

# Lansing Emmaus Community

# Footprints



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Greetings to my Sisters and Brothers in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. I pray that you are all well in health and whole in spirit in the Lord.

Welcome to our newest members, the men of Walk # 63 and soon the women of Walk # 64. We look forward to having you join with us at our gatherings and in our service to the Lord through the Walk to Emmaus weekends. Here are some of the things I heard at the Men's closing: "I found out how much Jesus loves me, and I want to spread it", "This was an eye opener to Christ's love for me", "I have been blessed and I want to go out and be a blessing", "I found my new best friend - God", "I'm going to jump at the next thing God calls me to do", "I thought I knew what love was, then I felt agape love...". I think we can see how God's love for us and our love for God enabled us to bring encouragement and refreshment to these men. They are renewed to return to their homes and churches, and to listen to God's call on their lives.

What will their Fourth Days look like? And what about the rest of us? Part of the Walk to Emmaus' purpose is to renew and part of it is to build up disciples and leaders for Christ who will carry out the work of His church. Some will be called to be more active in their home churches, and some more active in the work of the larger church. And some, I hope, will also be called to participate in the work of the Walk to Emmaus.

There are many ways to participate in the workings of our community. Working during the Walks on the auxiliary or in the conference room is one way to participate. But there is ongoing work that needs to be done all year long. Currently there are 9 board members who are seeing to the business of the Lansing Area Emmaus, but they need the help of the community to carry out that business. One way that the Walk to Emmaus builds up Christian leaders is by working with these board members. In a lov-

ing Christian environment we can practice our skills of leadership to become more effective in our home church and in our work places. Each board member can have a team of 3-5 community members to help them with their area of service. That means that we have room for 30-50 people to help.

One of my goals for our community this year is to have more community members participating in the work of the community. Our handbook tells us that there should be ongoing teams. Community members who attended the February 25 had an opportunity to fill out a data collection survey that will help our team selection committee know where they might be interested in serving. This survey sheet described what might be involved in each area of service. If you would like to know more about this you may contact me or any member of the LAEC Board.

Our community has struggled over the past several years with having enough pilgrims to fill the Walks and over various issues. These struggles were part of a "pruning" process that I believe God is using to refine us. Our leaders have made decisions to move our community to be more "in-line" with the Emmaus Handbook, and with the agreement we sign with the Upper Room. Some of these decisions were unpopular and caused division and dissension within the community. I believe that our faithfulness and efforts are being rewarded. I also believe that the success was not about how much we prayed for this Walk, because we prayed hard for other Walks. And other Lay Directors were just as faithful and deserving as Bruce. Instead, it was and is all about **God's** timing and about our being faithful and waiting on God's time.

Thank you for your continuing prayers for our community and for the work that is to be done. How God is calling you, in your Fourth Day, to be part of the team that carries out the work? This is **your** community, come be a part of it. In His Service, Elnora Wallin

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**WELCOME TO OUR NEW COMMUNITY MEMBERS FROM WALK # 63 and 64 !!!**

**The 2006 Spring Men's Walk #63 and Women's Walk #64**

Robert Archambault	John Durante	Tom Gordon	Keith Latham	Ted Orwig	Jeff Shane
Bill Besemer	Wayne Edly	Josh Harrison	Pat Mann	Bob Phillips	Perry Smith
Paul Blakeslee	Kevin Gentner	Doug Haviland	Dustin McCoy	Michael Redding	Jack Stickler
Michael Cardinal	Garth Gilbert	Alan Hosmer	Jim Mongrain	Jacob Robertson	Wylie Sullivan
Ryan Cressman	Trevor Goedge	Mel Houck	Ron Monks	David Severance	Bernie Zeitler
Jeff Crum	Mike Goin	Bill Huntley	Joseph Vanas		

Anna Aronld	Elizabeth Bennett	Janelle Doan	Amy Gentner	Sharon Lintemuth	Carol Pilon
Carol Asher	Bonnie Buckner	Cori Downey	Rhonda Goin	Maggie Maniez	Denise Martin
Lisa Bell	Charlotte Besemer	Maxine Dunavant	Linda Houck	Michelle Outman	Nancy Santer
Sara Cardinal	Suzanne Ammann	Carol Egres	Cheryl Huntley	Jill Jones Martin	Dorothy Nestell
Susan Booth	Thelma June Carey	Cathy Frederick	Sharon Judge	Jessica Kitchenmaster	Karen Schlicher
Janet Burns	Sarah Cressman	Ellen Fuller	Linda Kusnier	Colleen Quinlan-Fortino	

**A great big Thank You to the members of the New Hope UMC in Mecosta. Your gracious hospitality was wonderful!  
And, Thank You to everyone for your prayers, hard work and love for Christ. GLYASDW!**

Flight of Hope Chrysalis: 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>

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 downtown Lansing! The Lay Director is Kim Duffield. We already have three women on the waiting list!

We are sad to announce that the 2006 Spring Boys Flight had to be cancelled because only nine young men were registered. Remember, we are the adult supporters and sponsors of Chrysalis. We must do our part to keep this vital movement growing and changing lives for Jesus!

As you know the Board voted to not hold a Fall Men's Walk until the volume of Pilgrims registered increased and we had a waiting list. WELL the Spring Walk was full and we do have one man on the waiting list! YOU DID IT! GOD DID IT! PRAISE GOD FOR HE IS GOOD! Remember, in order to hold a Walk, we must have at least 20 Pilgrims registered. THE MEN'S FALL WALK WILL BE HELD ON SEPTEMBER 21-24 STARTING ON THURSDAY AT 6:30 PM THROUGH SUNDAY AT 7:00 PM AT THE LANSING CENTRAL UMC IN DOWNTOWN LANSING! Get those applications in!

*How many Pilgrims does it take to hold a LAE Walk? At least 20 must be registered.*

The Emmaus Store will be open at the next Gathering on April 7 at Pilgrim UMC.

**Be sure to sign up and help on the Walks!**

TWO full spring walks for this community!! That is a BIG PRAISE and THANK YOU GOD!! And, in this newsletter you will find information on the Fall MEN'S Walk!! Yes, we have a waiting list, and so we are able to move forward with plans for Fall!! The women will be gathering at **Central United Methodist Church in downtown Lansing Oct 12-15**. Be in prayer NOW about sponsoring a pilgrim and about your participation as a servant for the walk. Not only did we have a waiting list for the men, we had MANY inquiries from women that wanted to attend the walk in Mecosta. We had to regretfully tell them that the walk was full...and the workers billets were filled also!!! This is an amazing thing that God is doing in our community, to Him and to your efforts and enthusiasm. This should be a wakeup call to those that have been in the habit of waiting until the last minute to sign up--you might be disappointed!!! So maybe it's time to PLAN to sponsor a pilgrim, and PLAN to work on the walk in some way and then make that commitment!! With full walks, and full auxiliary we usually cannot accommodate drop in help so some of you that have been in that habit are likely to be disappointed also! We are excited about all the new people and interest of the community in general--hope that you all are also!! Please continue to support the LAEC with your prayers, your presence and your participation!!!

By the way, doesn't SPRING mean green grass, sunshine and warmer temperatures?? Hope it will be arriving soon!!! Count your blessings and give thanks to God for all that He has done!! He is an awesome, loving God!

In His service, Registrar, Pam Wyrick

*Is it ever too early to turn in an Emmaus (for adults) or Chrysalis (for youth) registration form?*  
NO, never.

### The 2006 Lansing Area Emmaus Board

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**Find more information on the Lansing Area Emmaus (LAE) Web site: [www.lansingemmaus.truepath.com](http://www.lansingemmaus.truepath.com)**

SPONSOR'S CHECKLIST - Your responsibilities, for your Pilgrim, after the Walk to Emmaus Weekend is complete.

Q Bring your Pilgrim (now a Community Member) to the 4th Day Follow-up (remember the date and location was announced on their weekend). Attend Sponsor's Training at that meeting to support their inclusion in this vital component of being a part of the Lansing Area Emmaus Community (LAEC).

Q Help your Pilgrim locate and participate in a Reunion or Fourth Day Group. Kathy Willson is the Board Coordinator

Q Bring your Pilgrim to the monthly Gatherings and encourage them to attend.

Q Encourage your Pilgrim to become a sponsor. What better way to bring more believers in Christ together. You may need to act as a "co-sponsor" on the first one.

Remember the up coming Men's Fall Walk on September 21-24 and the Women's Fall Walk on October 12-15 Walk. Both Walks will be held at the Lansing Central UMC in downtown Lansing!

We are looking for a digital copy of the by-laws to make review and potential revision easier. If anyone has access to a digital copy, please contact me. God Bless and Keep you, Andy Sass

Congratulations to the Rev. Martin and Jessica Cobb of the Middleton/Maple Rapids UMC on the birth of their son, Timothy Mitchell Cobb, born on Friday, January 13, 2006 ! All of our best wishes and love!

**AWESOME AGAPE** The spring walks were truly blessed with thoughtful and imaginative agape. Thanks to everyone that contributed to the love that was showered on all the pilgrims and the teams. Those "little" gifts will be treasured for years to come. And each time the recipients bring their bag of "goodies" out, they will be reminded of the overwhelming love they were given during their Walk To Emmaus. I can't wait to see what you will dream up for the fall walks!!!

Keep up the good work. De Colores, Janet Ball, Agape Coordinator

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.

**The new mattresses were here in time for the Men's and the Women's Walk!**

Thanks to Roxi Bass who made the arrangements, and Lyle Ball for picking them up and bringing them to the Walks. I think everyone got a better nights sleep. To the Community, thank you again for your help!

AN EMMAUS CHRYSALIS PICNIC WILL BE HELD AGAIN THIS SUMMER. THIS IS A WONDERFUL TIME TO GATHER WITH EMMAUS BROTHERS AND SISTERS FROM OTHER COMMUNITIES. MORE INFORMATION WILL BE IN FUTURE NEWSLETTERS AND ON THE WEB SITE!

To all of the new Community Members, you who are the former Pilgrims!

Remember the Fourth Day Talk on your Weekend and the Service Card you received? Your Fourth Day (every day after your Weekend) is a continuation of your life journey and your commitment to Christ. This is to remind you that a 4<sup>th</sup> Day/ Reunion group is a very important part of your spiritual growth. You meet with others on a regular basis to review

your service card, pray and support one another. We would like you to become involved in a group. Some ways to do that are to talk with your Sponsor, talk with the others who were at your Table and/or talk to me.

**Remember, CHRIST IS COUNTING ON YOU!**

You can reach me at (989-862-5693) or at [kw543210@yahoo.com](mailto:kw543210@yahoo.com) De Colores, Outreach Coordinator, Kathy Wilson

### **Computers and Trailers - What do they have in common?**

In the last Newsletter the LAEC Board made a request for help in either updating or replacing the Emmaus computer. One of the Community Members made a wonderful anonymous donation to do this! **PRAISE GOD and thank you, thank you, thank you!** We are looking at laptops and will use the donation wisely to get the best computer and the best deal possible. And that's not all! Just when you didn't think it could get any better. At the last Walk, another Community Member donated a new printer and a new Microsoft Program Suite. **WOW!** We will be using the new equipment at the Fall Walks! We are also looking into the possibility of getting a table top copier for use in the mailroom on the Walks. So we are still taking donations for this and to make some other upgrades. Again Thank you so much and Praise God!

Now what does any of this have to do with Trailers? Well our Emmaus trailer is getting old. Lyle Ball, the new Supply Trailer Coordinator took a close look at our Emmaus Supply Trailer after the last two Walks. He discovered that the roof is rusted and in pretty bad shape. Other areas of the trailer are rusting out also. We're not sure how old it is, but we know the Community was using it in 1994. Because it is unrealistic to try and repair the trail, the Board voted to start a Supply Trailer Replacement Fund. Lyle is getting the measurements of the trailer so we'll know what to look for. And that is what computers and trailers have in common.

If you want to know more about the computer needs please contact Michele Childs, Harry Wallin, Andy Sass or Russ Fries. For more information on the Supply Trailer please contact Lyle Ball.

### **\*\*\* "3 Generations Praise" music by Renee Hahn \*\*\***

Renee, playing the violin and her mom, playing the piano, have just finished their first professionally recorded CD. Her sons, Aaron on drums, and Kyle on tuba and viola also play on the CD. The music is 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 is available at most Emmaus Gatherings or via snail mail. Cost is \$10/each if picked up at a Gathering or \$15/each if mailed to you. 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 computer or Supply Trailer fund. For more information or to 'order' a CD, contact Renee at [mrhahn@cmsinter.net](mailto:mrhahn@cmsinter.net) or at (989) 620-4317.

Brian Raynor was at our last Board Meeting, representing the Chrysalis Board. He encouraged the Emmaus Communities to work together with the Chrysalis Community, remembering that we are all working toward the same goal – building leaders for Christ's church.

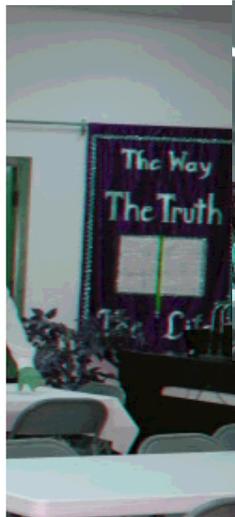
Remember the Emmaus Communities are the sponsors and supporters of the Youth Movement Chrysalis. Support Our Kids!

### **Lansing Area Emmaus Gatherings**

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The LAE Community starts arriving at the New Hope UMC in Mecosta for the Saturday night Candlelight



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Some of our Community Members

Walk #'s 63 & 64. The dining room after the Saturday night dinner but before the Community begins to gather for Singing, Prayer Time, Communion and Candlelight.

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**The 2006 Lansing Area Emmaus Board of Directors** - Back Row Center: Jesus The Christ. Second Row from the back, left to right: Pastor Becky Morrison, Lyle Ball, Judy McPherson, Pam Wyrick, Our New Community Lay Director Elnora Wallin, Third Row: Kathy Wilson, Janet Ball, Michele Childs, Ed Shepherd, Front Row: JoAnn McCrum, Roxi Bass, Andy Sass.

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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

**Apr 7 6:30 Fri** *Gathering Potluck at Pilgrim UMC moved up one week to not interfere with Good Friday.*

*The music group, "Gospel Messengers" will join us and **provide the music for the worship service.***

Apr 16 The Resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

Apr 18 6:30 Tues LAEC Board Meeting at Pilgrim UMC just south of St. Johns

May 9 6:30 Tues *Gathering Potluck at Pilgrim UMC*

May 12 6:30 Tues LAEC Board Meeting at Pilgrim UMC just south of St. Johns

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