

# Lansing Emmaus Community

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## BUTTERFLIES AND BUMBLEBEES

Butterflies? Bumblebees? In November??? The title of my article does sound more like June than November. Last Sunday I was blessed to attend the Girls Flight of Hope Chrysalis Closing Ceremony in Kalamazoo. WOW! You talk about energy and emotion! It was thrilling to hear the new BUTTERFLIES talk about their special weekend and how it will affect the rest of their lives. I sat there thinking of the many, many seeds that were planted, watered and loved during that weekend - and the harvest is just beginning! Many of the Butterflies stated that they could hardly wait to follow God's lead and help make positive changes in their homes and schools. Several Butterflies already had ideas of who they would like to sponsor on a Flight. Their excitement and energy still lifts my spirits!

In some ways, the Lansing Area Emmaus Community was like a caterpillar that was happy just crawling around. As we matured some of us did not think we were ready to make a cocoon. After we got to the cocoon stage we liked it, and then we started adding extra layers, or traditions, to our cocoon. Now, as we are trying to emerge, there are still some in the Community who do not see the need to break the cocoon layers, and become the beautiful creation God intended us to be.

Now for the BUMBLEBEES. Several years ago, I attended a Women of Faith weekend aptly named Joyful Journey. The Women of Faith has several wonderful, well known speakers - ladies like Patsy Clairmont, Lucy Swindoll, Marilyn Meberg, Thelma Wells and Barbara Johnson, who deliver their messages with excellent humor and grace. Thelma Wells was the speaker who introduced me to the fact that bumblebees are not supposed to be able to fly. That's right, bumblebees have been studied by scientists and they tell us that a bumblebee is not aerodynamically correct. Its body is too heavy and his wingspan is much too small to support flight! They simply are unable to explain how a bumblebee can fly. However, as Thelma explained, no one told the bumblebee he can't fly! So the bumblebee does just what God intended him to do. Thelma always wears a special gold bee pin to remind her and those around her that **whatever God wants us to do, He prepares us for it!** Remember, "We can do all things through Christ who strengthens us!" Philippians 4:13

The Lansing Area Emmaus Community has been breaking out of the cocoon of extra traditions for several years now. We are getting closer to being right on track with the Upper Room Emmaus Guidelines. We are starting to emerge and be what God intended us to be. Hallelujah!

I would like to praise God and welcome the new Pilgrims of Lansing Area Emmaus Walk #62, and the Butterflies of the Flight of Hope Chrysalis October 2005 Flight to the Emmaus Community! More thanks and praise to God for our two new LAEC Board Members - Lyle Ball and Andy Sass. I know God has great plans for you all!  
Blessings dear friends, Roxi Bass, Community Lay Director

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<http://www.lansingemmaus.truepath.com>

**WELCOME TO OUR NEW COMMUNITY MEMBERS FROM WALK # 62 !!!**

Held on October 13 - 16, at the Mason United Methodist Church in Mason

Lay Director - Doris Edger, Spiritual Director - Kay Pratt

Christine Battiste	Renaë Haviland	Pam Eisenberger	Christine Kinkead	Carole Schrauben
Cheryl Crum	Kay C Jones	Michelle Ehrlich	Amber Roberts	Julie Julson
Lisa Flower	Roxanne Kudwa	Deanna Gundy	Kathy Starr	Becky Green
Nicole Gregory	Pat Grant	Sandy Anderson	Karen Belt	Shirley Watson
Terri Harger	Lila Rosenberger	Myra Lee Sparks		

DeColores!! What a great Walk in October. And now we celebrate Thanksgiving and the wonderful birth of Jesus! Then... We gear up for the Spring Walks. Remember both are coming up sooner than normal!

Currently we are only having one Men's Walk (in the Spring) per year until we reach a 'waiting list' of men registered for the Walks. Remember there is room for 36 Pilgrims. If you know someone wants to be included in either the Men's or Women's Spring Walks, send the completed registration form asap. This is the only way to ensure that your Pilgrim will have a place on the Walk', and have that special weekend to see and experience Jesus.

The NEW application form is available on the LAEC website or if you cannot get one that way, please let me know so I can mail you a form. The new form does contain a few differences: we are now requiring that the pastor from the pilgrim's church sign the application; and, sponsors will initial various points of THEIR commitment to the community and the pilgrim!! IF you use an older application form, please remember you must add a line for the pilgrim's pastor to sign just as a confirmation that this pilgrim is ready. Applications should be sent in NOW for BOTH the Spring Men's Walk February 23-26, 2006, Women's Walk March 9-12 2006, at New Hope UMC in Mecosta !! pam wyrick, Registrar

Remember to sponsor for the upcoming spring walks to Emmaus – it's not that long from now! Has your pastor ever taken a walk? These are the walks to go on! I've heard already of several pastors that are considering the spring walks.....of course, they don't have to be a pastor!

How has your life changed since you went on your Emmaus Walk? Do you remember what it was like and how you felt? Do you want to be a part of helping others to 'see' the risen Lord? Sponsoring others to attend a Walk is one way to do that.

How many talks are given on a Walk? How many lay people give talks? How many clergy give talks, and what do those talks focus on? How many cooks does it take to put on the wonderful Saturday night dinner? How many people does it take to set the dinning room? If you don't remember or don't know, come to the Gatherings and work on the Walks.

**Remember, Christ is counting on you!**

**The 2006 Spring Men's Walk # 63**

**Will be held Feb 23 - 26, 2006 at the New Hope UMC in Mecosta**

**Lay Director - Bruce Hug, Spiritual Director - Dennis Bromley**

1 Who shall I send? 2 Is it I Lord? 3 Send Me Lord! 4 Who needs you? 5 Who has God called?

**The 2006 Spring Women's Walk # 64**

**Will be held March 9 - 12, 2006, at the New Hope UMC in Mecosta**

**Lay Director - Spiritual Director - Craig Adams**

1 Who shall I send? 2 It is I Lord! 3 Send Me Lord! 4 Who will you sponsor? 5 Who is God calling?

## From Our Spiritual Director

November ~ a month when we focus on being thankful for all that God has provided for us. As members of the Emmaus Community we come to a deeper understanding of God's love and what it means to be a servant leader in our local church. Hear these words on thankfulness:

The true servant does not expect thanks but is himself thankful. Tillich puts it this way: Thankfulness has taken hold of us, not because something special has happened to us, but just because we are, because we participate in the glory and power of being. It is a mood of joy, but more than a mood, more than a transitory emotion. It is a state of being. And it is more than joy. It is a joy that includes the feeling that it is given, that we cannot accept it without bringing some sacrifice -- namely the sacrifice of thanks.  
--Paul Tillich *The Eternal Now* (New York: Charles Scribner's Sons, 1963), 176.

No truer words are spoken about the heart of a Christian. We don't go around looking for thanks for the things we do. We are grateful to be able to do them. We give thanks because of all that Christ has done for us. We give thanks for the new life we have in Christ. We give thanks because it is a joy to serve Christ in any way we can. Praise God by giving the sacrifice of thanks each of Fourth Day! DeColores, Pastor Becky

### If you are in need of prayer, we are here.

The Lansing Area Emmaus Community **prayer chain** 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 Elnora Wallin at [owltalker@centurytel.net](mailto:owltalker@centurytel.net)

There are 20 openings for the 72 Hour prayer vigil for the Mid- Michigan Flight of Hope Chrysalis boys Flight 11/11/05-11/13/05. Go to the following website to sign up: <http://www.3dayol.org/Vigil/GetComm.phtml>

Remember the Community Gathering this Friday, November 11th at Pilgrim UMC, St. Johns meal starting at 6:30. Come and welcome all the new ladies from Walk # 62 on their first gathering.

Men's Walk #63, Feb 23-26, 2006 & Women's Walk #64, March 9-12, 2005, both at New Hope UMC, Mecosta. <http://www.lansingemmaus.truepath.com/Walks.html>



God, my shepherd! I don't need a thing. You have bedded me down in lush meadows, you find me quiet pools to drink from. True to your word, you let me catch my breath and send me into the right direction. Even when the way goes through Death Valley, I'm not afraid when you walk at my side. Your trusty shepherd's crook makes me feel secure. You serve me a six-course dinner right in front of my enemies. You revive my drooping head; my cup brims with blessing. Your beauty and love chase after me everyday of my life. I'm back home in the house of God for the rest of my life. Psalm 23, Taken from *The MESSAGE*

**The Lansing Area Emmaus Classifieds:** Because of your wonderful help in financial contributions, we have enough money to purchase at least **50 NEW SLEEPING MATTRESSES!** Thank you! We will place the order for the purchase. We still need some more, and you can still make a tax deductible check out to Lansing Area Emmaus & send it to our Board Supply Coordinator, Cori Feldpausch. If you have questions, her phone number is 517-627-6957. You may also make a donation in memory or honor of someone, just include this information with your donation. Thank you again for your help!

## NEW Board Members for 2006

The Lansing Area Emmaus Community Board Nominating Committee announces the election of two new board members: Lyle Ball and Andrew Sass. Barb Moss was also elected, but regretted she had to resign due to some unexpected responsibilities at her church. Please welcome Lyle and Andy next time you see them as they are **YOUR** representatives. Thank you to everyone who took the time to vote. The biographies of both Lyle and Andy are in the last newsletter. Their 3-year term begins January of 2006. Thank you to the Community for taking part in the Annual Voting Process. Thank you to all who are willing and able to serve! Judy McPherson, Nomination Chair and Nominating Committee (Roxi Bass, Pastor Becky Morrison, Ned and Karen Weller, Edie Hayner, and Alex and Judy Goudie).

**Lyle Ball** – took his Walk in Buchanan with the Kalamazoo Community in April of 2002. He has worked in the dining room, served Saturday night at 2 women's walks, and has been on the prayer vigil as often as possible. He has sponsored pilgrims, has attended Candlelights and Sponsor's hour and closings.

**Andy Sass** – Andy took his Walk to Emmaus in September of 2002 at Mt. Hope UMC and has served on various walks since that time. He has worked as a server and a floater, and worked in the dining room. He belongs to an active 4<sup>th</sup> day/reunion group and is often seen at Emmaus functions.

## CHRYSALIS

The 2006 Chrysalis Flights are scheduled. Girls: 3/3/06 - 3/5/06 & 10/27/06 - 10/29-06. Boys: 3/24/06 - 3/26/06 & 11/10/06 - 11/12/06. Locations to be announced.

**What is Chrysalis?** It is a ministry for high school youth very comparable to the Emmaus ministry except it's aimed directly to the kids and the issues pertinent to them.

**Who can attend a Chrysalis Flight?** High school students in 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> grades.

**Can I send a high school student who meets the requirement to one of the weekends?** Now that you have completed your Emmaus Walk, you are able to sponsor someone to an Emmaus Walk or a Chrysalis Flight.

**Can I get involved in the Chrysalis Ministry?** We are always interested in adults to work on future Flights and/or consider joining the Chrysalis Board.

**How would I get in contact with someone to get more information?** You can contact Brian Rayner, Community Lay Director, 616-374-8924, [brian-litho@ia4u.net](mailto:brian-litho@ia4u.net) Chris Pierson, Assistant Community Lay Director, 616-374-3185, [cperson@flexfab.com](mailto:cperson@flexfab.com) Web site address: [www.flightofhope.com](http://www.flightofhope.com)

Consider the teens in your church and in your life. Do you know someone who could benefit from a Flight? If you were at the last Emmaus gathering, you would have heard the speakers from Chrysalis talk to us. My eyes were opened! The focus of Chrysalis, the way I understand it, is a little different than Emmaus, in that kids are at that point in their life when they are making decisions and at crossroads. What an important time for them to take their flight! I went to the last girls' flight in Kalamazoo to pray for a teen speaker. I was amazed at the power of the Holy Spirit and the powerful changes in these kids' lives! You can contact Matt Dougherty, [matt@rbc.org](mailto:matt@rbc.org) or call 269-838-1872 for more information. Also, the board is looking for a community member to be a liaison to the Chrysalis Board. The meetings are the 4th Monday of the month at Lakewood UMC, Lake Odessa. Contact any board member if you can help with this important task. Judy McPherson




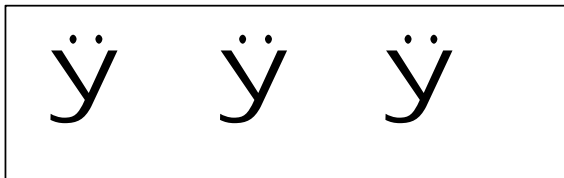
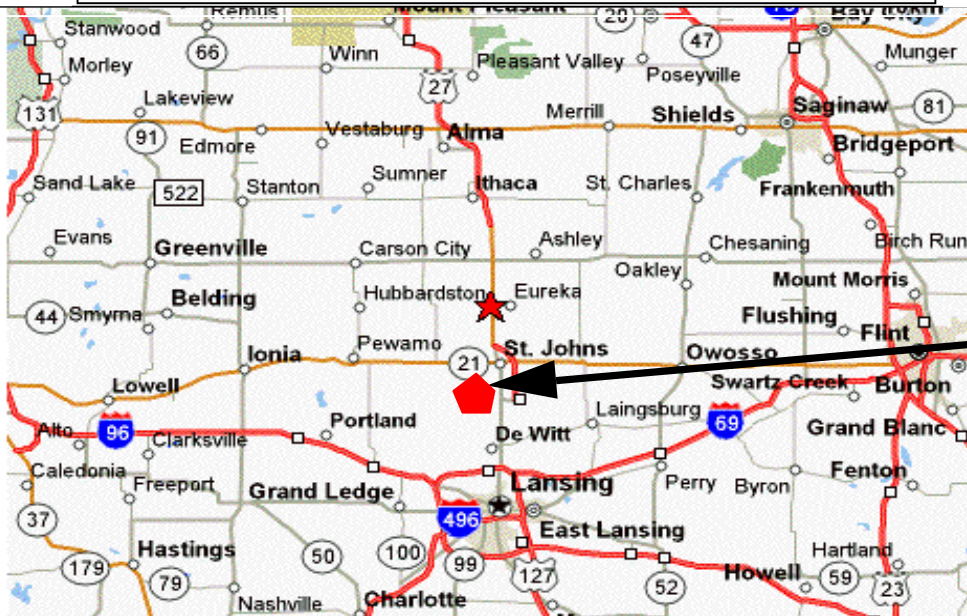
Fall gives way to the thankfulness of giving. Thanksgiving gives way to the wonders of Christmas

The wonders of Christmas bring untold LOVE, JOY and PEACE to all.



Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord! Luke 2:11

Directions to Pilgrim  United Methodist Church, 2965 West Parks Road, St Johns. We hold our Gatherings on the second Friday of each month at the Pilgrim UMC. Pot-luck at 6:30. Join us for sharing, singing, praying and Holy Communion. Be sure to add this time to your calendars.



The purpose of Emmaus 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

At the December Gathering we will have a Talent Show Sign up & offer your talent; singing, music, whatever. Just let Michon Felton know!

The EMMAUS STORE will be OPEN at both the November and December Gatherings!

To all new and slightly seasoned Community Members, below is the list of the Lansing Area Emmaus Board. Please call or e-mail any of us with your desires to help within the community, assist a Board Member, or ask questions. We want your Fourth Day to be meaningful as you find new ways to serve the Lord.

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### Upcoming Events

Nov 11-13, 2005 Chrysalis Boys Flight (ages 15-18) at the Second Reformed Church in Kalamazoo.

Nov 11 *Lansing* Emmaus Gathering 6:30 PM at Pilgrim UMC, and the Walk #62 Reunion Group.

**Welcome Ladies!**

**Nov 24 Happy Thanksgiving!**

Dec 9 *Lansing* Emmaus Gathering 6:30 PM at Pilgrim UMC

Dec 13 *Lansing* Emmaus Board Meeting 6:30 PM at Pilgrim UMC

**DEC 25 The Birthday of THE KING! Praise God!**

### **2006**

Jan 6 & 7 The 2006 LAE Board Retreat at Pilgrim UMC

Jan 10 *Lansing* Emmaus Board Meeting 6:30 PM at Pilgrim UMC

Jan 13 *Lansing* Emmaus Gathering 6:30 PM at Pilgrim UMC

**Feb 10 *Lansing* Emmaus Gathering 6:30 PM at Mason UMC Note location change**

Feb 14 *Lansing* Emmaus Board Meeting 6:30 PM at Pilgrim UMC

Feb 23-26, 2006 *Lansing* Emmaus Men's Walk #63 at the New Hope UMC in Mecosta

Mar 3 -5 Chrysalis Girls Flight - Location To Be Announced

Mar 9-12, 2006 *Lansing* Emmaus Women's Walk #64 at the New Hope UMC in Mecosta **AND on March 11 SATURDAY**, we will have our **Candle Light Gathering** at the Mecosta UMC. Don't bring snacks, just bring yourself, your love and your candle!

Mar 14 *Lansing* Emmaus Board Meeting 6:30 PM at Pilgrim UMC

Mar 24 - 26 Chrysalis Boys Flight - Location TBA

Apr 11 *Lansing* Emmaus Board Meeting 6:30 PM at Pilgrim UMC

On December 25th we celebrate the  
GREATEST Gift of all. Happy Birth-  
day Jesus!

See more Emmaus, Chrysalis and Keryx dates, maps and other news at the Lansing Area Emmaus (LAE) Web Site: <http://www.lansingemmaus.truepath.com>