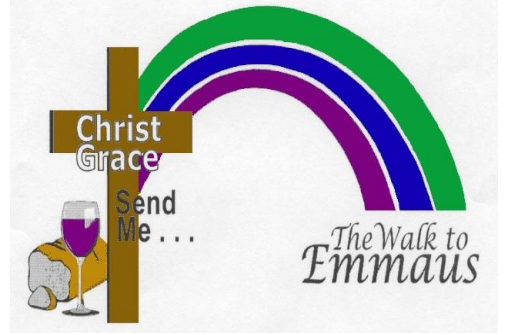


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## **From the Desk of Spiritual Director:** *Ted Orwig*

The longer I live, the more I am learning about how to serve Jesus Christ my Lord. There are many lessons in the scriptures, some personal and some for the whole group. I am endeavoring to learn the lesson, about how to be lead by the Holy Spirit. I have yet to fully learn that lesson. God has done so many wonderful things for us, it is not too much to ask that we do what He wants us to do. The Bible is full of lessons, but if we never open our Bibles and read it we will never be able to learn some of the valuable lessons that it contains. It is my hope for the Emmaus Community; we become intentional in reading and knowing what the scriptures say, so that we will be able to live that intentional life for Him.

## **Agape**

Please remember to sign up for a prayer slot on the 72 hour prayer vigil for the fall walks. I would also, like to encourage you and your 4<sup>th</sup> day reunion group to sign up on the prayer vigil to pray for a walk each week. The web site is ([www.3dayol.org/Vigil/GetComm.phtml](http://www.3dayol.org/Vigil/GetComm.phtml)). You could also send that walk a general Agape letter from your group to let them know that your group is praying for them. These letters would be shared with the pilgrims (or butterflies) during the weekend as general Agape.

As you prepare Agape for the walks, remember the correct number of items is 65 for all walks/flights. The form to include with your agape is below. Even though we no longer distribute Agape items in the conference room, the Pilgrims will still receive the Agape in the dining room and on their pillows.

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## Emmaus Store

Being a team member we learn to practice hospitality, love, discernment and discipline. It offers the opportunity to grow in faith, to trust God in all aspects of our lives, and to enrich our gifts of leadership.

To learn more about what the qualities of a team member are; the spiritual benefits of being a team member; what it means to be part of a team; expectations; and leadership development, please stop by the Emmaus Store and check out the Upper Room book “**Spiritual Growth Through Team Experience**”.

Also be sure to stop by and check out the other merchandise being offered for sale such as clothing items, baseball caps, coffee mugs, notepads, computer and tote bags.

The Emmaus Store is open at gatherings and candlelight services.

**If you are interested in assisting with the Emmaus Store, please contact Peggy Pirhonen at 989-292-5451 or [pjtravel@hotmail.com](mailto:pjtravel@hotmail.com) to become part of the Emmaus Store Committee.**

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as the Emmaus Store Chair.

Peggy Pirhonen  
Emmaus Store



## Upcoming 2014 Spring Walks

### Men's Spring Walk

**March 13 -16, 2014**

1<sup>st</sup> UMC of St. Louis

116 S. Franklin St.

St. Louis, Mi 48880

**March 15, 2014** – Men's Candlelight Service  
Gathering 7:30 PM, Candlelight Service 9:00 PM.

**The registration deadline for the minimum of 20 pilgrims is February 13, 2014**

As of this printing, there are 14 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

### Women's Spring Walk

**March 27 - 30 , 2014**

1<sup>st</sup> UMC of St. Louis

116 S. Franklin St.

St. Louis, Mi 48880

**March 29, 2014** – Women's Candlelight Service  
Gathering 7:30 PM – Candlelight Service 9:00 PM.

**The registration deadline for the minimum of 20 pilgrims is February 27, 2014**

We have 11 pilgrims registered for the women's walk! Once the minimum number of 20 registered pilgrims has been met, applications can be accepted for the women's walk if received by March 24, 2014.

Applications for the walk can be downloaded from  
[www.lansingemmaus.truepath.com](http://www.lansingemmaus.truepath.com)

If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Perkins at (989) 330-9680 or by e-mail at [kperkins@gccmha.org](mailto:kperkins@gccmha.org)

**Welcome new and returning Board Members.**

**Thank You** for being willing servants and taking time out of your busy schedules to serve the Community.

Becoming a Board Member may put a lot of people out of their comfort zone. Luckily there are other Board Members, handbooks, policies and procedures to assist in understanding the roles. Everyone working together makes the job a lot less scary and three years seem to fly by quickly.

With two walks coming up, you may be provided an opportunity to step out of your comfort zone. Maybe there is someone you have been thinking of asking to go on a walk, but have been afraid to ask. Hopefully you will ask that person. They may just be waiting for **you** to ask, so they can eagerly say YES. There really are people just waiting for someone to ask them.

You might be presented with the opportunity to work behind the scenes as a team member or as a leader, but are afraid to say yes. Give it a chance and see what a rewarding experience it can be. It also provides a wonderful opportunity to make many new friends.

Hopefully you are so excited that you just can't wait to volunteer. Feel free to contact me and I will help get you connected with the correct chairperson and/or add your name as a potential Board Member contact.

When you receive the call to serve, remember many people have been praying and YOUR name was lifted up. Remember you are not alone, take the chance and see how rewarding it can be.

If you are interested in becoming a future Board Member, please consider becoming part of the Assistant Community Lay Director Committee. Please contact Peggy Pirhonen at 989-292-5451 or [pjtravel@hotmail.com](mailto:pjtravel@hotmail.com) to indicate your interest.

Have a Blessed Year

Peggy Pirhonen

**Lansing Area Emmaus Community  
(LAEC) Gathering Opportunities**

Gatherings are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

There is an additional opportunity for anyone in the Lansing Area Emmaus Community to attend another Gathering on the 1<sup>st</sup> 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 are interested in helping setup before and/or cleanup after the gatherings please contact Eric Iversen at [eiversen517@gmail.com](mailto:eiversen517@gmail.com) or [\(517\)348-2913](tel:5173482913).

## 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? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

## Outreach

By Denise Epps, Outreach Board Chair

I am very excited to join the LAEC Board as the Outreach / Communications Chair.

My goal is to seek out someone who would be willing to act as a liaison between local churches and the community. This, along with encouraging 4<sup>th</sup> day accountability groups, will be the primary focus. If you have not found a 4<sup>th</sup> day group, please contact me. I will work with you and your sponsor and area churches to establish solid groups.

If you have questions, or would like to speak to me about visiting your church, or want more information on being a community liaison, please feel free to contact me [eppsd11@gmail.com](mailto:eppsd11@gmail.com) or call me at (616) 902 9764

God Bless You.  
Denise Epps

## Leadership Development

By Michelle Lautner,

My name is Michelle Lautner. I took walk #73 the Lansing Area Emmaus Community in March 2009 at Trinity UMC in Lansing where I sat at the table of Rebekah. I am currently serving as the board chair for Leadership Development.

I just have a few things to share with you. First, please don't forget that in order to sponsor pilgrims, you do need to make sure that you have had sponsorship training within the last 2 years. Training is held at each monthly gathering as well as at the Saturday night candlelight at each walk, so there are plenty of opportunities for you to attend training. It's pretty painless. We remind you of some of the things to remember when sponsoring pilgrims.

Secondly, training is held before each set of walks for those who have said, "Yes!" to serving behind the scenes (**B.T.W**). This is a chance for you to meet with your team leader and begin to form a relationship with the others you will be serving with. Please understand that while exceptions can be made on a case by case basis, this **training is mandatory**. So, for all of you that have already agreed to serve at the upcoming walks in March, training is on **March 1st from 8 - 12, at St Louis UMC**. We will be worshipping with the conference room teams, sharing information needed for the walk weekend, and taking a tour of the church so we all know where everything is going to be. Food team members may want to bring a light sack lunch, as you will have a bit of additional training afterwards for about an hour.

Last, but not least, I am looking for individuals who are interested in joining the **Leadership Development Committee**. If you are interested in learning how to lead sponsorship training, table leader training, or BTS training, as well as a few other odds and ends, please let me know.  
Declares!

Michelle Lautner

## 2014 Lansing Area Emmaus Board Members

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### **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 March 15, 2014 and your article will be considered for the newsletter. Contact Denise Epps 616-902-9764 [eppsd11@gmail.com](mailto:eppsd11@gmail.com)

## The following is the current Election Policy

### Election of Board Members

- a. The Community elects all Lay Board Members
- b. The Assistant Community Lay Director (ACLD) shall serve as the Nominating Committee Chair
- c. The Nominating Committee shall make every effort to submit to the Board a slate of no less than 3 additional names over the required number to fill vacant board positions.  
(For example, if there are 4 vacant positions, 7 names should be submitted, if possible)
- d. The ballot shall be posted on the Lansing Area Emmaus Website no later than 10 days nor more than 60 days prior to the October gathering(s)/candlelight of each year. It will also be available at October gathering(s)/candlelight of each year.
- e. Ballots are to be received by the ACLD no later than at the October gathering of each year
- f. Absentee ballots may be delivered to any LAE Board Member prior to the October gathering
- g. Absentee ballots shall be delivered to the ACLD no later than at the October gathering
- h. The Nominating Committee is responsible for counting and verifying the ballots, and then reporting the election results to the board at the November Board Meeting.  
The Board will then vote to certify the election. After Board certification of election results, The Assistant Community Lay Director (ACLD) shall contact all candidates. Elected Board Members will be invited to attend the December Board Meeting.
- i. The ACLD will retain the ballots in a secure location for six (6) months. The ballots shall be destroyed by June 1st
- j. Election is by majority or plurality vote of the ballots cast
- k. The immediate past Community Lay Director shall serve on the board one (1) additional year or the normal period of the term whichever is longer
- l. Board members cannot be elected to consecutive three (3) year terms
- m. The Board may elect persons, upon nomination by the Community Lay Director, to fill a vacant term until the next regular election for that term. Such persons are eligible for election to a full term by the Community at such regular election. Persons elected to an unexpired three year term are eligible to be nominated for election to a full term, as they will not be in violation of Section 3d of Article IV of the Lansing Area Emmaus Community Bylaws.
- n. There shall be no write-in candidates on the ballot