

Lansing Emmaus Community

Footprints



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July - August 2006

I had breakfast with some "Super Hero's" the other morning. "Batgirl", "Superman" and "Lois Lane" spent the night with Grandpa and me. It was a great way to start the day, but even before that we started the day by spending some time with the Lord.

How do you start your day? Do you take time to get in touch with God so that you can be ready to face the day? Ready to spend time with your little "super hero's", or to face any challenge that may arise? Spending time with God gives us "super powers", we are able to do things we could never do on our own. We don't need to fear "kryptonite" that could sap our strength when we have the power of our Living God; God gives us strength for every task and every challenge.

Our community has faced challenges and sought strength from God to handle those challenges. God brought us out of a time of want to a time of sufficiency. For the first time in several years we are going to hold a Fall Men's Walk because there was a full Spring Men's Walk. There was a time of pruning and now a time of regrowth.

There are still challenges, such as assembling teams for the Fall Walks and preparing those teams. There is the challenge of filling those Walks with Pilgrims. The challenges can be met through the power of prayer. Are you praying for the Lay Directors, Kim Duffield and Jeff Schultz? Are you praying for the team members who are being selected? Are you praying about who you are being called to sponsor? Are you praying about how you are being called to serve during one of these Walks?

Our Community is extending an invitation to the Kalamazoo Community for any men who might be interested in attending a Walk this fall. They are having the same kind of challenges that our community went through, and have decided not to hold a Fall Men's Walk this year. Let's remember their community in prayer as well.

Another way that Christians can recharge is by spending time with other Christians. I invite you to recharge by attending Gatherings which are held the 2nd Friday of most every month, the next Gathering is July 14th at Pilgrim UMC. We share in food and fellowship around the dinner table, then we share in worship and fellowship around the Lord's table. Another opportunity will be a multi-Community picnic on August 5th, where members of the Lansing, Grand Rapids, Jackson and Kalamazoo Emmaus Communities, as well as Flight of Hope Chrysalis, are invited to share food and fellowship in an outdoor setting. (see announcement on pg 3 in this newsletter)

Whatever the challenges you may be facing, I hope you always remember where your strength comes from. Make contact every morning with the power that only comes from God, and recharge during the day as needed. Recharge by spending time with other Christians as often as you can. You may not get to have breakfast with "Super Hero's" every day, but you can always get a great start by spending time with God.

Recharged by God's love and power, Elnora Wallin, Community Lay Director

We serve an awesome God !!!

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In this Newsletter, see if you can find the Five Questions about Emmaus. I'll bet you can!

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

Lay Director - Jeff Schultz, Spiritual Director - Mike Loenshal

- 1. 1st Pilgrim registered 2. 2nd Pilgrim registered 3. 3rd Pilgrim registered 4. 4th Pilgrim registered
 - 5. Whose name will go here? 6. Who is God asking YOU to sponsor? Remember a full Walk consists of 36 Pilgrims.
- Get those completed forms in to Pam Wyrick, see her information below!

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

Lay Director - Kim Duffield, Spiritual Director - Pat Skinner

- 1. 1st Pilgrim registered 2. 2nd Pilgrim registered 3. 3rd Pilgrim registered 4. 4th Pilgrim registered
 - 5. 5th Pilgrim registered 6. 6th Pilgrim registered 7. 7th Pilgrim registered 8. 8th Pilgrim registered
 - 9. Will there be 36 Pilgrims for this Walk? Sponsors are already registering their Pilgrims for the FALL WALKS.
- Send your Pilgrim's completed registration form to Pam Wyrick right away. See Pam's contact information below.

HI!! Happy Summertime!! Hopefully you all have had a picnic, family gathering, a fishing trip or some sort of summer fun with more to come in the warm days ahead!! Get out there and enjoy God's creation. He made the sky and the waters and the trees and the sunrises and sunsets for us to enjoy because He loves each one of us so very much!!

The Fall Emmaus walks will be here before you know it. Have you thought about how you will participate? Sponsor a pilgrim? Help on auxiliary? Attend the Candlelight and Closing Ceremonies? **It's not too soon to mark those weekends on your calendar: Both walks are at Central UMC in Lansing (215 N Capitol) Men, September 21-24; Women, October 12-15.**

If you are thinking of sponsoring a pilgrim please get those applications sent in now...we already have several pilgrims with reserved spots and are looking forward to full walks! If you have questions, you can check the website or contact me or any of your board members by phone or email!

Enjoy your summer, send in those applications and give the PRAISE and GLORY to our awesome God for all the good things we

enjoy and experience!
In His love, pam wyrick,
registrar

The Board is already planning for the 2007 Spring Walks to be held at New Life Church (12 miles south of New Hope Church near Mecosta).

One more reminder! You must have Sponsorship Training before you can sponsor a Pilgrim. **See pg 5 for more Sponsorship information.**

Now is the time to sign up for and help with auxiliary during the fall walks. There are many opportunities to serve on a Walk. Please e-mail Judy McPherson at judym@acd.net

Flight of Hope Chrysalis Fall Flights: The 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>

Pastor Charlie Farruum, who is an Assistant Community Spiritual Director for LAE, is looking into the possibility of holding a 'Journey'. This is similar to Chrysalis, but is for college age young adults.

EMMAUS - CHRYSALIS RELATIONSHIP This information was provided by Jean Johnson Green from The Upper Room.

Chrysalis and Emmaus are partners in the ministry God has entrusted to this movement, to produce servant leaders for the church and for God's mission in the world. Chrysalis is the primary mission outreach of Emmaus to and with young people. This partnership is modeled in The Upper Room offices by Chrysalis and Emmaus staff sharing information, sharing some resources, yet each is operated as a separate program.

The staff members meet and discuss, share concerns, pray together with and for one another, provide mutual support, work on commonalities, persevere, and honor the unique differences inherent in each program. continued on page 5

I attended a Chrysalis Flight, can I work on an Emmaus Walk? In the LAE Community YES, and we'd love to have you!

How many Pilgrims does it take to full a Walk? 36

Emmaus Multi Community Picnic

Grand Rapids .. Lansing .. Kalamazoo .. Jackson & Flight Of Hope Chrysalis

August 5, 2006

Family Style Potluck Lunch at noon with hotdog's and marshmallows later!

Gather at 11 a.m. plan to eat Pot Luck at noon. Please bring your table setting and a dish to pass.

For the fire pit (@ 5p.m.) please bring a cooler with some hotdog's, buns, and a beverage. S'more makings would be a good idea too! Condiments will be provided.

Fellowship will include a day full of creation and conversation

.... swimming ... lush lawn ... fishing (no flies please) ... swings shade ... sun ... beach ...

horseshoes ... volleyball ... and more !!!

Picnic tables with seating for 100 under in a pavilion, so please bring a lawn chair.

You will enjoy our time together and you will be glad you came.

Bring your family and friends.

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Look at the palm of your right hand. Now try and imagine where Kalamazoo, Grand Rapids, Lansing and Jackson are on the palm and '**The Pond**' is in the middle !!!

The address for mappers is:

11562 Saginaw Highway, Lake Odessa, MI , 48849

Located; One mile South of Woodbury (This is where M-66 and M-43 share pavement)

Look for a sign pointing east and go one half mile to the fun.

Note that this is a private pond area, so we will have use of it for the day.

There will be more information to follow. Please check your Emmaus web site and Newsletter.

Or, contact any Board Member, or call Peter Brodbeck @ 269 - 367 - 4957

A reply to this announcement via email to mibarb@voyager.net

will help provide for large numbers.

S e e Y O U t h e r e ! !

There were three frogs sitting on a log. One decided to jump. How many were left? Three, you see one only decided to jump, but never did. Decide to get your feet wet at the Community Picnic!

The 2006 Lansing Area Emmaus Board

Position	Name, Telephone & E-Mail Address	Class Of
Community Lay Director	Elnora Wallin (517) 566-8452 owlalker@centurytel.net	2006
Community Spiritual Director	Andy Kroel (517) 646-0641 dimondaleumc@juno.com	2007
Assist. Comm Spiritual Director	Charlie Farnum (989) 773-6934 charlie.frnum@yahoo.com	2008
Secretary & Agape (Mailroom)	Janet Ball (231) 972-7335 jball6@hotmail.com	2007
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	2005
Registrar	Pam Wyrick (989) 224-2787 ragdoll@voyager.net	2006
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Team Selection	Judy McPherson (517) 627-2712 judym@acd.net	2006
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 Music, Sponsor's Hour/Training, Candle-light, & Closing - Ned Weller (989-875-4202)	Roxi Bass (517) 676-4495 rrb323@yahoo.com	2005

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

Supplies Supplies !!!

Did you hear the story about the construction workers hired to work on a building project? One was in charge of laying the foundation, another was in charge of the electrical, another the lumber and the fourth providing all of the supplies. A couple of days later, the construction leader arrived to check on the job only to find that nothing had been done. Not only was there no progress, but nothing had been started. The leader called all of the workers together to find out what happened (or in this case, what had not happened). Everyone came together with the exception of the supply person. No one knew where he was. In fact no one had seen him since the beginning of the job. Suddenly, out from behind several huge crates, jumped the supply person, who started yelling at the top of his lungs, **“SURPRISE! SURPRISE!”** He thought he heard that he was in charge of the **“surprise-e's”, not the “supplies!”**

Well we the LAE Community do not want to be caught in a “surprise” when it comes to supplies for a Walk and especially when it comes to the Supply Trailer. On your Walk, did you ever wonder where all of the dining room decorations, tissue or notebooks came from? Our supply coordinator knows. All of this and much, much more were purchased and loaded on to the LAE Supply Trailer before the Walk, then hauled to the Church where your Walk was held. Our supply person, Lyle Ball looked over the current trailer that has served our Community for many, many years. The roof is deteriorating badly and the entire structure is in bad shape. It would be a shame if it rained and items inside the trailer were ruined. Even though Lyle plans to do some much needed repair work this summer, long range planning must be done.

Lyle has looked into new trailers and the minimum size to do the job and to allow for some expansion is a 26.4 X 8 trailer. He located one that will do well and will cost approximately \$7,000. That is a lot of money. However, we believe that we have a fresh new push from God to carry the message of servant leadership to the communities that we live in. And the Supply Trailer is part of that vehicle. We are starting a trailer fund and need your help. Please put this on your prayer list so it will be in from of our Lord for guidance. Perhaps you know of a place where we could get a discount, or have other ideas. Please contact Lyle with any suggestions or help at (231) 972-7335 or ljball6@hotmail.com Thank You!

Thank you for all of your donations towards the NEW mattresses.

Edie Hayner gave in honor of all the silent servers.

Roxi & Dave Bass gave in honor of Judy McPherson, Evelyn Rowden & Pam Wyrick.

Dave Bass gave in honor of Roxi Bass.

Michelle Gillison gave in memory of Mary Ann Spalding.

And many thanks to all of you who made gift donations for this cause.

You are a blessing.

Raising the Standard of Sponsorship

This information was provided by Roxi Bass on April 12, 2005. In 1997, the Lansing Area Emmaus Community Board of Directors adopted a Sponsorship Policy which contains the following four sponsorship requirements:

- All Sponsors must attend a Sponsorship Training Session prior to sponsoring their first Pilgrim. Training will be offered before Candlelight at every Walk, as a part of monthly Area Gatherings and as requested by other groups who are willing to meet for this purpose.
- The Sponsorship commitment must be renewed every calendar year by signing and submitting the “Annual Sponsorship Agreement” with your first *Candidate Reservation* for the year.
- Generally, a Sponsor may sponsor no more than two (2) Pilgrims per year.
- A church may sponsor no more than four (6) Pilgrims per Walk.
- Every four years sponsorship is required to be repeated.

You can take Sponsorship Training after the Gatherings and at specific times during a Walk. For more information or for questions regarding Sponsorship Policy and Guidelines, please contact Ned Weller at (989-875-4202).

It is not the intention of the Board to make it more difficult to sponsor someone on a *Walk to Emmaus* but rather to challenge each other to be responsible, purposeful, prayerful, wise and spiritually discerning in sponsoring candidates for a *Walk to Emmaus*.

Reservations for the Fall Men’s and Women’s Walks are being accepted right now. Contact Pam Wyrick, Lansing Area Emmaus Registrar (989-224-2787) for applications or download the applications from our website www.lansingemmaus.truepath.com And Spring Walk(s) will be here before you know it.

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.

Time for a pop quiz! Are you ready? When is the Fall Men’s and Women’s Walks, and where will they be held?

The Men’s Walk will be held on Sept 21-24.
The Women’s Walk will be held on Oct 12-15.
Both Walks will be held at the Lansing Central UMC in downtown Lansing.

Continued from pg 2. For each local community, the expectation is that Chrysalis and Emmaus will demonstrate the partnership by mutual cooperation and support. The Emmaus Board of Directors adopts bylaws that include Chrysalis as a standing committee. The Chrysalis Standing Committee/Board adopts operating policies and procedures that are in concert with the bylaws of the Emmaus Board of Directors. The Emmaus Board ratifies the Chrysalis operating policies and procedures and thus empowers Chrysalis Standing Committee to operate as the governance agency for Chrysalis, with the operating policies and procedures as one of the governance documents for Chrysalis.

For Emmaus and Chrysalis, each has another governance document, the Letter of Agreement, that each signs every year and submits to the appropriate office of The Upper Room. The fully executed Letter of Agreement provides clear expression of the covenantal relationship between the local community and the International Office and authorizes the community to use the Emmaus or Chrysalis name and materials. Without a current Letter of Agreement, the community does not have the right to use the name or the program materials, all of which are protected by the copyright held by The Upper Room.

Emmaus and Chrysalis each has the responsibility to encourage the other and to adhere to the respective Upper Room model, neither program has the option of shutting down the other one. Such action, if needed, is reserved for The Upper Room Emmaus and Chrysalis offices. The Emmaus Board of Directors should have representatives to the Chrysalis Standing Committee/Board and Chrysalis should have representatives to the Emmaus Board of Directors. For Chrysalis, the representative to the Emmaus Board should be the chair of the Chrysalis Standing Committee/Board. These representatives are ex-officio and ex-officio members have voice and vote. The Emmaus treasurer is responsible for the Emmaus funds. The Chrysalis treasurer is responsible for the Chrysalis funds. At the end of the fiscal year, which needs to be the same for both Emmaus and Chrysalis, the Chrysalis treasurer submits a written report to the Emmaus treasurer regarding the income, expenses, and balance for Chrysalis for that year.

Is it ever to early to submit a completed registration form for your Pilgrim? Never

Is it ever to early to take Sponsorship Training? No

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 St. Johns, MI 48879

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No Never!

Will Jesus Ever Leave You?

Does Jesus Love You?

Yes
 Jesus
 Does
 Love
 You!

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.

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

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) Aug 8 Sept 12 Oct 10 Nov 10 Dec 8	Gatherings (are held the second Friday of each month unless otherwise noted. Fellowship 6:00, Potluck 6:30, Praise, Worship, and Communion after dinner) July 14 Aug 11 Sept 8 Sept 21-24, 2006, FALL MEN'S WALK at Central UMC in Lansing Oct 12-15, 2006, FALL WOMEN'S WALK at Central UMC in Lansing Oct 14, is the Saturday of the Women's Walk. In place of the regular Gathering, we will meet at 7:30, at Central UMC, 215 Capital Ave for a CANDLE LIGHT GATHERING. Nov 14 The Emmaus Store will be open! Dec 12 December 25 The Birthday of Our King!
August 5 Emmaus Multi Community Picnic, see pg 3.	

The **Flight of Hope Chrysalis Fall Flight** for Girls will be held on Oct 27-29, and for Boys on November 10-12. The Men's and Women's Spring Walks will be held at New Life Church in Six Lakes (12 miles south of New Hope Church)