

Lansing Emmaus Community

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Christ is Risen!!! Hallelujah!!! I hope that you all had wonderful Resurrection Day celebrations.

Every Sunday is a celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus, not just Easter. And every day we experience a little bit of our own resurrection. In my devotional reading today, the author reminded the readers of the surrender we make to God when we fall asleep each night. We let go for a few hours with the joyful expectation of sunrise. We trust in God who sustains and renews us. There are so many things to remind us of the promise that comes to us through the Resurrected and Living Jesus, our Lord and Savior.

Spring is upon us with renewal and resurrection all around us as well. The trees and flowers are blooming, the birds are returning (or coming out of the more secluded areas), and the grass is growing. The sounds of birds and bees (and lawn mowers) fill the air. God's renewal of the earth comes to us again. God is faithful, we can have confidence in his care for us.

Renewal is coming to our Emmaus Community as well. For the first time in several years we are planning a Women's and a Men's Walk for this Fall. All praise and glory to God !!!

The Men's Walk will be September 21-24, 2006 at Central UMC in downtown Lansing. The Women's Walk will be 3 weeks later, October 12-15, 2006, also at Central UMC in downtown Lansing. We are so excited about having had a full Men's Walk this Spring and being able to plan for the Fall. We hope that you are excited too, and that you are prayerfully considering who you are being called to sponsor. It's not too early to send in applications.

It's also not too early to be thinking of where you might be able to participate in the Walks, beyond your sponsorship. Soon teams will begin to be formed, for both the Conference room and the auxiliary ("behind the plastic" - for those who attended the most recent Walks). You may be called to participate, please be in prayer about where you could serve. For new (and old) members of the community, please note that you need to have 72 hours of auxiliary experience before you can be asked to serve in the Conference room. It's called Anonymous Servanthood, being in the background, the unknown and unseen hands and feet of Christ that make the Walk weekend possible. Everything from cooking, to cleaning, to praying - things you already know how to do, but that are so critical to the success of the weekend. Who knew that cleaning toilets for Christ could be so much fun. And in the fellowship of other Christians who are working in joyful obedience!

If you attended the Candlelight for the Men's Walk at Mecosta you may have had a chance to fill out a questionnaire regarding where you might like to serve in the Lansing Area Emmaus. (Thank you to all those that did fill one out, we are finding the information very helpful.) That document has been modified to be more than a "Candlelight" survey. It is now called Lansing Area Emmaus Community Involvement survey and you can find it on our website if you didn't get a chance to fill one out already, then you can mail it to our Team Selection chairwoman. The survey will help us update our data bank with current addresses and phone numbers, and it will let our Team Selection committee know where you are interested in serving and what your talents are - musically, i.e. leading singing, playing an instrument; or are you a computer whiz who could help our data manager/newsletter editor.

Praise God for the renewal that He gives us every day, His mercies are new every morning. And praise God for the renewal that He is causing to happen in the Lansing Area Emmaus community. But, most of all, praise and glory to God for the gift of his Son, Jesus Christ, whom He sent to earth to show us His love and who paid the price for our sins so that we may live forever with Him in Glory. In Christ's Name, Elnora Wallin, LAE Lay Director

NEWS - 1) Lay Directors Report 2) The FALL Walks, Registrar News, 3) 2006 LAEC Board, 4) Upcoming Events

2006 FALL Men's Walk September 21-24, 2006, at Central UMC in Lansing

Lay Director - Jeff Schultz, Spiritual Director -

1. 1st Pilgrim registered
 2. Who is God asking me to sponsor?
 3. Is it I Lord?
 4. Whose name will go here?
 5. Whom Shall I Send?
 6. Who is God asking YOU to sponsor?
- Remember a full Walk consists of 36 Pilgrims.

2006 FALL Women's Walk October 12-15, 2006, at Central UMC in Lansing

Lay Director - Kim Duffield, Spiritual Director -

1. 1st Pilgrim registered
 2. 2nd Pilgrim registered
 3. 3rd Pilgrim registered
 4. 4th Pilgrim registered
 5. 5th Pilgrim registered
 6. Who is God asking YOU to sponsor?
- Remember a full Walk consists of 36 Pilgrims.

As you know the Lansing Area Emmaus Community Board voted to not hold a Fall Men's Walk until the volume of Pilgrims registered increased and we had a waiting list. The maximum number of Pilgrims for each Walk is 36. In order to hold a Walk, we must have at least **20** Pilgrims registered **two weeks** prior to the beginning of the Walk date. The Spring Men's Walk was full and we do have one man registered for the Fall Walk! Soooooo...

THE FALL MEN'S 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 UNITED METHODIST CHURCH IN DOWNTOWN LANSING! The Lay Director is Jeff Schultz. Get those applications in! Don't wait for the last minute.

The Fall Women's Walk will be held on October 12-15, starting on Thursday at 6:30 pm through Sunday at 7:00 pm. The Walk will also be held at the Lansing Central UMC in downtown Lansing! The Lay Director is Kim Duffield. We now have five women registered!

Be in prayer NOW about sponsoring a pilgrim and about your participation as a servant for the walk.

Contact Registrar Pam Wyrick with questions and for registration forms at ragdoll@voyager.net or (989) 224-2787

Since both Spring Walks were full, this should be a wake-up call to those that have been in the habit of waiting until the last minute to register a Pilgrim. If you don't do this right away, you might be disappointed and left out!!! It's time for you 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 remember to sign up right away. We are excited about all the new people and interest of the community --hope that you all are also!! Please continue to support the LAEC with your prayers, your presence and your participation!!!

The Board is already planning for the Men's and Women's 2007 Walks. Watch future Newsletters for more information. **Remember, you must have Sponsorship Training before you can sponsor a Pilgrim.** And it's never too early to take the training, and sponsor and register a Pilgrim.

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>

We are so pleased to announce that the NEW Laptop Computer is here. It's being set up for the Fall Walks and is already a wonderful, God sent, addition to our community. To those who made this request come true, Thank You, Thank You, Thank You! God is Good!

"3 Generations Praise" CD. Music by Renee Hahn. For sale at most Emmaus Gatherings for \$10.00 or for \$15.00 if ordered through the mail. 1/3 of the donations received at Emmaus Gatherings for the CD's will go directly back to the LAE. For more information or to 'order' a CD, contact Renee by email at mrhahn@cmsinter.net or by phone at (989) 620-4317.

The 2006 Lansing Area Emmaus Board

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| Music, Sponsor's Hour/Training, Candlelight, & Closing - | Ned Weller (989-875-4202) | |

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

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

Greetings from the north land in the name of our Lord, Christ Jesus. For those who might not know me, I am Lyle Ball, Treasurer/Supply Coordinator for Lansing Area Emmaus Community.

I took this position in January and since then many things have happened. The Mattress Fund Project culminated in the purchase of 80 new mattress pads that were available for use during the spring walks at New Hope in February. At the January meeting of the Board the state of the computer was discussed and it was decided that we needed to publish the need for a new computer. Again the generosity of the community was evident when a large donation was made so

that we were able to purchase a new laptop that should fulfill the needs of the community for some years to come.

The fact that both spring walks were full has left us in a very stable financial position and we truly praise God for His goodness.

As in the background of most financial type people there is always bad news to go with the good. I have looked over the current trailer that has served the Community for many, many years and it is not good. The roof is deteriorating badly and the entire structure is in bad shape. I am planning to do some much needed repair work while I have it this

summer but some long range planning must be done.

I have looked into new trailers and one that will do what we need will cost in the \$7000 range. This is a 26.4 X 8 trailer. This is the minimum size to do the job and to allow for some expansion. If someone knows of a place where we could get a discount this would be helpful also.

We need to start a new fund for trailer replacement so that in the near future we will be able to replace what we have. Please put this on your prayer list so that it will be in front of our Lord.

In Christ, Lyle Ball

The Board is always 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.

A special thank you to Kathy Wilson and the members of the Salem UMC for allowing us use the church for the May Gathering.

Sincere Apologies. There was an error in the last Newsletter. The dates for the May Board Meeting and the May Gathering, were accidentally switched. I am so sorry for any inconvenience it caused. Michele

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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.

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

It's always a good idea to check the LAE Website for possible date changes and other information.

Board Meetings and Gatherings are held at Pilgrim UMC, 2965 W Parks Rd, St Johns, MI., unless otherwise noted.

Board Meetings (are held the second Tues of each month at 6:30 unless otherwise noted)

June 13
July 11
Aug 8
Sept 12
Oct 10

Nov 14
Dec 8

Gatherings (are held the second Friday of each month unless otherwise noted. Fellowship 6:00, Potluck 6:30, Praise, Worship, Communion after dinner)

June 9 The Emmaus Store will be open!
July 14
Aug 11
Sept 8
Oct 14, is the **Saturday of the Women's Walk**. In place of the regular Gathering, we will meet at 7:30, at Lansing Central UMC, address 215 Capital Ave, for a CANDLELIGHT GATHERING. (NO POTLUCK)
Nov 10 The Emmaus Store will be open!
Dec 8

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

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