

Lansing Emmaus Community

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Greetings in the name of Jesus our Savior to my fellow Lansing Area Emmaus Community members. Happy New Year!!!

It is a time of new beginnings, a new year with new possibilities. Every day we have a chance for a new beginning with God, I hope you never lose sight of that.

I am Elnora Wallin. I took my Walk to Emmaus in October 1993 at Trinity UMC in Lansing and I sat at the Table of Elizabeth. (just practicing for the many times I will be saying that this coming year) This year I will be serving as your Community Lay Director.

Our LAE Board just completed our annual retreat where we begin again with new officers and new board positions (somewhere else in this newsletter you will see the list). Thanks to all the board members for a successful board retreat. Special thanks to those who worked so hard to prepare for and put on the retreat, and to our "auxiliary team" for taking such good care of us.

I am excited about the coming year, let's keep up the momentum that has begun in our community. Our gatherings have been gaining in attendance, we had three successful Walks and we are ready to purchase new "luxurious" mattress for our next set of Walks. We have had many successes, but we have areas that need improvement. We are looking for community members who want to join with us on the board to make improvements. We may be calling on you to join a team to help individual board members with their area of service, ie. Gathering Coordinator looking for volunteers to provide a program, help with set up/tear down, provide music or the Outreach Coordinator looking for some volunteers with a passion for Reunion Groups. If we don't call you, maybe God is laying on your heart to call one of us to offer your help. Look for future announcements regarding participating on a team. Check out who is the board person for your area of interest and give them a call.

Thank you for the privilege of serving Jesus and this community as the Community Lay Director. I am honored to be chosen for this duty and will do my best, with God's help, to lead this community forward during the coming year. Please do not hesitate to communicate to me (or any board member) your concerns about anything regarding the community, and be sure to share your joys about what you see that is good. You can reach me at my home phone 517-566-8452 or on my cell phone @ 517-230-1482 most anytime and either one has an answering machine or voice mail. Or you can send me e-mail at owlalker@centurytel.net

Your sister in Christ, Elnora

There are plenty of openings for the upcoming Walks, if God has put on your heart to sponsor please consider sending the applications in soon. Time has a way of getting away from us and soon the deadline will be here. We need to have 20 pilgrims signed up at least 2 weeks before the Walk is to start, but the teams would like to have the encouragement of seeing the rosters filled as soon as possible.

See you at the New Hope UMC in Mecosta for Candle Light on Feb 26, and Mar 11.

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**The 2006 Spring Men's Walk # 63
February 23 - 26, 2006 at the
New Hope UMC in Mecosta
Lay Director - Bruce Hug
Spiritual Director - Dennis Bromley**

More information about the 2006
Spring Men's and Women's Walk
is located at:

www.lansingemmaus.truepath.com

**The 2006 Spring Women's Walk
64 March 9 - 12, 2006, at the
New Hope UMC in Mecosta
Lay Director - Suzi Neff
Cathi Eberly
Spiritual Director - Craig Adams**

**These are the 2006 Flight Dates for the Flight of Hope Chrysalis: The Spring Flights for Girls will be held on March 3 - 6, and for Boys on March 24 - 26, 2006. The Fall Flights for Girls will be held on October 27 - 29, and for Boys on November 10 - 12. For more information go to:
<http://www.flightofhope.com>**

Greetings Community!!

Registrations for the Spring Walks have been a little slow, but now that Christmas and New Year celebrations and family gatherings have been enjoyed it's time to think about sponsoring pilgrims for the upcoming walks at New Hope UMC in Mecosta (Men: Feb 23-26; Women: Mar 9-12).

Remember that there is a deadline coming up **FEBRUARY 9** which will determine if we hold the Men's Walk—we must have at least 20 applications in hand by that date or sooner!!! But, better yet, let's FILL this walk with 36 pilgrims and have a waiting list. We know God has people He wants to go on this walk—are we as sponsors praying and listening about whom to tell about the Walk to Emmaus experience? The men's walk team is meeting, planning and filled with excitement as they prepare for the walk! What an awesome experience for you to share with someone who is ready to grow in their service to the Lord and His church!

Applications are available at the LAEC web site, or you can contact me to mail one to you!! Please don't procrastinate—get those applications in TODAY—NOW—RIGHT AWAY!!

Happy 2006! May you enjoy ALL of God's blessings to the fullest, and always remember to give Him THANKS for His goodness and love. Pam Wyrick, registrar

The Lansing Area Emmaus Community Fall Women's Walk will be held on Oct 12-15, starting Thursday at 6:30 pm through Sunday at 7:00 pm. The Walk will be held at the Lansing Central UMC in Lansing!

The Board voted to not hold a Fall Men's Walk until the volume of Pilgrims registered increases. Remember, in order to hold a Walk, we must have at least 20 Pilgrims registered. Get those applications in!

There's always room for AGAPE What an awesome and powerful way to start the New Year, with two walks fast approaching! This is a great time to get your agape ready. Remember the warm feelings that you experienced when you received your agape on your walk. Take this opportunity to spread God's love to others in that very special way. Remember that this is an anonymous show of love, so please do not put any personal names on the agape. But it is great if you will mark them with your Reunion Group (4th Day) or church name. Help spread the Sunshine! Janet Ball, Agape Coordinator

The new mattresses are being ordered! The cost per mattress is \$23.00 instead of the \$19.00 we anticipated (but you know what they say about anticipating!). Thank you to Cori Feldpausch for advertising and collecting the donations last year. And thank you to everyone who has supported this project. We would not be here without you! Our new Lay Director, Elnora Wallin gave the go ahead to Roxi Bass to purchase the mattresses. Hopefully we will have the mattresses in time for the Men's Walk! Happy Sleeping and thank you again for your help!

LANSING AREA EMMAUS BOARD OF DIRECTORS - 2006

Back Row Center:
Jesus The Christ.
Second Row from
the back, left to right:
Pastor Becky Morri-
son, Lyle Ball, Judy
McPherson, Pam
Wyrick, Our New
Community Lay Di-
rector Elnora Wallin,
Third Row: Kathy
Wilson, Janet Ball,
Michele Childs, Ed
Shepherd, Front
Row: JoAnn Mc-
Crum, Roxi Bass,
Andy Sass.



Not available Pastor Marty Cobb Picture by Andy Sass

The picture looks great on the LAEC Web site.

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| Treasurer & Supply Trailer | Lyle Ball (231) 972-7335 jball6@hotmail.com | 2008 |
| Assist. Comm Lay Director & Logistics | Andy Sass (517) 627-0452 to4cc2me@Netscape.net | 2008 |
| Temporary Assist. Spiritual Director | Becky Morrison (517) 645-7701 revrkmor@msn.com | |
| Registrar | Pam Wyrick (989) 224-2787 ragdoll@voyager.net | 2006 |
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| Data Manager & Newsletter | Michele Childs (517) 627-8121 childsm11797@msn.com | 2006 |
| Emmaus Store | JoAnn McCrum (517) 468-3480 mccrumjl@michigan.gov | 2007 |
| Former Comm Lay Director, Advisor | Roxi Bass (517) 676-4495 rrb323@yahoo.com | |
| Music, Sponsor's Hour/Training, Candle-light, & Closing | Ned Weller () | |

**You can get more information on the Lansing Area Emmaus (LAE) Web site:
www.lansingemmaus.truepath.com**

A Great Big Thank You to Cori Feldpausch for all of her hard work on the 2005 Board as the Secretary and Supply Trailer Coordinator. You're awesome! Everyone is looking forward to seeing her at future Walks and Gatherings.

The Board is looking for help from you to join a team and help individual board members with their area of service, ie. the Gathering Coordinator looking for volunteers to provide help with set up/tear down, a program, or provide music; assist with work on the supply trailer; or see the Outreach Coordinator who is looking for volunteers with a passion for Reunion Groups. There are many opportunities to use your gifts.

Hello, it is a new year and would you believe that it is 2006 already. My name is Kathy Wilson and I'm starting my second year as Outreach Coordinator for the Lansing Area Emmaus Board of Directors. This year starts with so much promise, new ideas, plans, and building upon foundations already laid. Last year we had started connecting people with each other in order to join already formed 4th Day/ Reunion groups and some new ones have been formed. Still there is a lot more connecting to be accomplished, and the goal is hopefully to have all connected with a 4th Day or Reunion group. That goal is a Herculean task as our community stretches over many miles and sadly, there are those who are uncomfortable at this time in being in such a group. All we can do is to put "our best foot forward" and rely on the Holy Spirit to accomplish what we cannot.

Aside from Reunion groups, we would also like to connect in another way and that is to have an Emmaus liaison for every church that has someone in their congregation who has been or is currently active in this community. These individuals would serve as a connection between the Lansing Emmaus community and the church where they serve and worship. There may be many liaisons but we only

know of a few at this time. Would you be willing to help? If you or anyone else in your church is already doing this would you also let me know. You can let me know at the provided for phone # or by using the email address at the end of this article. A liaison would have a bulletin board listing where and when Emmaus community gatherings, Emmaus Walks, Chrysalis Flights, and Hoots would be. Emmaus gatherings are held Pilgrim UMC, St. Johns and at Clare UMC. You could also include copies of current and past newsletters, and a list of Emmaus members from your church. The possibilities are numerous.

This would be a great help to me and to all the rest of the community too. I know that this means accepting a new or possibly another responsibility and that this idea may be challenging for you. We respect that and just ask that you take this into your heart and prayers in making such a decision. You can reach me at (989-862-5693) or at kw543210@yahoo.com. From time to time, there will be other articles from me so until we meet or talk again, God's blessings to all of you. De Colores. Outreach Coordinator, Kathy Wilson

"3 Generations Praise" music by Renee Hahn

Many of you have heard Renee Hahn play her violin and it's beautiful!. Well, Renee and her mom (playing the piano) have just finished their first professionally recorded CD entitled "3 Generations Praise." Way to go Renee! Her sons, Aaron on drums, and Kyle on tuba and viola also play on the CD.

The music on the CD are all praise and worship songs, and include music that Renee has played for Emmaus Dinner Entertainment (including the bagpipe, hoedown, angry and peaceful Amazing Grace!)

The CD will be available at **most** Emmaus Gatherings or via snail mail on a donation basis. 1/3 of the donations received at Emmaus Gatherings for the CD's will come directly back to the LAE to be used at the Board's discretion (**possibly for the** mattress fund or computer repair or replacement).

Cost is \$10/each if picked up at a Gathering or \$15/each if mailed to you. For more information or to 'order' a CD, contact by email Renee at mrhahn@cmsinter.net or by phone at (989) 620-4317.

LAEC Board would like to make you all aware of a need: our computer needs to be updated or replaced, maybe you know how to update our current computer to meet the needs we have grown into. We may need a new hard drive, increased memory, or a new operating system. We have also considered a lap top which would be ideal for portability purposes. Our community is funded largely by the fees that are charged for attending a Walk and by the fees that all team members pay when they work. This money is used to run the Walk weekend. Our community is also funded by generous donations of community members like you, who want to help continue the work of this community. It may be your time and/or expertise that you can donate to help in this case.

If you want to know more about either of these needs please contact Elnora Wallin, Harry Wallin, or Michele Childs, Their contact numbers and e-mail addresses are available on our website: <http://www.lansingemmaus.truepath.com>

THE 2006 LANSING AREA EMMAUS GATHERING SCHEDULE

- * All LAE Gatherings will be held at PILGRIM UMC, starting at 6:30 unless otherwise noted.
Pilgrim UMC is located at 2965 W Parks Rd, St Johns, MI
- o * February 10th at Mason First UMC, 201 E Ash St, Mason, MI
- o March 11th - CANDLELIGHT at New Hope UMC, 7296 9 mile Rd, Mecosta
- o April 7th - one week early so we don't interfere with Good Friday Services
- o May 12th, June 9th, July 14th, August 11th, and September 8th
- o October 14th - CANDLELIGHT at Central UMC 215 N Capital Ave, Lansing
- o November 10th, December 8th Please SAVE and post this schedule of Gatherings. See

MAPS - - - If you don't know where to go, how will you know when you get there? - - - MAPS

Isn't that true in maps and in life? This map will help you get to the upcoming Gatherings and Walks.
The BIBLE will help you get LIFE, a more abundant life!

*New Hope UMC, 7296 9 mile Rd, Mecosta, MI.
Mecosta is about 25 miles West of Mt. Pleasant.*

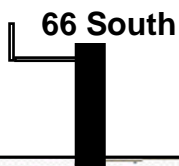
Salem UMC, 2307 W Maple Rapids Rd., St. Johns, MI . The church is North of St. Johns.

Follow 66 South, until 20, then go West to reach to Mecosta.

Pilgrim UMC, 2965 W. Parks Rd., St. Johns, MI. One mile south of St. Johns (on the corner of Parks and Dewitt Rds)

Lansing Central UMC, 215 N Capital Ave, Lansing, MI Downtown Lansing, across the street from the State Capital.

Mason UMC, 201 E. Ash St, Mason, MI. Follow 127 South



Pilgrim U.M.C.
Lansing Area Emmaus
2965 West Parks Road
St. Johns, MI 48879

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The Walk to Emmaus is a three-day retreat designed to enhance leadership and spiritual development within the Christian community. Men and women attend separate Walks.

The Keryx Walk is designed for those who are incarcerated. For more information on either of these retreats please go to: <http://www.lansingemmaus.truepath.com>

Chrysalis is for young adults and the retreat is called the Journey. And for those in high school we offer three-day Flights, for information go to: <http://www.flightofhope.com>

Upcoming Events

- Feb 9 Deadline to determine if we can hold the Men's Walk. We must have 20 applications or more in order to hold the Walk. If not, the Walk must be canceled. Contact Registrar Pam Wyrick, or go to the LAE Web site for applications: <http://www//lansingemmaustruepath.com>
- Feb 10 6:30 Friday Gathering Potluck at MASON UMC, on Ash Street in Mason.
- Feb 14 6:30 Tues LAEC Board Meeting at Pilgrim UMC just south of St. Johns
- Feb 23-27 6:30 Thurs LAEC Spring Men's Walk at New Hope UMC, in Mecosta**
- Feb 22 Deadline to determine if we can hold the Women's Walk. We must have 20 applications or more in order to hold the Walk. If not, the Walk must be canceled. Contact Registrar Pam Wyrick, or go to the LAE Web site for applications: <http://www//lansingemmaustruepath.com>
- Mar 9-12 6:30 Thurs LAEC Spring Women's Walk at New Hope UMC, in Mecosta**
- Mar 11 8:00 pm, Sat **No Gathering - Please go to the Women's Candlelight**
- Mar 14 6:30 Tues LAEC Board Meeting at Pilgrim UMC just south of St. Johns
- Apr 7 6:30 Fri Gathering Potluck at Pilgrim UMC just south of St. Johns. Gathering is moved up one week so we don't interfere with Good Friday services.
- May 9 6:30 Tues LAEC Board Meeting at Pilgrim UMC just south of St. Johns.

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