

Lansing Emmaus Community

Footprints



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GETTING CLOSER TO THE LIGHT

COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTOR'S LETTER

My son has a video game called Kingdom Hearts. In the game, the main character has to approach the light, to keep the hearts of others from falling into darkness. During the game, it says something to the effect of, "As you get closer to the light, your shadow grows larger and creates more darkness."

That statement struck me as to how appropriate it is to our walk with Christ and our journey to be Christ-like. Our attempt to approach His Light.

When we are walking our own way, and not trying to follow God's path, if we stumble, the damage is just to us, and possibly those who associate with or depend on us. The shadow created out by our sin is limited.

Once we make our declaration, stand up and say to the world, "I am a Christian, I follow Christ," we have moved closer to the Light. We have let the world know we have made a choice. Once we take that step closer to the light, we become more accountable; people start to look at us differently. We cease to be just ourselves, we become an example of all Christians. Now, when we miss the mark set by God, our shadow is bigger, the darkness we can bring is greater. Can you hear the whispers, "He says he's a Christian, but did you see

what he did? If that's a Christian, I don't want any part of that!"

We are called to let our light shine – to be like a city on a hill. If we do so, say, by being a teacher, missionary, working on an Emmaus weekend, or otherwise reach out to others to lead them to Christ, we can have a greater effect. Now, our shadow becomes even bigger. The darkness can taint all those who we have tried to lead to or bring closer to Christ! And, if we are successful in our mission, and the number of people we reach grows, that shadow becomes even larger. Think of televangelists from the not too distant past who have fallen. They certainly did not reach the point were they had enough people looking to them for direction on their walk with Christ by being frauds – they had to have a message that was reaching people for Christ! Then, a sin enters in, and look at the damage. It has reached the point where a televangelist has a worse reputation than a politician, used car salesman, or even a (gasp) lawyer! People won't even listen to the message.

Obviously the darkness is aware of this. I have seen darkness seek to hide the Light during Emmaus walks. We in Emmaus have a mission to bring people to Christ, to build up Christian leaders. Our mission brings us, and others, closer to the Light! As a result, we also become targets of darkness.

I personally have felt incompetent. I have felt that I failed the community. I have been tempted to quit, to not even try. Perhaps you have felt the same, or heard a negative word about

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LANSING AREA EMMAUS BOARD 2007

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AUXILIARY WORKERS NEEDED FOR THE OCT. 25 - OCT 28 WALK!

Have you worked a walk yet? It is such a blessing to be a humble servant of God and the upcoming walk offers this opportunity just for you.

We still need: Setup/Take down (you do not have to stay the whole weekend for this area); Snacks... what would the Pilgrims do without all that food; luggage luggers (it is not so difficult with luggage on wheels these days). The most urgent need is a Set-Up Crew on Thursday, October 25 (2 PM), and a Take-Down Crew on Sunday, October 28 (here and there, all day.)

It takes a lot of willing servants to put on walks. If you can help, please contact Judy Hazle at 989-224-4260 or Scott Lobert at 517-652-1309.

If you would like to stay the weekend there will sleeping quarters for the Auxiliary. Your cost for the full weekend will be \$35.00 payable to Lansing Area Emmaus. If you would like to work 1 day and eat with the Auxiliary, your cost will be \$12.00, or it is actually \$4.00 each meal (\$5.00 for Saturday dinner only). Judy and Scott will collect the fees from Auxiliary on October 20th when you meet for training and job duty orientation.

Please call us as soon as possible so we can get you on board for the upcoming October walk! If you couldn't help this Walk, please keep us in mind for the next set of Walks. The Men's Walk is February 7 - 10, and the Women's Walk is February 21 - 24. Come to be a blessing, and see what God gives you in return.

NEWSLETTER AND DATA NEWS

You may have been wondering where your newsletter was. There have been many factors delaying the publication of this issue. One was the need to get the ballot sent out to everyone. Whether or not you have asked to get the newsletter by e-mail, this one must by our bylaws be sent out to you by first class mail, since it contains the election ballot.

The database renewal is coming along well. By the end of this year, we hope to have something that is a great deal easier to use, and therefore we will be able to get changes in e-mail address and mailing address made promptly.

It is essential that we have your current information. There are times we need to contact community members on issues like elections and bylaw changes, etc, and we'd hate for you to miss out on a chance to make your voice heard. If any Community member you know does NOT get a ballot, please let us know. That probably means we don't have a valid mailing address for them. Help us get it right!

In service to Christ
And His Church
Through The Emmaus Community

Harry Wallin,
Data Manager and Newsletter Coordinator

NEW TRAILER IS OURS ...ALMOST!

Hello all,

I reported in a previous news letter the need to replace the existing Emmaus Supply Trailer. God has provided for our needs.

I was able to find a nearly new trailer at half the price of new that is what we were looking for. It is larger than needed now so it has room to grow. My fear was that by the time we could raise the needed funds to purchase the trailer it would be gone. God solved that problem also. The owner is a Christian man who was more than glad to let us take possession of the trailer with a down payment of \$2000 and pay the remaining \$1500 when we can. More than \$200 has been donated since we acquired the trailer and I am looking for others willing to donate.

A collection will be taken at the Candle Light in Charlotte and at the next gathering in November or a check can be sent to me.

The new trailer will be at Charlotte, come see what God has provided through your donations.

The Board also voted to put the old trailer up for sale. We are asking \$1000 or best offer.

Lyle Ball
Treasurer/supply coordinator LAEC
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TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash Flow

9/11/2007 through 10/16/2007

Category Description	9/11/2007- 10/16/2007
OUTFLOWS	
capital expense	2,000.00
Computer	15.90
walk supplies, food	
womens	1,200.00
TOTAL food	1,200.00
TOTAL walk supplies,	1,200.00
TOTAL OUTFLOWS	3,215.90
 OVERALL TOTAL	 -3,215.90

Balance Sheet - As of 10/16/2007

Account	10/16/2007 Balance
ASSETS	
Cash and Bank Accounts	
Book Table	50.00
Checking	2,437.45
mat replacement fund	0.00
Scholarship	544.94
Trailer Fund	4.65
Undesignated	30.94
TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts	3,067.98
 TOTAL ASSETS	 3,067.98
LIABILITIES & EQUITY	
LIABILITIES	
	0.00
EQUITY	
	3,067.98
 TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	 3,067.98

WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE A TRAINER?

Over the past few Walks it has been brought to the attention of the Lansing Emmaus Board that there is a need for training to review the purpose and roles of the Conference Room Team and Auxiliary. To prepare to set this training in place before each Walk it will require trainers. Bill Jenkins will be doing the first training focusing on the Auxiliary before the October Women's Walk. Bill trained Auxiliary when they came on October 13th to the Lawrence Ave. United Methodist Church for fellowship with the Conference Room Team and a walk through of the church. There will be future Auxiliary training events.

The Board is seeking 4 individuals who would like to be trained to lead this training before each of the Men's and Women's Walks (1 trainer per walk).

The Lansing Area Emmaus community agrees it is important to adhere to the Upper Room Handbook as well as the Manuals provided to the different work areas in Auxiliary. This training will be a reminder to those serving that Emmaus is a tool God uses to change us, it is not for us to change Emmaus, and that the primary purpose of the Walk is to develop leaders for the church.

The training will focus on the following areas:

- ✠ Honoring the cloistered environment of the conference room
- ✠ Anonymous servanthood – what that means
- ✠ Progressive servanthood
- ✠ Roles & Responsibilities of each working servant
- ✠ A review of the Emmaus Team Canon

We are excited that Bill Jenkins has agreed to do the first training, but we are hoping that four people will step up with the desire to be trainers. Scott Lobert has expressed a desire to be a trainer, so we will need 3 more willing persons.

If you are interested, please spend some time in prayer about this and then contact Judy Hazle at 989-224-4260 (she works during the day but you can leave a message).

YOUR EMMAUS BOARD

Here are the minutes of the last meeting of your Lansing Area Emmaus Community Board of Directors. Please take the time to read it over. Come join us at our next meeting at 6:30 P.M. on Tuesday, November 13. Board meetings are always open to any Community member who wishes to attend. Do you have concerns? Call or e-mail Andy Sass, our Community Lay Director, or any Board member and we'll be sure you get included in the agenda. Please prayerfully consider being a member of one of the Board Committees. Most Board members have committees to help them do the work. There really is much more than one person can do. Join us in service.

Guests: Karen Weller, Ned Weller, Judy McPherson, Judy Goudie, Alex Goudie & Edie Hayner.

Opening prayer and devotion: Pastor Becky read from John 7:37... there are rivers of living water flowing through us. We need to pay attention to the focal point – the source – Jesus Christ.

Secretary: Janet Ball. Harry Wallin moved to approve the minutes of the August 11, 2007 meeting. Dave Stinson seconded. Motion carried.

Treasurer: Lyle Ball. Balance reported - \$5,254.86. Harry Wallin moved to accept the treasurer's report pending audit, seconded by Janet Ball. Motion carried.

Community Spiritual Director: Rev. Andy Croel No report.

Assistant Community Spiritual Director: Rev. Becky Morrison. No report.

Assistant Community Lay Director: Kathy Wilson. The draft ballot for LAE Board of Director's election is in committee, awaiting one more decision.

Community Lay Director: Andy Sass. Andy has spent time working with Team Selection, Karen Weller (WLD), Nominations Committee, potential pilgrims and potential Spiritual Directors for the spring walks.

Training: Elnora Wallin. Due to time, training will resume next month.

Agape – Janet Ball: No report.

Auxiliary / Kitchen – Judy Hazle: Judy Hazle and Scott Lobert will be co-head auxiliary for the fall women's walk. Bob Pena will be head kitchen auxiliary. The auxiliary meetings will be held at Charlotte UMC on October 13 and 20. Roles and duties training and a walk-through will take place. The auxiliary team will also worship with the conference room team. Updating the auxiliary information sheet was discussed. No decision was made at this time. The board will decide before the spring walks whether to increase the fee or leave it as it is now. Manuals are still being updated. Coordinator Manuals are needed for the auxiliary. It was suggested to have a committee formed to keep the manuals updated. The Auxiliary Coordinator will be in charge of keeping the auxiliary manuals updated.

Data Manager / Newsletter – Harry Wallin: Harry presented a bill for \$15.90 to repair the desk-top computer. Newsletter information is still needed to get the next issue

out. The data base update is not going very smoothly; Harry is looking in another direction to get this done.

Emmaus Store – Joann McCrum: Joann sent a \$10.00 check to the treasurer. No report.

Gatherings / Prayer Vigil – Dave Stinson: *The Prayer Vigil has been posted on the website. Everyone is encouraged to sign up.*

Outreach – Kathy Wilson: No report.

Sponsorship / Candlelight / Closing – Russ Fries: No report.

Registrar – Terrie Eisenmann: *It was decided that we would serve a light meal at the fellowship time on Thursday night. Sponsors will be encouraged to treat their pilgrims to a meal on the way to the walk. This information should go out in the sponsor's letters.*

Supplies / Site – Lyle Ball: Pastor Becky moved that we accept Ionia First UMC for the walk site for both men's and women's spring walks. The motion was seconded by Russ Fries. Motion carried. The men's walk will be February 7-10 and the women's walk will be February 21-24. Dave Stinson will look into having our January and March Gatherings at Ionia First. The guitar music books and one set of piano music books have not been returned to the trailer.

Team Selection – Elnora Wallin / Judy McPherson: Harry Wallin moved to accept Tony Gianelli for the position of Walk Lay Director, seconded by Pastor Becky Morrison. Motion carried with one "nay" vote. Pastor Becky moved to accept the list of potential conference room members for the spring men's and women's walks, seconded by Harry Wallin. Motion carried. Harry Wallin moved to give WLD's \$100.00 to help with expenses, if expenses exceed the \$100.00, the WLD can present receipts for reimbursement. Dave Stinson seconded. Motion carried.

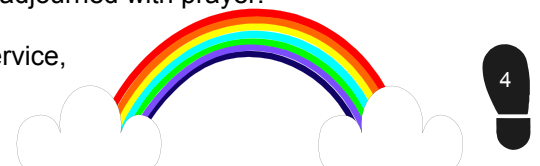
Other Business:

1. Microphone – tabled.
2. Harry needs the talk points from the Director's Manual to follow up on the talk preview forms.
3. Modification of Pilgrim letter?

The meeting adjourned with prayer.

In Christ's Service,

Janet Ball
Secretary



Ballot

Please feel free to make copies of this ballot if there is more than one member of the Lansing Area Emmaus community in your home. Each Community member should have her or his own ballot. Please include your return address on the other side of this ballot for verification purposes.

The deadline for **receiving** these ballots is Saturday, October 28 at Candle-Light. There will be a box there if you wish to deposit your ballots at Lawrence Avenue United Methodist Church. Otherwise, please mail your ballots so that they are postmarked Thursday, October 25. This sheet will fold into a mailer and is pre-addressed. All you need to do is to fold the paper, add postage and drop it into the mail.

There are up to ten lay positions to be filled on the board this year. After prayerful consideration the Nominating Committee discussed serving Christ by filling a position on the board with over 30 people. After prayerful consideration, the following individuals have agreed to run for a position on the Board. You may write in as many as you wish (subject to their agreement to serve) but please vote for no more than 10 total.

One Year Term

- Michelle Gillison
- Judy Hazle
- Clare Taylor

Two Year Term

- Terrie Eisenmann
- Russ Fries
- Harry Wallin

Three Year Term

- Troy Bongard
- Becky Green

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216 HARRISON
GRAND LEDGE, MICHIGAN
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someone who was working at a walk? Perhaps you have seen the catastrophe that can occur because of a miscommunication or a forgotten detail? “We needed this there at that time – now is too late.” A misunderstood statement. A word that could be interpreted as unkind. Hurt feelings. There are so many ways for a shadow of darkness to hide the Light. But, we have such a great protection from this shadow – we have the Grace of God, and of His people! As we prepare for the coming fall walk, let us pray for God’s direction, love, peace and grace.

God Bless and Keep You,

Andy Sass

Community Lay Director

EMMAUS MISSIONARY SPOTLIGHT: TRIP TO ZIMBABWE

My name is Susie and I attended Lansing Area Emmaus Community Walk #28. I’d like to share with you an experience I had nearly 10 years after that Walk when I was serving in the conference room. It was Sunday morning and we were listening to the message about “Changing our World”. I’ve heard this talk before presented by several different people.

I’ve given this talk and as the team was preparing I’d heard Judy give this very message, however, this time something was different—I also heard a 2nd voice. As she spoke I started trembling and tears started rolling down my cheeks, not only did I hear her voice, I heard Christ urging me. Letting me know that He “was counting on me”. A prayer I’d been lifting for a few weeks was being answered. Yes, I *should* apply to go to Africa with a Volunteers in Mission (VIM) team that was being formed. I was assured that my responsibilities at work and at home would be covered or could wait and that I would have the strength & endurance I needed. The resources needed would be available and there was no reason to keep me from applying.

The group was going to Old Mutare Mission Centre in eastern Zimbabwe and would be helping at Hartzell School. I’d seen pictures of the school and the Mission Center when Ann & Morris Taber had visited our church. In addition to the schools, the mission campus includes a clinic, a hospital, and Fairfield Children’s Home. Two of the orphans

at the Home have been sponsored by my church’s men’s group for a few years. Visiting Fairfield and Africa University were part of the itinerary as well as going to 2 other schools in outlying, more impoverished areas. Since I’m adventuresome by nature, and since I had some knowledge of the area, after receiving the assurance of our Lord, I eagerly applied. Upon my acceptance I learned that Pastor Jane Ellen Johnson, a friend of mine, was also participating. How exciting!

The trip was taken in Nov. ’06. What a joy it was to meet the people and to spend time with all the children, especially the 34^{2nd} graders with whom I was assigned to work. A highlight of the trip was meeting 7 year old Ngoni and 12 year old Sarudzai, the children whose pictures are on display in the lobby at Clare UMC.

I was able to bring them small gifts and we posed for several pictures. Also it was very thrilling to walk the campus of Africa University, a United Methodist-sponsored institution. We attended mid-week chapel services on campus and they couldn’t have been more meaningful. Hearing the University Choir was very special. Thank you, Jesus, for speaking to me. Thank you, Emmaus Community for helping me to listen more carefully.

I am available to share pictures and to tell about my experience if you have a group that would be interested.

De Colores,
Susie Neff

Upcoming Events

Oct 19-21 *Flight of Hope Chrysalis*,
Girls' Flight

Oct. 25-28 *Lansing* Women's Walk,
Lawrence Avenue U.M.C., Char-
lotte

Grand Rapids Women's Walk

Oct 27 *Lansing* Women's Candle-
light, Lawrence Avenue U.M.C.,
7:30 P.M.

Nov 1-4 *Jackson* Women's Walk,
First Church of Christ Christian

Nov 9 *Lansing* Gathering at Pilgrim
U.M.C. 6:00 P.M., Potluck at 6:30,

November 10 *Jackson* 5 PM. Gath-
ering

Nov 9-11 *Flight of Hope Chrysalis*,
Boys' Flight

Nov 13 *Lansing* LAEC Board Meeting
at Pilgrim U.M.C., 6:30 P.M.

Dec 11 *Lansing* LAEC Board Meeting
at Pilgrim U.M.C., 6:30 P.M.

Dec 14 *Lansing* Christmas Gathering
at Pilgrim U.M.C. 6:00 P.M., Pot-
luck at 6:30

Jan 4-5 *Lansing* New & Continuing
Board Members' Retreat, Pilgrim
U.M.C. 6:30 PM Jan 4 - 2 P.M.
Jan 5

January 11, 6:00 PM *Lansing* (meal
starts at 6:30) Community Gath-
ering at Pilgrim UMC.,

February 7-10 *Lansing* Men's
Walk, Ionia First UMC.

February 8 *Lansing* NO GATHER-
ING TONIGHT. Gathering is to-
morrow night at Candle-Light.

February 9 *Lansing* 6:00 PM.
Men's Candle-Light at Ionia First
UMC.

February 21-24 *Lansing* Women's
Walk, Ionia First UMC.

February 23 *Lansing* 6:00 PM.
Women's Candle-Light at Ionia
First UMC.



Newsletter Deadline for Next Issue

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