>th</sup> Day/Reunion group or to come to a Gathering with you!! This might be a nice way to introduce someone your Emmaus Community of friends.

God Bless each of you!  
Pam Wyrick, Registrar

## LANSING AREA EMMAUS GATHERING UPDATE

For the Emmaus Gatherings, we will always have the church open about 6:00 pm and be ready to start enjoying our Pot Luck at 6:30 pm on the second FRIDAY of each month. Fellowship, Friends, Food, Fun, Worship, and Holy Communion make a great Emmaus evening.

The May Gathering will be on FRIDAY THE 13th at the Salem UMC where we hope to fill the church to capacity!! In April we welcomed over 55 new Pilgrims to our Community and what a great opportunity for us all to get to know each other better. Sponsorship training will be offered at 6:30 p.m. At 8:30 the Community will say goodbye so the new

Pilgrims and their sponsors can share in their Reunion time.

The June 10 Gathering will also be held at Salem UMC with Sponsorship training following Worship at 8:30 pm. On July 8th we will return to GATHERING at Pilgrim UMC at 6:30 p.m.

Please mark your calendars for these GATHERINGS! You can always check our web page at [www.lansingemmaus.truepath.com](http://www.lansingemmaus.truepath.com) for the latest information and maps to participating churches.

Addresses: Salem United Methodist Church 2307 W. Maple Rapids Rd, north of St. Johns, and Pilgrim United Methodist Church 2965 W. Parks Rd south of St. Johns.

See YOU there! Bring a FRIEND! Michon Felton

## Time to Catch a Few ZZZZZZZZZzzzzzzzz's But First

Mattress Fundraiser HELP!! Our sleeping mats are wearing out, tearing apart, and starting to crumble!! We would love to replace all 85 of them and have an awesome offered for really nice replacements. We are only 1/3 of the way towards our goal of \$1,700.00, but we know that YOU will want to help! You can make a tax deductible check out to Lansing Area Emmaus and send it to our Board Supply Coordinator, Cori Feldpausch. Her address is 11780 State Rd., Eagle MI 48822. If you have any questions please call her at 517-627-6957. You may also make a donation in memory or honor of someone, and we will print their name in the LAE newsletter-- just include this information with your donation. Now, about those Z's?

My name is John Lord, I took my Walk to Emmaus in May of 1994, at Lawrence Avenue Methodist Church and sat at the Table of Timothy. I now serve you as Sponsorship/ Candlelight/ Closing/ Music Coordinator. Sponsoring and the training of sponsors is what I'd like to talk about. Emmaus sees sponsorship as the most important job of all. It is more than "signing up people", each possible pilgrim should be carefully considered. So who do we sponsor, and just as important, who don't we sponsor?

**We should sponsor:**

- Church leaders (clergy and laypeople),
- Dependable workers, the backbone of the church.
- Christians who are hungry for something more and who wish to grow spiritually.

These are just a few for you to think about sponsoring. Emmaus is right for many - but not for everyone. **Those who we should not actively sponsor would include:**

- Non-Christians. We are to revitalize the church, not attempt to convert non believers.
- Christians whose theology would require them to defend the uniqueness of their beliefs throughout the Walk, or persons who do not share belief in traditional doctrines of the major denominations of the church.
- "Church hoppers" who have an axe to grind, or would use Emmaus to further their own theological agendas, or who would want to create an "Emmaus church".
- Persons who are always looking for another spiritual high to help them "arrive" or "find themselves"

Sponsorship training is offered before Candlelight, at every gathering, and whenever anyone wishes it and our schedules coincide. There will also be training at the Men's Reunion May 13.

**Grace and the Cost of Meals for Community Members During the Walks**

During the walks, there has been some confusion regarding who is to pay for meals and how much they are to cost. The answer is: Everyone on an Emmaus Walk pays for their meals. We have heard the story of the Bread and Fishes. Jesus asked a young boy with five fish and two loaves of bread to give them to him so he could feed a multitude. During the walk we are trying to spiritually feed our pilgrims. Since we are not Jesus, we cannot perform such miracles He can do that. Amen

Many wonderful blessings have occurred over the years. Sometimes ground beef for an entire meal has miraculously appeared, or desserts have been baked off site and given as an agape gift. On a recent walk all of the eggs were donated. That's a whole lot of eggs! Personally, I now look at chickens as an instrument of God. The Lord always seems to supply what is needed when it is needed. Amen.

If you are working a walk, the cost of meals for the entire weekend is \$35.00. If you are planning on working part of the weekend, the cost is \$5.00 per meal. If you are serving on the Saturday evening dinner, the cost is \$7.00. Please bear in mind that the pilgrims are the first and foremost reason that we are having these walks, and consequently they are to be served first. If we do not have enough for visiting Auxiliary staff to eat, please remember that you have the opportunity and ability to leave the church and go out to eat. The pilgrims do not. Your payment should be given to the Auxiliary Head of the Walk.

Please give grace to the kitchen staff on this issue, if it should befall that you might not get a meal as an Auxiliary worker. But for planning purposes please alert the Head Cook and or the Auxiliary Head as soon as possible. Blessings to all who read this and may your steps be secure in the Lord. GLYASDI.

Bob Pena, Logistics Coordinator

**WELCOME TO ALL OF OUR NEW COMMUNITY MEMBERS FROM WALKS 60 & 61 !!!  
GOD LOVES YOU AND SO DO WE ! DECOLORES**

**Men's Walk  
Number 60**

Abe Anderson	Wayne Mater
Paul Blakeslee	Joel McVeigh
Joseph Bontrage	David Miller
James Cassel	Stephen Miller
Fred Flower	Jack Nelms
Russ Fries	Jim Platt
Robert Green	Dave Quigley
Arden Hundey	Andre' Sanford
Greg Maher	Mitch Walinski
Ron Mason	Hank Zamarron
Red Masters	

**Women's Walk  
Number 61**

Daun Antes	Pam Gilbert	Carmen Mason
Carol Ayotte	Diane Gordon	Bobbe McDaniel
Joann Bailey	Bonnie Hale	Kathy McVeigh
Meredith Buckley	Lauri Hernandez	Darlene Nadane
Michelle Chahine	Laura Holen	Nancy Page
Deb Davenport	Sharon Howie	Polly Ramsey
Earlene Esters	Jane Hulbert	Deb Searles
Debra Ellison-Slaggert	Bobbie Jones	Dee Smith
Becca Fisk	Leann Kassab	Kendra Truax
Lori Fudge	Rachael Lisek	Linda Turner
Missy Garvin	Deanna Loeb	Paula Wilbourn
	Lisa Lupini	Judy Williams
	Kelly Masley	Tonya Willman

**What About a Reunion (4<sup>th</sup> Day) Group #1**

Allow me to introduce myself. My name is Kathy Wilson, I took my walk, #17 at Trinity U.M.C. in Oct.1993, and sat at the table of Ruth. I am now privileged to serve as the Outreach Coordinator for the L.A.E. Board of Directors.

The Outreach Coordinator is a combination of the previous Member At Large position and Reunion (4th Day) Group Coordinator. As one of my main responsibilities, I serve to help connect individuals with Reunion groups and to assist in bringing new groups together.

As this newsletter comes out, we will be celebrating two successful walks and welcoming many new members into our community. I would like these new members and those who are also interested in joining a Reunion group to know that I am available to help in that capacity. We have many members

throughout this community and we should have numerous Reunion groups however, this is not necessarily the case. There are many reasons for this and we would like to change that situation if possible. In the next newsletter I will reintroduce the reasons as to why a Reunion group is important and why there is hope that all in this community might belong to one.

Until next time remember to welcome our new members into the community and hope to see all of you at our next Community Gathering which will be at Salem UMC on May 13, 2005. This will be a great way to welcome our new brothers and sisters and to become acquainted with them. Until the gathering or the next newsletter DeClores and God's blessing on all of you.

GLYASDI, Kathy Wilson, 989-862-5693  
KW543210@Yahoo.com

A big **"Thank You"** to all who signed up for the 72 Hour Prayer Vigils for the spring Walks. And welcome to our newest community members. Remember how good it felt when you saw all those names filling those 72 hours covering your Walk? This gift of agape costs you little, just an hour or so of your time, but it means so much to the pilgrims who are experiencing their Walk. The 72 Hour prayer vigil is a way that you can participate during a Walk, even if you can't go to the actual site of the Walk (although you may go to the Walk site and pray in the prayer room if you wish).

You may sign up for the Prayer Vigil by contacting Elnora Wallin at [owltalker@centurytel.net](mailto:owltalker@centurytel.net), by going to [www.3dayol.org](http://www.3dayol.org), by calling 517-566-8452, or by going to a gathering and signing up in person. If you have any questions about the 72 Hour Prayer Vigil you may contact

Elnora Wallin at the same e-mail address or phone number. **This gift of agape is just one way we can show Christ's love, please join in the gift.**

Yours in Christ, Elnora Wallin  
Prayer Vigil Coordinator, Lansing Area Emmaus Walk # 18, Trinity UMC, Lansing Oct, 1993, Table of Elizabeth

P.S. There is also a **prayer chain** that is active through out the year for sharing the concerns of our community members. If you would like to be on the prayer chain and are not receiving the prayer requests now, or if you have a prayer request and would like to ask the community to pray for you, please contact me at [owltalker@centurytel.net](mailto:owltalker@centurytel.net)

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## **Upcoming Events**

- May 10 **Lansing** Emmaus Board Meeting  
6:30 PM at Pilgrim UMC
- May 13 **Lansing** Gathering, 6:30 PM at  
Salem UMC (Note Friday)
- June 10 **Lansing** Gathering, 6:30 PM at  
Salem UMC (Note Friday)
- June 14 **Lansing** Emmaus Board Meeting  
6:30 PM at Pilgrim UMC
- July 8 **Lansing** Gathering, 6:30 PM at  
Pilgrim UMC
- July 12 **Lansing** Emmaus Board Meeting  
6:30 PM at Pilgrim UMC
- Aug and Sept Events will be in the next  
Newsletter
- Oct. 13-16 2005 **Lansing** Emmaus Women's  
Walk at Eaton Rapids UMC in Eaton Rapids

- Oct. 28-30, 2005 Chrysalis Girls Flight  
(ages 15-18)
- Nov 11-13, 2005 Chrysalis Boys Flight  
(ages 15-18) Both Flights to be held at  
the Second Reformed Church in Kalamazoo
- The Chrysalis Registrar is Becky Wolfinger  
Her phone number is 517-522-4165**

### **2006**

- Feb 23-26, 2006 **Lansing** Men's Emmaus Walk  
Mar 9-12, 2006 **Lansing** Women's Emmaus Walk  
Both Walks to be held at the New Hope UMC in  
Mecosta

*For future reference, when we gather  
together for Candlelight, on Saturday night  
during a Walk, we call it a "Candlelight  
Gathering held at 7:30 pm"— no potluck.*

See more Walk dates, maps and other news at the Lansing Area Emmaus (LAE) Web Site:  
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