# Lansing Emmaus Community

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# Lansing Area Community Lay Director:

Eric Iversen

With the start of the new year, a new Board has begun to serve the Lansing Area Emmaus Community. Please personally thank those members who have recently left the board. Thank you Kevin Gentner, Peggy Pirhonen, Julie Anderson, Bill Jenkins, and Bob Pena for your faithful service to our Community. During the Board retreat and first Board meeting of the new year I was elected to serve as the Community Lay Director. I hope to serve the Community as God leads and enables. The LAEC Board signs an agreement each year that we will follow the Upper Room policies. We are continuing to review the Upper Room policies and updates, comparing our policies to them and making any necessary changes in order to align our policies to the Upper Room's. We will also be discussing whether to continue to plan for two Men's walks each year when historically there aren't enough men Pilgrims sponsored for the fall walks. We would encourage your input on this matter. The Board meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at Pilgrim UMC in St. Johns at 7:00 pm and are open to the Community. Please feel free to attend. Thank you again for your commitment to the Emmaus Community. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me or one of the other Board members. We look forward to serving you. With all of us working together as God leads the World will be changed forever for Jesus. May He be glorified in all we do and say. God Bless Eric Iversen LAEC Community Lay Director



Welcome to a new year in Emmaus. We are looking forward to the walks in March.

I believe God would want us to know that we need to fulfill the Great Commandment, in

order to get the Great Commission done. God tells us in His Word, that "They will know

we are Christians by our love. Let us continue to fulfill the great Commandment of Love,

by doing so we will have great success with the Great Commission.

Love Pastor Ted Orwig

Spiritual Director Lansing Community.

#### **Desk of Assistant Community Lay Director**

Decolores! My name is Michelle Lautner and it is my honor to serve as your Assistant Community Lay Director for the 2015 year. I am looking forward to working with all of you in this new role.

I will also be staying on as the chair of the Leadership Education Committee. I found great joy in doing the different trainings that we have. I am however looking for a few new members for this committee. These individuals would be trained to conduct the training for sponsorship, post sponsorship, table leader, and BTS. If you are interested, please let me know.

Just a reminder that we have two walks coming up. March 12-15th is the men's walk and the women's will be the following weekend, March 19-22nd, and both are being held in Mecosta. You must have completed sponsorship training within the last 2 years in order to sponsor a pilgrim. Tracie Massar and I will be available at the February gatherings to provide training, as this is the last opportunity before the walks. Please plan to attend gathering and stay for about an hour afterwards if you need to be trained.

One final note, on behalf of the board and all those who will be making calls to form teams for the upcoming walks, please prayerfully consider saying "yes" when you get the call to join a behind the scenes team. The board has just made several changes to the committee heads and we are working with a short amount of time to form teams to be ready for training.

Well, again, I am looking forward to this new year and pray that we have a fantastic 2015 together!

Michelle Lautner

Leadership Education Chair

Assistant Community Lay Director

#### Walk to Emmaus Registration

Things I need to know:

What is the deadline for sponsoring a Pilgrim?

Once the minimum number (20) 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

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, <u>karenlm06@yahoo.com</u>

#### Upcoming 2015 Spring Walks

Men's Spring Walk #92 March 12 – 15, 2015

Deadline for Minimum of 20: February 12, 2015

> New Hope UMC 7296 9 Mile Rd Mecosta, Mi 49332

March 14, 2015 – Men's Candlelight Service Gathering 7:30 PM – Candlelight Service 9:00 PM.

Please continue to send in your applications!

#### Women's Spring Walk #93

March 19 - 22, 2015

Deadline for Minimum of 20: February 19, 2015

> New Hope UMC 7296 9 Mile Rd Mecosta, Mi 49332

March 21, 2015 – Women's Candlelight Service Gathering 7:30 PM – Candlelight Service 9:00 PM.

Applications for the walk can be downloaded from <u>www.lansingemmaus.truepath.com</u>

If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Perkins at (989) 330-9680 or by e-mail at <u>kperkins@gccmha.org</u>

# Outreach

By Denise Epps, Outreach Board Chair

Are you in a 4<sup>th</sup> day reunion group? If so, please be sure to send me a message so I can get the IMS system updated with the latest groups available. If you are meeting and accepting new people please email me directly. 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 <u>eppsd11@gmail.com</u> or call me at 616-9029764.

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

#### **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 20, 2015 and your article will be considered for the newsletter. Contact Denise Epps at <u>eppsd11@gmail.com</u> or call me at 616-902-9764

## **Upcoming Events**

**February 7, 2015 Greenville Gathering 4:30pm @ February 10, 2015 –** Lansing Area Emmaus Community Board Meeting 7pm, Pilgrim UMC – St. Johns Mi.

February 13, 2015 St. Johns Gathering 6pm @ Pilgrim UMC

February 21, 2015 Chrysalis RUSH – Salem UMC 4-7pm

NO MARCH GATHERING GREENVILLE OR ST. JOHNS: See you all at the candlelights!!

March 10, 2015 – Lansing Area Emmaus Community Board Meeting 7pm, Pilgrim UMC – St. Johns MI

March 12 – 15, 2015 – Men's Spring Walk Mecosta UMC March 19-22, 2015 - Women's Spring Walk Mecosta UMC

April 4, 2015 – Greenville Gathering 4:30pm April 10, 2015 – St. Johns Gathering 6pm@ Pilgrim UMC St. Johns April 14, 2015 - Lansing Area Emmaus Community Board Meeting 7pm, Pilgrim UMC – St. Johns MI April 18, 2015 Chrysalis RUSH 4-7pm Salem UMC May 2, 2015 - Greenville Gathering 4:30pm May 8, 2015 – St. Johns Gathering 6pm @ Pilgrim UMC St. Johns Mi May 12, 2015 - Lansing Area Emmaus Community Board Meeting 7pm, Pilgrim UMC – St. Johns MI June 6, 2015 – Greenville Gathering 4:30pm June 9, 2015 - Lansing Area Emmaus Community Board Meeting 7pm, Pilgrim UMC - St. Johns MI June 12, 2015 – St. Johns Gathering 6pm @ Pilgrim UMC St.

Johns July 10, 2015 – St. Johns Gathering 6pm @ Pilgrim UMC St. Johns

July 14, 2015 – Lansing Area Emmaus Community Board Meeting 7pm, Pilgrim UMC – St. Johns, MI

August 1, 2015 – Greenville Gathering 4:30pm

August 8, 2015 – Chrysalis RUSH 4-7pm Salem UMC

August 11, 2015 – Lansing Area Emmaus Community Board Meeting 7pm, Pilgrim UMC – St. Johns, Mi

August 14, 2015 – St. Johns Gathering 6pm @ Pilgrim UMC St. Johns

September 8, 2015 – Lansing Area Emmaus Community Board Meeting 7pm, Pilgrim UMC – St. Johns, MI

# **Gathering Info**

Hello, my name is **Doug Elzerman**; I took my Walk to Emmaus in March of 2010 in Carson City, Michigan where I sat the table of Mark. I started serving on the board this January, and I am currently serving as the **Gathering Board Chair.** Some of you may notice that this basically the same article which Eric submitted to the newsletter (no sense reinventing the wheel.)

We would welcome individuals interested in volunteering to help at the Gatherings in either St. Johns or Greenville. It would be great to have you serve on the Gathering Committee. As in all service to our Lord, the more volunteers who are available the easier the work becomes. The various responsibilities which can be distributed among us include: helping to contact a clergy member to give the message, making sure one or two musicians are available to lead sing , find a Fourth Day speaker, arriving early for setup, the communion elements, calling people to the worship service, making announcements, helping afterwards with cleanup team

If you are interested in further information about the St. Johns or Greenville Gathering Committee, please contact Doug Elzerman 517-202-2037 or <u>delzerman@wowway.com</u>. Alternately for the Greenville gathering please contact Nikki Phillips at 616-302-1293 or <u>nkphillips@outlook.com</u>.

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 inviting an individual to go on a Walk as there is valuable information in the training to prepare you to be a sponsor.

Thank you and God bless you

Doug Elzerman

#### **Behind the Scenes Training**

Training will be held on Saturday, February 28th from 8 am to 12 pm. *There* will be additional training for the food teams after lunch. Please plan to attend this training if you volunteer to work for the upcoming Spring walks. This is the first opportunity that many of you will have to meet the team leader and the members you will be working with during the weekend and a great time to start building a team. Please bring a snack or beverage to share and for those on the food team, you will need to bring a sack lunch. More details to come from the team leads that will be calling you.



# **CHRYSALIS** CORNER

We are delicate creatures testing our wings in a complex, sometimes hazardous world. We go through many stages and phases.

As we change, we have the potential for enriching the existence of our families, communities, organizations, ourselves and perhaps the world.

Please invite young adults to attend the Chrysalis RUSH (ReUniting Servant Hearts) and Flight of Hope Chrysalis

The Chrysalis RUSH is the Chrysalis Community's Gathering. The Chrysalis RUSH is open to young adults who are considering going on a flight, as well as those that have attended a flights or walks.

We would like to encourage anyone that is feeling called in assisting with Chrysalis flights to also participate in the RUSH. There are games, fellowship, worship and a supper is provided.

#### downloaded Applications mav be from www.lansingemmaus.truepath.com/chrysalis (Chrysalis application) or contact Peggy Pirhonen, at 989-307-Registrar 5816 or pjtravel@hotmail.com to have an application mailed or emailed. If you have any questions, please feel free **Chrysalis Rush Dates** to contact me at the above number or e-mail address. February 21, 2015 April 18, 2015 May GOD Bless you as you spread your wings. August 8, 2015 Peggy Pirhonen October 10, 2015 RUSH Gathering is 4:00 - 7:00 p.m at Salem Chrysalis Community Lay Director UMC, 2307 W Maple Rapids Road, St Johns (Across from the Emerald Golf Course)

## FLIGHT DATES

**Girls Flight** – June 19-21, 2015 Application Deadline May 19, 2015

Flight Lay Director: Lynn Swart Location: St Louis UMC 116 S. Franklin, St Louis, Mi 48880

**Boys Flight** – July 17- 19, 2015 Application Deadline June 17, 2015

Flight Lay Director: Andy Sass Location: St Louis UMC 116 S. Franklin, St Louis, Mi 48880

### Welcome Pilgrims Women's Walk 91

# KITCHEN

Hello, My name is Patty Lankton, and I took walk #80 at Lawrence Avenue UMC in March, 2011 and sat at the table of Priscilla. Thank you for electing me to the LAEC board. During the board retreat I was nominated as your Kitchen Chair. I have served in the kitchen and as the kitchen lead, and helped in the dining room. If you have any interest in serving in the kitchen, dining room or snacks area please let me know.

A little about myself, my home church is Eaton Rapids Community Christian Church; where currently I'm trying to start and keep active our Facebook page. I've been married to a wonderful man for 31 years, and have a fantastic son and daughter, their awesome spouses, and 6 wonderful grandchildren for my family. I'm in my second year at LCC and working on earning my Associate in Business Administration.

I look forward to serving with and for you over the next three years.

De Colores!

Marti Abbot Sharon Anway Theresa Busby Beth Ann Collett Sharlene Goodemoot Tamara Hedrick Alice Hill Susan Iversen Connie Kelsev Autumn Lankton Christel Mars Debra Perry Ashlee Redmond Mary Ridout Valerie Schwinnen Lyne Stull-lips Cindy Taylor Nancy Throop Shirlev Toler Linda VanSickle Pamela Waagner Kirsten Watkins Bekki Wilkins Brenda Willson

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