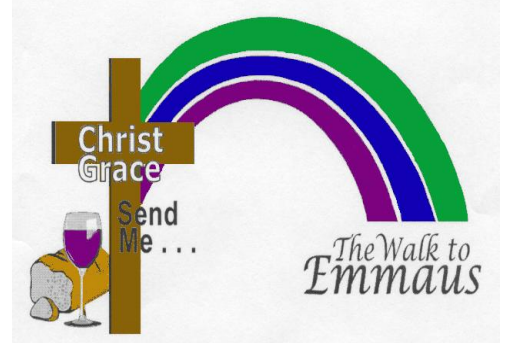


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Taking Advantage of the Church...of Emmaus

By Pastor Greg Buchner, Community Spiritual Director

As the Olympics fly by exciting our souls, as a shooting in Wisconsin perplexes and saddens, and as a primary election day results dwell upon our minds, I want to make you an offer.

Have you taken advantage of your church lately? Have you taken advantage of Emmaus? The term, often negative, is positive in this case.

People who take advantage of their church family know what it means to have people that care for them. They know what it means to be a part of something greater than themselves. Deep in their souls they know that by using the church to "stay in love with God and neighbor" is the best symbiotic relationship there is to experience. Even though the people who are a part of the church make mistakes, people who take advantage of the church are thankful that they, with all of their mistakes, are accepted also.

The same goes with Emmaus. Many in our community participate in the candle-lights and gatherings. Some are involved in their fourth-day groups and others are involved in walks and in the on-going behind the scenes work of the board and committees.

But here's the truth, there are some who don't take full advantage of what Emmaus offers. Those who take a walk are strongly encouraged to become an active part of the community, to serve in God's great grace and love, and to fully take advantage. In fact, we make the promise...Christ is counting on us...we are counting on Christ. Now there's an advantage!

So as the summer continues and the world moves in its different directions, will you take advantage of your Christian faith? Will you take advantage of your congregation to which you are called? Will you take advantage of Emmaus?

If you do, God will bless your participation. If not, how will God bless what's not on your heart? Now is the time to step up. Now is the time to make some decisions that will have a life-long impact. Now is the time to see the fullest extent of what God is able to do in you by giving Him more of your life to make it happen.

Take advantage...please! 😊

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New Agape Procedure

By Julie Anderson, Agape Board Chair

Is your agape ready for the upcoming walks? If not, don't worry, you still have time to get it done. The correct number of pieces for each walk is 65. Please also be mindful of copyright laws as we are unable to distribute material that is copyright protected, unless it has been purchased.

NEW PROCEDURE: Please sign in your agape when dropping it off at the agape room. Include a brief description of the item, name and phone number of a contact person, the number of pieces included (the correct # is 65), and what you would like done with any leftovers. Agape may be picked up at closing. Any pieces left will be donated or disposed of as necessary. We are unable to store agape for future use. Your gifts, whether they be spiritual or material, are greatly appreciated by all.

The Agape Sign-In Form is below. You can make as many copies as you need so the agape is ready when dropped off in the Agape Room. Forms will also be available on site in the Agape Room.

Agape Sign-In Form

Describe agape: _____

Number of pieces (65 is suggested): _____

Name of contact person: _____

Phone No. of contact person: _____

What would you like us to do with any Agape that is left-over? _____

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

Men's Fall Walk

October 4-7, 2012

Trinity United Methodist Church

7533 W. St. Joseph Hwy.

Lansing, MI 48917

October 6, 2012 – Men's Candlelight Service
Gathering 7:30 PM, Candlelight Service 9:00 PM.

The registration deadline for the minimum of 20 pilgrims is September 6, 2012

As of this printing, there are 11 registered pilgrims for the men's walk. Please consider sponsoring a man for this walk.

As a community—we can do this!! We can partner with God to make this walk happen!

Once the minimum number of 20 registered pilgrims has been met, applications can be accepted for the men's walk if received by September 20, 2012.

Women's Fall Walk

October 18-21, 2012

Trinity United Methodist Church

7533 W. St. Joseph Hwy.

Lansing, MI 48917

October 20, 2012 – Women's Candlelight Service
Gathering 7:30 PM – Candlelight Service 9:00 PM.

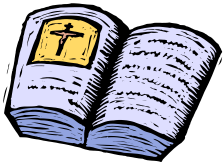
We have 22 pilgrims registered for the women's walk! That means the minimum number of 20 registered pilgrims has been met! Praise God!!

Let's work toward a full walk – 36 pilgrims!
Applications can be accepted for the women's walk if received by October 4, 2012.

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



A Praying Sponsor – a God Inspired Pilgrim

By Mike Walker, Community Lay Director

The Lansing Area Emmaus Community welcomed me at Walk #55 in March of 2003 at Christ United Methodist Church in Lansing MI.

I never envisioned I would be writing you, or serving in the leadership roles in my church or this community. God works in mysterious ways and he equips the called.

The Walk to Emmaus changed my life. I'm better than I was, but I'm far from finished.

I pray that God will be honored through my action in my church, this community and my 4th day. I also try to be open and flexible, allowing God to continue to mold me.

Our 4th day is made up of many parts: prayer, scripture reading, worship, our jobs, service in our church and our communities, board meetings, team training, agape, Gatherings, reunion groups, Walks, candle light service, sponsorship etc...

Our teams are forming for the upcoming Fall Walks, training has begun and many, many people will be called to serve both in the conference rooms and behind the scenes. We need servants, sponsors, Pilgrims and prayer, lots and lots of prayer.

If you are called to serve please return the call, the person making that request has many people to contact. We want you to serve but we also realize you may not be able to at this time.

There are openings for Men's and Women's Pilgrims for the fall walks. Sponsorship is a great way to serve.

When you sponsor an individual you become God's instrument and you take on the responsibility for that specific Pilgrim.

What does a Sponsor actually do? Need a short refresher, here are some Sponsorship Tips from *Emmaus of the Albemarle, Inc July 2012 Newsletter*:

1. Pray for the person's openness to God's call to Discipleship, not for how to get them on a walk.

2. Make an appointment to visit with the person or couple to discuss the possibility of them attending a walk.

3. Extend an invitation. Invite them to attend a weekend for a more vital relationship with Jesus Christ . . . not just a weekend retreat or getaway.

4. Share YOUR faith and explain the basic elements of the walk . . . its purpose and how it

helps us live in a life of grace for the rest of our lives.

5. Have the attitude that you are giving them a wonderful gift rather than that they need to go.

6. Ask them to make a commitment by filling out the application form. If the person is married, speak with both partners and encourage an equal commitment by both spouses.

7. Continue to pray . . . and when they agree to go, review the application and make sure it is complete before sending it in.

8. When they are accepted for a weekend prepare agape letters and enlist support of their pastor and family to collect personal agape letters.

9. A few days before their Walk weekend remind your pilgrim about the upcoming Walk. Offer guidance about what to pack for the weekend. Guidelines are in the letters sent to each pilgrim.

10. Support the walk through participation on the 72-Hour Prayer Vigil.

11. Make sure they get to the weekend, introducing him or her to others.

12. Attend Sponsor's Hour, which follows send-off, and pray for your pilgrim.

13. If the person you sponsor has special needs, make sure they are taken care of.

14. Support the Pilgrim's family. If needed feed pets and water plants.

15. Attend the Gathering and Candlelight during the weekend.

16. Continue to pray.

17. Attend Closing and then help your Pilgrim reenter.

18. Assist your pilgrim with participation in a Reunion/Accountability Group, or help start one if needed.

19. Encourage them to explore how they can be better servants to their church.

20. Explain how they can serve the community by sponsoring and being a team member on a walk weekend.

21. Take your Pilgrim to their first Reunion group and Gathering.

22. Teach the new Emmaus member how to be a good sponsor and be sure he/she understands the responsibilities of good sponsorship, by your actions.

23. Continue to pray.

Please pray for the teams and pilgrims of the upcoming walks and that God will provide the pilgrims He calls to have a deeper relationship with Him!



SO YOU'RE THINKING ABOUT SPONSORING

By Deb Bongard, LAE Registrar

Sponsoring a pilgrim is very rewarding. Your pilgrim will be blessed but you will be also. Here are a few things you can do to make my job easier:

Please print legibly and encourage your pilgrim to print neatly also.

Please know your pilgrim's health needs. Do they need a cot, are they allergic to anything, do they have a hard time with getting around. We want to do the best we can to make the pilgrims comfortable and the more we know the better.

Please check the LAEC website lansingemmaus.truepath.com and make sure that I have the spelling of your pilgrim's name correct. There is nothing worse than a pilgrim arriving to registration the night of the walk and for me to find out I have spelled their name wrong. Also check that I have their church and your name listed correctly. I am human and I also make mistakes.

Please let me know if there is any chance of a pilgrim having a close relation with another pilgrim. Best friends, relatives, childhood friends, etc. We want the pilgrims to be able to share openly at their tables and they may not be able to if their Aunt or Niece is at their table.

Please get your application in early. Remember for every person that needs to handle that application it will add a few days. The pilgrim filling it out, you filling out your part and then getting the pastor signature and then through the US postal mail. I am expecting the fall walks to fill up very quickly. We already have 22 women and 11 men signed up. So get to working on them now!

The falls walks will be held at Trinity UMC, 7533 W. St. Joe Hwy, Lansing, MI and the men's walk will be October 4 – 7, 2012 and the women's October 18 – 21, 2012.

If you have any question, feel free to contact me by E-mail: Bongard@voyager.net or by Cell: 989-529-5745.

God Bless You All in Your 4th Days!

Additional LAEC Gathering Opportunity

There is an additional opportunity for anyone in the Lansing Area Emmaus Community to attend another Gathering on the 1st Saturday of every month at the First United Methodist Church, 204 W Cass in Greenville, MI 48838.

Arrive for fellowship at 4:30 PM. Dinner will follow at 5:00 PM and Worship at 5:30 – 6:30 PM.

Sponsorship training will be provided at 6:30 – 7:30 PM. Remember to sponsor a pilgrim you need sponsorship training every two years. This training needs to take place prior to the invitation to an individual to go on a walk as there is valuable information in the training to prepare yourself as a sponsor.

If you have any questions regarding the gathering in Greenville, contact Tracie Massar by phone at (989) 506-0933 or by e-mail at tracie.massar@yahoo.com.

Chrysalis Update

By Peggy Pirhonen, Chrysalis Board Liaison

The Boys Chrysalis Flight scheduled for August 2012 at St Louis UMC, St Louis, MI, has been postponed until February 15 – 17, 2013. The flight director will be Roger Silverthorn.

The Girls Chrysalis flight will be January 18 – 20, 2013.

Applications are available and can be submitted for the upcoming walks.

Candlelight will be Saturday night during the Chrysalis flights.

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

Applications are available on line, at gatherings, candlelight services, or are available by contacting pjtravel@hotmail.com or 989-292-0156.

Outreach Board Chair Report

By Kathy Dobie, Outreach Board Chair

I am making travel plans! I am taking Emmaus on the road (so to speak). My hope in the coming months is to visit churches in the Lansing Area Emmaus community to touch base with community members, and promote LAE at the local church level.

I will be visiting churches that already have LAE community members. My plan is to connect with our members, and also educate congregations about what Emmaus and Chrysalis are all about. I'd like to answer the questions about who should attend a walk (or flight) and how that can happen; how God is served through Emmaus / Chrysalis; how local church leaders are strengthened through the Emmaus movement; and the importance of reunion groups (whether you are an Emmaus member or not!). I may also be able to provide sponsorship training to community members who need it and are interested in it while I am there, if time permits. Who knows, maybe even share a song! ☺

As I touch base with LAE community members in their home churches, my goal is to seek out someone who would be willing to act as a liaison to the LAE board, who could verify contact information for the Emmaus members in their church. This, along with encouraging 4th day accountability groups, will be the primary focus.

I will be contacting Pastors at the churches I plan to visit in advance to obtain their permission to come and share on behalf of the LAE Board. I hope to meet some of you on the road. If you have questions, or would like to speak to me about visiting your church, or want more information on being a Board Liaison for your church, please feel free to contact me at gddkld@aol.com or call me at (517) 627-1351

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

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:

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 – Potterville UMC, Potterville, MI

December 14, 2012

January 11, 2013

January 19, 2013 – Girl's Chrysalis Flight Candlelight Service, St. Louis UMC, St. Louis, MI

February 8, 2013

February 16, 2013 – Boy's Chrysalis Flight Candlelight Service, St. Louis UMC, St. Louis, MI

March 2, 2013 – Candlelight Men's Spring Walk

March 16, 2013 – Candlelight Women's Spring Walk

April 12, 2013

May 10, 2013

June 14, 2013

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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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

Where: To Be Determined

Prayerfully consider whom you might sponsor!



Kitchen Update

By Peg Pirhonen, Kitchen Board Chair

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, pretzels, coffee, tea, and lemonade.

If you are a sponsor, please be sure that your pilgrim has eaten supper prior to arriving for the walk since only a light snack will be provided.

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 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 pjtravel@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. Many times attempts have been made to contact people to be part of the team but the information available in not 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 at <http://www.lansingemmaus.truepath.com> to verify your information is correct on **IMS** and/or provide the updated information to any board member so they can update IMS for you.

If you would like to work in the kitchen, dining room and/or snack area, please feel free to contact Peggy Pirhonen at pjtravel@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

Following are some of the music needs for the Emmaus community:

- ♥ Someone to lead worship for the gatherings on the second Friday of the month
- ♥ Someone to provide music for the gatherings
- ♥ Someone to serve as assistant music directors in the conference room on the walk weekends
- ♥ Someone to provide dinner music on Saturday night of the walks
- ♥ Someone to perform entertainment on the Saturday night of the walks
- ♥ Someone to share music during sponsorship hour the Thursday night of the walks
- ♥ Someone to lead the community in music at candlelight on Saturday night of the walks
- ♥ Someone to lead the community during closing on the Sunday afternoon of the walks

Are you someone? Are you someone willing to serve? Several of these positions are still unfilled for the fall walks. Contact me for more details at gddkld@aol.com, or by calling me at (517) 627-1351.

Blessings to you!

Emmaus Store Update

By Peg Pirhonen, Emmaus Store Board Chair

Have you ever thought about what the expectations are of being a Team Member; what the qualities of a Team Member are; or what it means to be part of a Team? These and other topics are covered in the Upper Room book **Spiritual Growth Through Team Experience**. Stop by the Emmaus Store to check out this as well as other books available for sale.

The Emmaus Store is open at gatherings and candlelight services.

Books, clothing items, baseball caps, insulated mugs, 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.

2012 Lansing Area Emmaus Board Members

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Kitchen Board Chair	Peggy Pirhonen	(989) 292-0156	pjtravel@hotmail.com
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Supply/Trailer Board Chair	Kevin Gentner	(989) 227-0620	kjgentner@hotmail.com
Team Selection	Amy Clouse	(616) 914-4293	amyclouse11@gmail.com



LAEC SPECIAL SPIRITUAL SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

By Pastor Greg Buchner, Community Spiritual Director

We're looking for a non-clergy type person to serve as a recording secretary for the Spiritual Directors (SD) of the Lansing Area Emmaus.

The position would entail updating SD records as well as keeping track of when SD's have served and where.

If you're interested, please send a short email explaining why you believe you have the gifts and graces to accomplish this ministry to pastorgreg@unitedchurchofovid.com.

Persons who can keep confidentiality, who are positive about Emmaus and its purpose, who are committed to their local church and its ministry, and who believe whole-heartedly in God's grace and love are welcome to apply.

We are looking to fill the position ASAP.

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Upcoming Events

September 11, 2012 – Lansing Emmaus Board Meeting 7:00 PM
Pilgrim United Methodist Church, St. Johns

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November 13, 2012 – Lansing Emmaus Board Meeting 7:00 PM
Pilgrim United Methodist Church, St. Johns

December 11, 2012 – Lansing Emmaus Board Meeting 7:00 PM
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January 8, 2013 – Lansing - Emmaus Board Meeting 7:00 PM
Pilgrim United Methodist Church, St. Johns

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February 12, 2013 – Lansing Emmaus Board Meeting 7:00 PM
Pilgrim United Methodist Church, St. Johns

February 15 – 17, 2013 – Lansing – Boy's Chrysalis Flight, St. Louis UMC, St. Louis, MI. Candlelight Service February 16, 2013 – gathering at 7:30 PM and candlelight service at 9:00 PM.

Newsletter Deadline for Next Issue

If you have an idea for an article or would like to write an article, please let me know by August 1, 2012 and your article will be considered for the newsletter. Contact Karen McLendon at karenlm06@yahoo.com or call me at 517-648-1221.

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 update your information or indicate your interest in volunteering to work a walk.

If you have any problems getting into the IMS Database System contact Karen McLendon at karenlm06@yahoo.com.