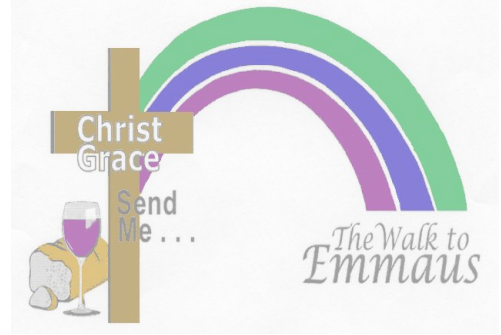


Lansing Emmaus Community

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Community Spiritual Director:

Pastor Ted Orwig

As we go into the Easter season, we are reminded that Jesus fate did not end in the grave. Jesus did a great work for all of us; we can no longer not do great things for Him. From the cross He said It Is Finished, did He mean what He said or are we supposed to work things out for ourselves. I believe He meant what He said, and said what He meant. The work has been done over death, sin, and the grave. Jesus has accomplished it all for us, now it is time to give our all and give all out, to the All in All. May God bless you as we continue to serve Him and His kingdom.

Community Lay Director:

The current board has been focusing on 2 main areas that we believe will enhance and improve our community. The first is communication. We are trying diligently to do these quarterly newsletters in order to get information spread out to the community. We are also trying very hard to keep the Facebook page updated with relevant and important information. The Lansing Area Emmaus Facebook Group is a closed group, so if you are not part of it, let Denise Epps know and you can be invited to join. In addition, we frequently use eblasts to send community wide bulletins through email. If you are not receiving Eblasts please contact Denise.

The second area that we are continuing to emphasize as a board and community is following the Upper Rooms Hand Book. This is a large task as many of manuals have old information or rules still mixed into them. We sign a covenant agreement annually with the Upper Room that we will not diverge from the Hand Book. This includes all levels throughout the program. While it can be a challenge and is a continual task, we are committed to following the covenant and be up to date.

LAEC Lay Director

Kevin Gentner

Walk to Emmaus Registration

Things I need to know:

What is the deadline for sponsoring a Pilgrim?

The deadline for the minimum number of Pilgrims to be registered (12) for the Fall 2014 walks is June 15th. This means 12 Pilgrims for the men's walk and 12 Pilgrims for the women's walk. If we don't have a minimum of 12 Pilgrims registered for the men's walk, it will not move forward. It will be postponed until Spring 2015. If we do not have the minimum number of 12 Pilgrims registered for the women's walk, it will not move forward and will be postponed until Spring 2015. In the past, some sponsors have waited to make sure a walk is going to happen before submitting a registration form. I understand there are various reasons for doing this however I want to caution that if everyone takes this approach, the walks will not move forward.

Once the minimum number of registrations are received, more registration forms will be accepted until the maximum number of registrations are received (36 for a full walk) or until 2 weeks prior to the walk. If more than 36 registrations are received for any walk, the additional registration forms will be put on a waiting list in the order received in case there are cancellations, or the applicants will be given the option of pre-registering for the next walk.

Scholarships:

There are limited funds available for partial scholarships for Pilgrims who are experiencing financial hardship. Scholarship application forms are available from the Registrar and should be submitted along with registration forms. Scholarships up to \$50.00 per request may be approved as resources allow.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Perkins,
Lansing Area Emmaus Registrar

Upcoming 2014 Fall Walks

Men's Fall Walk

October 9 - 12, 2014

210 E Lawrence Ave,
Charlotte, MI 48813
(517) 543-4670

October 11, 2014 – Men's Candlelight Service
Gathering 7:30 PM, Candlelight Service 9:00 PM.

**The registration deadline for
the Men's and Women's Walk
minimum of 12 pilgrims is
June 15, 2014**

Please consider sponsoring a man for this walk.
The final deadline is September 25, 2014

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

Women's Fall Walk

October 23 -26, 2014

210 E Lawrence Ave,
Charlotte, MI 48813
(517) 543-4670

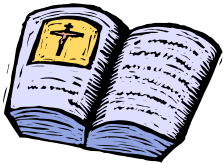
October 25, 2014– Women's Candlelight Service
Gathering 7:30 PM – Candlelight Service 9:00 PM.

Let's work toward a full walk – 36 pilgrims!
Applications can be accepted for the women's walk
if received by October 9, 2014.

Applications for the walk can be
downloaded from

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



GATHERING Information

Hello, my name is Eric Iversen; I took my walk to Emmaus in February of 2008 at 1st UMC in Ionia where I sat at the table of Isaac. I started serving on the Board in January and am currently serving as the Gathering Board Chair.

We are currently in need of volunteers to help at one of the gatherings in either St. Johns or Greenville to serve on the Gathering Committee. The various responsibilities include: helping to contact a clergy member to give the message, making sure one or two musicians are available to lead singing, finding a Fourth Day speaker, arriving early to setup, preparing the communion elements, calling people to the worship service, making announcements, helping afterwards to cleanup. It works best if these responsibilities can be shared among a team so no one person is doing everything. For example if you would be uncomfortable giving announcements someone on the team who is comfortable would give the announcements. Ideally if there are enough volunteers' different teams could serve every second or third month.

For newer Community Members, this is a great starting point to get involved with the Community on a regular basis.

If you are interested in further information about the St. Johns or Greenville Gathering Committees, please contact Eric Iversen at 517-348-2913 or eiversen517@gmail.com. Alternately for only the Greenville gathering please contact Nikki Phillips at 616-232-3936 or nkphillips@outlook.com.

The St. Johns Gatherings are held the 2nd Friday of each month except for March and October and are held at **Pilgrim United Methodist Church**, 2965 W. Parks Road St Johns, MI 48879 unless otherwise indicated. Fellowship starts at 6:00 PM, Potluck dinner at 6:30 PM, worship at 7:00 PM, with Sponsorship training following worship.

The Greenville Gatherings are held 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, with Sponsorship training following worship.

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 you to be a sponsor.

God Bless,

Eric Iversen

Assistant Community Lay Director

I pray you are having a wonderful fourth day experience. Hopefully your faith continues to deepen and your relationship with GOD continues to explode to new heights.

As you continue your fourth day journey, finding a group or person to hold you accountable and share in your continued efforts for a deeper relationship with GOD is so important. That person may be someone that you had not thought of before, but has been in front of you for a long time. The cleaning person at a previous business office has been a great accountability partner for me. Over the years, it has been very enjoyable to work on community projects, attend various programs/bible studies, read and discuss various books, listen and discuss tapes, and be there for each other during the good and bad times. While we do not attend the same church, have different religious backgrounds, Catholic vs Methodist, and live in different towns, we have found that these differences did not affect our being able to hold each other accountable and can make for some interesting discussions in our studies.

It is amazing how much easier it is to keep on track when you know that someone is watching and holding you accountable for your actions.

Luckily we have the opportunity to evaluate what our priorities are, what they should be, and make the necessary changes to stay on track if we start to stray.

Living a life that matters doesn't happen by accident but it is a matter of choice.

We all have the same amount of time each day. The difference between people is determined by what they do with the amount of time at their disposal. Remember the future arrives one hour at a time and our relationship with GOD should be a high priority.

There is no greater reward than that which comes as a result of holding fast to the Word and will of GOD.

Have a Blessed Fourth Day

Peggy Pirhonen

Assistant Community Lay Director

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Outreach Board Chair Report

By Denise Epps, Outreach Board Chair

Welcome new pilgrims to the Lansing Area Emmaus Community. I look forward to hearing from each and every one of you. I would like to hear about your 4th day Reunion Groups. If you are unable to find one that works with your schedule please contact me.

I will be contacting each church to find someone that will be a liaison between the board and your church. I am looking for Christian networking opportunities to get our information out more efficiently.

If you have a 4th day community that will receive new members please send me an email. Subject line: 4th Day Group. I am working on establishing a data base for our accountability groups.

I am also looking for assistance with developing this outreach committee. If you have organizational skills, or maybe just like to work with the computer, data entry and / or maybe visiting some churches to help establish 4th day groups. I am interested in talking with you. Please email me with the subject title: Outreach committee.

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 eppsd11@gmail.com or call me at 616-9029764.

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

F.Y.I

We are looking for new housekeeping AGAPE for the bathrooms. If any one comes across some interesting comics please submit these to the board to be cut and laminated.

Thank you for your help.

Emmaus Store

By Peg Pirhonen, Emmaus Store Board Chair

The **Walk to Emmaus** is a unique Christian program designed to renew disciples, and through them to renew local churches and to convert the world. During your walk hopefully something happened that brought the gospel home to you and renewed the spirit within you. Maybe you understood the gospel in a deeper way because of a particular talk or you were moved by an act of agape. Maybe you found meaning in a worship service or in knowing that people were praying for you.

Hopefully you are so excited that you want to share your experience with your local church. To learn 20 ways to help renew your church please stop by the Emmaus Store and check out the Emmaus Book "**Coming Down From the Mountain: Returning to Your Congregation**".

Some of the items available at the Emmaus store are:

Jackets - (fleece, spring, hooded); Sweatshirts; Hoodies; Vests; Sweaters; Polo Shirts;

The group reunion itself is one of the chief values of the Emmaus movement—one of the greatest treasures the Walk to Emmaus contains. It is a way of persevering in the life of grace so that those things that are valuable to you during the weekend will not be lost when you return to your life in the world – the group reunion serves the life of the Emmaus community.

--Day Four: The Pilgrim's Continued Journey

Welcome Men and Women Walks 89 and 90!

I would like to welcome the men and women of walks 89 and 90 to the Lansing Area Emmaus Community. We are very excited to have you in our community and look forward to serving with in your Fourth Day.

LAEC Lay Director

Kevin Gentner

New Deadline Dates for Fall 2014 Walks:

Recently the board revised the deadlines for the fall Walks. The new criteria for the Fall walks are that we must have 12 pilgrims minimum registered by June 15th to precede with the Fall walks. The intent is to still fill the walks with 36 pilgrims by 2 weeks prior to the start of the walks. The quick logic for this is that when the Walk Lay Directors call servants to work they are committing to a walk not just the possibility of the walk.

With the new deadline, please keep in mind that if you get a call to serve in the Conference Room or BTS, the walk is already confirmed. If you are contacted, please remember to respond either way as soon as you can. This helps the Lay Directors and other leaders move down their lists to the next names that Team Selection has provided them so they can get the teams filled as quickly as possible. Once the conference room teams are filled then they can begin the conference room training, with BTS training scheduled to come after that.

Upcoming Events

May 13, 2014 – Lansing Emmaus Board Meeting 7:00 PM Pilgrim United Methodist Church, St. Johns

May 3, 2014 – Greenville Gathering, Greenville UMC, Greenville.
Gather at 4:30 PM, Potluck at 5:00 PM, Worship at 5:30 PM, Sponsorship Training 6:30 PM

May 9, 2014 – St. Johns Gathering, Pilgrim UMC Church, St. Johns.
Gather at 6:00 PM, Potluck at 6:30 PM, Worship at 7:00 PM, Sponsorship Training at 8:00 PM.

June 7, 2014 - Greenville Gathering, Greenville UMC, Greenville.
Gather at 4:30 PM, Potluck at 5:00 PM, Worship at 5:30 PM, Sponsorship Training 6:30 PM

June 13, 2014 - St. Johns Gathering, Pilgrim UMC Church, St. Johns.
Gather at 6:00 PM, Potluck at 6:30 PM, Worship at 7:00 PM, Sponsorship Training at 8:00 PM.

June 10, 2014 – Lansing Emmaus Board Meeting 7:00 PM Pilgrim United Methodist Church, St. Johns

July 5, 2014 Greenville Gathering, Greenville UMC, Greenville.
Gather at 4:30 PM, Potluck at 5:00 PM, Worship at 5:30 PM, Sponsorship Training 6:30 PM

July 11, 2014 - St. Johns Gathering, Pilgrim UMC Church, St. Johns.
Gather at 6:00 PM, Potluck at 6:30 PM, Worship at 7:00 PM, Sponsorship Training at 8:00 PM.

August 2, 2014- Greenville Gathering, Greenville UMC, Greenville.
Gather at 4:30 PM, Potluck at 5:00 PM, Worship at 5:30 PM, Sponsorship Training 6:30 PM

August 8, 2014 St. Johns Gathering, Pilgrim UMC Church, St. Johns.
Gather at 6:00 PM, Potluck at 6:30 PM, Worship at 7:00 PM, Sponsorship Training at 8:00 PM.

September 6, 2014 - Greenville Gathering, Greenville UMC, Greenville. Gather at 4:30 PM, Potluck at 5:00 PM, Worship at 5:30 PM, Sponsorship Training 6:30 PM

September 12, 2014 - St. Johns Gathering, Pilgrim UMC Church, St. Johns. Gather at 6:00 PM, Potluck at 6:30 PM, Worship at 7:00 PM, Sponsorship Training at 8:00 PM.

October 9-12, 2014 – Lansing Men's Fall Walk. Lawrence UMC, Charlotte, MI. Candlelight Service October 6, 2012 – gathering at 7:30 PM and candlelight service at 9:00 PM.

October 23-26, 2014 – Lansing Women's Fall Walk – Lawrence UMC, Charlotte, MI. Candlelight Service October 20, 2012 – gathering at 7:30 PM and candlelight service at 9:00 PM.

October 31-November 2, 2014 – Boys Chrysalis Flight: Location to be announced

November 7-9, 2014 – Girls Chrysalis Flight: Location to be announced

CHRYSALIS CORNER



R.U.S.H

ReUniting Servant Hearts

The Chrysalis R.U.S.H is the Chrysalis Community's Gathering. The Chrysalis R.U.S.H is open to youth groups preparing their students for a flight. We would like to encourage anyone that is feeling called into assisting with the youth flights to also participate in the R.U.S.H. These are fun fellowship events encouraging youth to participate as well as those who have graduated from a flight.

Chrysalis Rush Dates

- May 17, 2014
- July 26, 2014
- Nov 22, 2014

Gathering is 4:00-7:00 p.m.

Salem UMC,

2307 W Maple Rapids Road,

St Johns, MI

Fellowship, worship, games and Supper is provided

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 June 15, 2014 and your article will be considered for the newsletter. Contact Denise Epps at eppsd11@gmail.com or call me at 616-902-9764

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 517-648-1221, karenlm06@yahoo.com

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