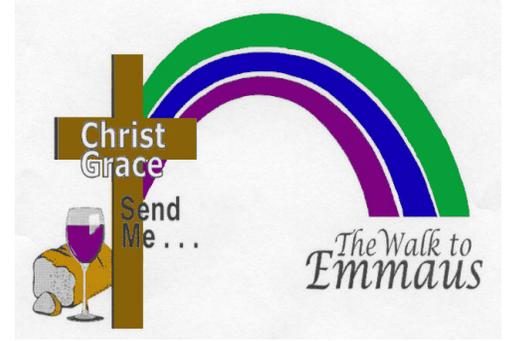


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Will You Join the Resurrection?

By Pastor Greg Buchner, Community Spiritual Director

Easter doesn't seem to surprise us much these days. Sure the lilies are great unless you're allergic, and the special hymns are awesome unless you're into those spiritual songs then you get to sing Easter-themed stuff all year long.

In reality, though, there are no really big changes. We just go about our routines at home, work, and, dare I say, even the church. The big wow of Easter becomes the whimper of our post-Easter world.

Resurrection isn't new anymore. We've accepted that the world isn't flat and that we do rotate around the sun. We don't give it a second thought. For many, it seems that Easter has the same effect. Maybe it's time for the big "R" in "Resurrection" to have a little "r" instead.

It can be new for us again, though, but we have to join the celebration all over again. If we want the resurrection to become the Resurrection again in our lives then we have to let it transform our lives...radically, bodaciously, transform us to become more like the Risen Christ.

How do we join the Resurrection? Well, let's look at what Christ did.

#1 – He showed himself to Mary in the garden.

#2 – He caught up with those two disciples on their way to Emmaus.

#3 – He met with disciples in that locked upper room.

Where is the "joining" in these three?

Well, first, we need to be like Mary in the garden. Instead of running along like the others, she took a second to try to apply this to her life. And because of her mini-Sabbath, Jesus appeared in her midst and Easter became very real to her.

In our worship books, the purple ones, the Examination of Conscience (pg.14 & 15) (EOC from here on out) says this, "How have you faced your problems today? Have you fallen in the face of them? What's the reason? Think it over...Do you make the time to be a disciple? Isn't it true that for the things which really interest you, you find the time? I, who am your God, would almost be satisfied if you would treat me as well as you treat any of your friends."

Second, the Emmaus story. You know it. You know the meaning behind it. Or at least you should! ☺ What journey are you walking with Christ this post-Easter season? The EOC has God asking, "Would you have been proud to have Me accompany you through the day?"

Third, the Upper Room. Doubt, fear, and anxiety filled the air. Jesus' words were plain but life-giving and hope-restoring, "Peace be with you!" It was exactly what they needed to hear, and dare I say what we desperately need to hear as well. The EOC says, "Think about the means of grace available to you, the ways that you may grow in my grace in all that you do: morning and evening devotions, prayer, worship, Holy Communion. Are you availing yourself of these means of sanctification? Could you attend to them more fully?"

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Chrysalis Update

By Peggy Pirhonen, Board Chrysalis Liaison
and Chrysalis Registrar

Are you aware of a young adult, age 15 – 24, that would enjoy participating in a weekend promoting a closer relationship with GOD? If so, please inform them of the opportunity to attend a Chrysalis Flight.

Individuals attending past flights have indicated it was a very fun and rewarding experience. Many indicated they made many new friends, which they remain in touch with. After attending a flight, one participant indicated they felt the need to be baptized and we are happy to report that the baptism has taken place. Others have indicated they have joined youth groups and Bible Studies and invited their friends to join them.

Applications to sponsor and register a young person for a flight are available on line, at gatherings, candlelight services, or can be obtained by contacting Peggy Pirhonen, Chrysalis Registrar at pjtravel@hotmail.com or 989-292-0156.

Boys Chrysalis Flight

When: August 10 – 12, 2012

Where: St Louis UMC

116 South Franklin Street

St. Louis, MI

Please sponsor a young man between the age of 15 -24 so he can experience God's amazing Grace. Get your application today!

Community Reminder: Candlelight & Closing

Please keep in mind that according to *THE UPPER ROOM HANDBOOK ON EMMAUS* Candlelight & Closing are Community events. (Pg. 86 & 93) To be a member of the Community one must have attended a Walk or Flight or other sanctioned 4th day program. Please plan accordingly.

Upcoming 2012 Fall Walks

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October 4-7, 2012

Trinity United Methodist Church

7533 W. St. Joseph Hwy.

Lansing, MI 48917

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Gathering 7:30 PM, Candlelight Service 9:00 PM.

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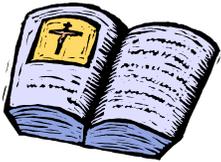
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Applications for the walk can be
downloaded from

www.lansingemmaus.truepath.com

If you have any questions, please
contact Deb Bongard at (989) 529-5745 or by
e-mail at bongard@voyager.net



Do You Worship the Work – or God?

By Mike Walker, Community Lay Director

Greetings to my brothers and sisters in Christ: I pray that all is well for you in your 4th day and your walk with Christ.

Our spring walks are behind us. The Men and Women came together to form teams and serve. Pilgrims as well as all of those that worked behind the scenes, participated in candlelight or closing were given the opportunity to walk closer to Christ. The community blanketed everyone in prayer. I pray that you have drawn strength from our experience together at your walk and your church, the body of Christ has been lifted up. All praise is to God!

I feel blessed that we are given a time and place (all year long, right where we are) to be a part of God's great plan, to leave ourselves behind, to be Christ's hands and feet in our world.

I also realize that things do not always go well or perfect on a walk (nor in our lives), or in preparation for a walk. But, God does work in all situations.

Do you feel overwhelmed? Do you feel you are too busy? I sometimes do.

At our prayer time before the Emmaus Board meeting in May, a board member shared a devotional from the *Daily Devotional by Oswald Chambers*, "My Utmost for His Highest" titled "Do You Worship The Work? I would like to take this opportunity to share it with you:

We are God's fellow workers--1Corinthians 3:9

"Beware of any work for God that causes or allows you to avoid concentrating on Him. A great number of Christian workers worship their work. The only concern of Christian workers should be their concentration on God. This will mean that all the other boundaries of life, whether they are mental, moral, or spiritual limits, are completely free with the freedom God gives His child; that is, a worshiping child, not a wayward one. A worker who lacks this

serious controlling emphasis of concentration on God is apt to become overly burdened by his work. He is a slave to his own limits, having no freedom of his body, mind, or spirit. Consequently, he becomes burned out and defeated. There is no freedom and no delight in life at all. His nerves, mind, and heart are so overwhelmed that God's blessing cannot rest on him.

But the opposite case is equally true—once our concentration is on God, all the limits of our life are free and under the control and mastery of God alone. There is no longer any responsibility on you for the work. The only responsibility you have is to stay in living constant touch with God, and to see that you allow nothing to hinder your cooperation with Him. The freedom that comes after sanctification is the freedom of a child, and the things that used to hold your life down are gone. But be careful to remember that you have been freed for only one thing—to be absolutely devoted to your co-Worker.

We have no right to decide where we should be placed, or to have preconceived ideas as to what God is preparing us to do. God engineers everything; and wherever He places us, our one supreme goal should be to pour out our lives in wholehearted devotion to Him in that particular work."

I ask that you be in prayer for our community, our fall walks, the Pilgrims and the people that God is calling to serve.

Teams are forming now. Your phone may ring, please answer it. God may be calling you!

DeColores!

God Loves You and So Do I!

Outreach Board Chair Report

By Kathy Dobie, Outreach Board Chair

If you attended any of the Spring Walk events, such as gathering, candlelight, closing, you may have heard me make an announcement regarding the LAE Board's desire to better promote Outreach in our community.

First, we need to understand and be in agreement that outreach is not a one person job. It is not just a one person responsibility. *Outreach is not simply a function or position on the board.* It is something that each one of us are called to do.

I looked up the word "outreach" in the dictionary and here is some of what I found:

- 1) to reach farther (than); exceed; surpass
- 2) to reach out; extend
- 3) the act of reaching out
- 4) the extent of reach
- 5) a program, as by a local church or business, for extending assistance, services, etc. to the community, esp. as an act of charity or goodwill
- 6) activities or services undertaken by such a program

We are doing a lot of this already. It is the very foundation of Emmaus....but we need to do more. *Without the support and participation of members from within the community, the outreach program cannot exceed, surpass, exceed.*

The extent of reach will be dependent on all **ALL** of us. Each of us in the community is responsibility in some way, shape, or form for the vitality and health of the LAE.

I have been assigned the responsibility of ORGANIZING the Outreach program, but I cannot do it alone. I need your help. (Yes...you there...the one reading this right now ☺). Efforts to grow Emmaus will only be successful with the commitment of all of us. Are you with me? Will you answer the call? Can I count on you? Or, better yet, **can Christ count on you?**

Please be thinking about how you will support LAE in the coming months as we plan to put together a structured outreach program to promote Emmaus. Perhaps your role is through sponsorship; perhaps through leading a small reunion group; perhaps through serving on a walk; perhaps through music (please see the music report elsewhere in this newsletter! ☺).... The ways you can contribute are boundless!

Perhaps you will participate in the LAE outreach program by promoting Emmaus within your own local Church as a liaison with the LAE Board! Please prayerfully consider what your role is in "**Sustaining the Spirit**" and be prepared to serve. God Bless you.

**God is good all the time.....all the time
God is GOOD!**

Data/Newsletter Update

By Karen McLendon, Data/Newsletter Board Chair

The Data Entry Team met for training on the IMS system on April 24, 2012 at Pilgrim United Methodist Church. The team was eager to learn and will have the gatherings and candlelight attendance caught up very soon. Their help is greatly appreciated.

The new enhancement for the IMS System to better track the Behind the Scenes (BTS) volunteers is in production. Only a few people will have access to it at this point until we use it to track assign and track the BTS volunteers for the Fall 2012 Walks. We will define and report issues to Larry Deel. He will fix them and then once final testing is done and we believe it to be stable, we will open it up to the appropriate individuals that need access to the BTS information.

One advantage to the new system is that the reports will already have the volunteer contact information. This will be very helpful to those distributing the volunteer call lists.

One way you can help the board and community is to update your contact information in the IMS System or e-mail Karen McLendon at karenlm06@yahoo.com and she will update your information.



W.C.I.D.T.H.Y.

By Terrie Eisenmann
Assistant Community Lay Director

"We are ordinary servants; we have only done our duty." Luke 17:10

Back in January, your Emmaus Board members met at the Alma UMC for a two-day Emmaus Board Retreat and Training. We were blessed that Ned Weller conducted the training. I learned so many practical things I could be doing to improve as a leader. Ned told us a poignant story that pierced my heart and the one thing he said that really stuck with me was to ask people this specific question -- "What can I do to help you?"

Not "How can I help you? Not "What can I do?" Not "If there is anything I can do to help, let me know." Not "Give me something to do." Asking "What can I do to help you?" let's the other person know you are sincerely willing to work with them to help.

So just to make sure I didn't forget how important it was to ask the question the right way, I wrote it in marker at the top of a yellow pad as a reminder to myself, and left it on my dining table which also doubles as my praying and bible study place.

Later on that day, unaware of the purpose of the question on the yellow pad, my husband, who was experiencing some painful health issues, wrote under my question some things I could do to help him! Imagine my surprise when I saw his note, as my husband is not one to ask for help very often!

In Emmaus we see and use the acronym G.L.Y.A.S.D.I. God loves you and so do I, which tells people that we love them.

How about also using W.C.I.D.T.H.Y. -- What can I do to help you? We can say we love others and also show people how much we love them. Someone once said "people will remember what you DO much more than what you SAY."

G.L.Y.A.S.D.I. and W.C.I.D.T.H.Y!

Gathering Update

Gatherings are held the 2nd Friday of each month except for March and October. Gatherings are held at Pilgrim United Methodist Church in St. Johns, MI, unless otherwise indicated. Fellowship starts at 6:00 PM, Potluck dinner at 6:30 PM, worship at 7:00 PM, and Sponsorship training following worship.

Please put the following upcoming Gathering Dates on your calendar:

June 8, 2012

July 13, 2012

August 10, 2012

August 11, 2012 – Candlelight Boys Chrysalis Flight – St. Louis UMC, St. Louis, MI

September 14, 2012

October 6, 2012 – Candlelight Men's Fall Walk – Trinity United Methodist Church, Lansing, MI

October 20, 2012 – Candlelight Women's Fall Walk – Trinity United Methodist Church, Lansing, MI

November 9, 2012

December 14, 2012

If you are interested in serving on the Gathering Team, please contact one of the board members listed on page 7.

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Emmaus Store Update

By Peg Pirhonen, Emmaus Store Board Chair

The Emmaus Store is open at gatherings and candlelight services.

Please stop by and check out the items available.

Along with clothing items, computer and tote bags are available for sale.

If you are interested in assisting with the Emmaus Store, please contact Peggy Pirhonen at 989-292-0156 or pjtravel@hotmail.com. Also please feel free to contact me at gatherings and candlelight services.

Kitchen Update

By Peg Pirhonen, Kitchen Board Chair

If you ever thought about being a kitchen head but was afraid of what meals to choose and how much food to purchase, there is now a set menu. This will hopefully make it easier. The menus, recipes, and shopping list will be provided.

Beginning with the 2012 Fall Walks, we will no longer be providing a meal on Thursday night for pilgrims and the community. A light snack and drink will be provided, such as cookies, veggies and coffee, tea, lemonade. If you are a sponsor, please be sure that your pilgrim has eaten supper prior to arriving for the walk. A light meal will be provided for workers who come in earlier for set up.

If you are aware of a food allergy or special food requirement that your pilgrim has, please be sure that it is listed on the application. If you are working in the conference room or behind the scenes and have a food allergy or special food requirement, the kitchen team would appreciate knowing as well, so that proper consideration can be given and safe meals prepared for everyone. Please feel free to contact Peggy Pirhonen at 989-292-0156 or pitravel@hotmail.com with allergy or special food need requirements.

If you are interested in working behind the scenes on future walks, please be sure your information is updated on IMS. While setting up teams for the Spring Walks a number of attempted contacts were made, but the information on the IMS System was no longer valid. If you had a landline and now have a cell phone, moved or changed your e-mail address, your current contact information may not be available and therefore, we have been unable to contact you. Please go to the Lansing Area Emmaus Community website to verify your information is correct and/or provide the updated information.

If you would like to work in the kitchen, dining room and/or snack area, please feel free to contact Peggy Pirhonen at pitravel@hotmail.com or 989-292-0156.

Also please feel free to contact me at gatherings and candlelight services.

Music/Entertainment Report

By Kathy Dobie, LAE Board Music and Entertainment Chair

Greetings!

Do you like to sing? Can you play an instrument? Are you a music lover? I'd love to talk with you! ☺

We are extremely blessed to have many musically gifted people in our Lansing area community who have answered again and again the call to share their musical talents. It may be worship music for a gathering, for the Saturday night special entertainment, on the conference room music team or in some other capacity.

But we need more help! We are depending on the same people as music resources and need to have others participate in this vital service to our community. I want to encourage those of you who may be new to Emmaus, or perhaps been a part of the community for some time but not actively involved, to prayerfully considering participating in the area of music. It is a beautiful way to express our love for God and for others. Please feel free to contact me for more information at gddkld@aol.com, or by calling me at (517) 627-1351.

Blessings to you!



Upcoming 2013 Spring Walks

Men's 2013 Spring Walk

When: February 28 – March 3, 2013

Women's 2013 Spring Walk

When: March 14 – 17, 2013

Prayerfully consider whom you might sponsor!

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REMINDER
NO BOARD MEETING JULY 10, 2012

Pilgrim U.M.C.
Lansing Area Emmaus
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St. Johns, MI 48879

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Newsletter Deadline for Next Issue

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Visit our Website:

www.lansingemmaus.truepath.com

IMS Database: Link from our Website using Internet Explorer.

LAE Community Home Page: Select "Community Access" and Log In to indicate your interest in volunteering to work a walk.

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