Lansing Emmaus Community **Footprints** Number 16-1 January, February, March 2016

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Lansing Area Community Lay Director:

Eric Iversen

The Emmaus Board met at our annual retreat over January 8 and 9 and the new Board elected me to serve as Community Lay Director. I ask each of you for your prayers for each one of the Board members, that we would be listening to the Holy Spirit and following God with all of our hearts. As Christ said "to love God with all of our hearts, mind, soul, and strength."

Please thank those Board members who have just left the Board. These servants are Nancy O'Shea, Kathy Perkins and Paul Clouse. Michelle Lautner's term expired, but she has agreed to a 1 year appointment to serve as the Registrar. Thank you Michelle for your dedication to our Community.

Jesus also instructed us to "love others as ourselves". I would encourage us to serve in our families, churches, communities and world – being His hands and feet. Christ is counting on us, and we are counting on Christ.

We are looking forward to the new year and hope to see you at the walks and gatherings over the coming year.

Please contact me, or any of the other Board members, if you have any questions or concerns.

God's richest blessings,

Eric Iversen

LAEC Community Lay Director



God has been gracious to us. As we look into 2016, let us remember that we need to lean on the Supreme in 2016. I have made it a goal in my life this year, to discover this Great God that we serve. We can never be satisfied in our walk with Jesus. We must press onward and upward. I would like to challenge all of the Emmaus Community, to press on the upper way new heights I'm gaining every day, still as I onward trod, Lord plant my feet on higher ground.

May Almighty God, help you, as you discover Him more and more.

Pastor Ted

Hello! My name is **Michelle Lautner**. I took walk #73 in the Lansing Area Emmaus Community in Lansing at Trinity UMC where I sat at the table of Rebekah. I have accepted appointment on happily а one vear the 2016 board as the Sponsor/Candlelight/Closing Chair as well as the Registrar. Cindy Iverson has graciously agreed to handle most of the day to day things for the registrar, as I have limited time to take of the amount of work required during walk months. I am really looking forward to meeting many of you over the coming year as you come to the walks and participate in Sponsor Hour, Candlelight, and Closing. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. I would be happy to try and answer them if I can or see what I can do about pointing you to the right person is I can. DeColores!



Send Applications to Cindy Iversen 2000 E. Cavanaugh Rd Lansing, MI 48910

Visit our Website:

http://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

Upcoming 2016 Spring Walks

Men's Walk February 25 -28, 2016

Hastings First United Methodist Church

209 W Green St,

Hastings, MI 49058

Deadline for our Minimum of 20 will be January 25, 2016

Please continue to send in your applications!

Women's Spring Walk March 10- 13, 2016

Deadline for Minimum of 20: February 10, 2016

Hastings First United Methodist Church

209 W Green St,

Hastings, MI 49058

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

If you have any questions, please contact Michelle Lautner or by email at <u>sweetpea11576@rocketmail.com</u>



What a Blessed Year we have received. Two successful Chrysalis flights and a number of RUSHs have taken place; a couple donations were received that helped fund needed scholarships and supplies for Flights, and most important, many new friends were made.

GOD's blessings are all around us. The beautiful sunsets, sunny days, the way the ice and fresh snow sparkle, seeing a friendly face, a special email, text message, devotional, or plaque with a message that GOD knew you needed at that time. GOD even sends messages in sweet treats like DOVE candy, It is amazing the inspirational opportunities available to us, if we are willing to keep our eyes, mind, and heart open. I hope the new year brings many new blessings for you.

As you continue your faith journey, we invite you to attend upcoming RUSHs which are scheduled for the Second Saturday of each month (except January or February), 4-7 p.m.

Please check the website

(www.lansingemmaus.truepath.com) for the monthly location. There will be a potluck dinner, fellowship, and games.

Please feel free to bring a friend. They do not have to have attended a Chrysalis Flight to attend the RUSH. We would also like to invite the drivers to remain and participate in the RUSH.

If you would like to work on a Flight, be on the Chrysalis Board, have questions or comments, please feel free to contact me at pjtravel@hotmail.com or call 989-307-5816.

I look forward to seeing you at upcoming events. Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Chrysalis Community Lay Director. It has been a pleasure.

SPREAD YOUR WINGS AND FLY WITH CHRIST

Peggy Pirhonen

Chrysalis Community Lay Director

FLIGHT DATES

Dates for next flights: Girls July 14-17; Boys flight July 28-31 Location to be determined

We have several people who do not have access to a computer or email address. If you are willing to be a liason to your church or 4th Day please message me. Subject line: LAEC Liason.

If you are interested in working with Lansing Area Emmaus Community in the communications and data area, Please contact Denise Epps 616-902-9764 or my email is <u>eppsd11@gmail.com</u>

KITCHEN

I was asked to make a little introduction letter for myself as a new board member, so here it goes.

Hello, my name is Ed Massar and I took my walk to Emmaus in March of 2004, walk #58 in St. Louis MI and sat at the table of Isaac.

I was elected and serve the Emmaus community as the Chair of the Kitchen and the Gathering committees. I have worked in the kitchen for walks many times so I believe that I can be an asset to the community as its Kitchen chair. My wife and I have been integral in the formation and running of the Greenville gathering since its inception a few years ago. I hope that we can continue to work to make that a thriving gathering for the people in the west Michigan area. Of course, none of this would have happened if it weren't for The Good Lord and lots of prayer. I hope to be a good servant to all of you in the community. Feel free to bring ideas/comments to me and I will certainly be a voice for you.

> Ed Massar Kitchen Chair

What's Happening

January 8-9 – Board Retreat

February 6 Greenville UMC Reunion Gathering Potluck -5:30pm

February 9 Lansing Area Emmaus Board meeting 7pm - Pilgrim UMC St. Johns MI

February 12 Pilgrim UMC St. Johns Gathering Potluck – 6:30pm

February 25-28 Lansing Area Emmaus Men's Walk #95 Hastings Mi - Candlelight 7:30pm community gathering

No March Gatherings due to the Scheduled Walks

March 8 – Lansing Area Emmaus Board meeting 7pm – Pilgrim UMC St. Johns MI

March 10 – 13 Lansing Area Emmaus Women's Walk #96 Hastings, Mi - Candlelight 7:30pm community gathering

April 2 - Greenville UMC Gathering 5:30pm

April 8 – Pilgrim UMC St Johns Gathering 6:30pm

April 12 - Lansing Area Emmaus Board Meeting 7pm – Pilgrim UMC St. Johns Mi

May 7 – Greenville UMC Reunion Gathering Potluck – 5:30pm

TEAM SELECTION

Hello, my name is **Julie Anderson** and I took my walk, #68, in October 2007 in Charlotte and sat at the table of Anna. I have accepted a one year appointment to the board and am honored to serve as your Team Selection Chair for this year. I have served on the team selection committee for one year and I look forward to serving with this committed group of servants again this year.

What does the team selection committee do, you ask? Well, as I have found out, a lot more than most people are aware. The team selection committee consists of a diverse group of community members that together, through prayer and discernment, bring a broad base of awareness to the selection process of prospective team members. This committee follows the team selection guidelines established by the board which are designed for both the building of the team and community into a body of mature Christian leaders for the church.

The team selection committee selects all team members, except for the Walk Lay Director and Spiritual Directors, and makes all lay talk assignments. All prospective team members must also be approved by the board.

If you have questions about the team selection committee please email or call me.

In His Service,

Julie Anderson

Team Selection Chair

So you want to serve...

Would you like to serve on an upcoming walk? I have heard it said, "I never get called and I really want to serve". We need to be able to contact you! When was the last time you logged in to IMS and checked your contact information? IMS is the database used to record contact information, positions served, and positions you would like to serve. It is also the database that is used by Behind the Scenes (BTS) coordinators and the team selection committee to obtain data related to willingness and qualifications for serving in certain positions on Emmaus walks. Checking and/or updating your contact information is easy. First log in to IMS (there is a link to IMS on the Lansing Area Emmaus homepage http://www.lansingemmaus.truepath.com/).

Under the "You" tab choose "All about You". Next under the "Information" tab choose "Name/Contact". There you will be able to check and/or update your information.

If you would like to check your volunteer and/or team experience, under the "**Experience**" tab select "**Vol/WS Experience**". You will see your volunteer and/or team experience. If there is a problem with what is listed, choose the "problem" button to send a message describing the issue.

You may express an interest in specific areas by choosing the "**Vol. Signups**" tab and then "**Position Signups**". This will allow you to choose which positions you are willing to serve at future walks. This, however, does NOT assign you to a specific position or walk.

I hope that all of you will take a few minutes to update your information in the IMS system, even if you are not interested in serving at this time. It takes all of us to make a strong Emmaus Community to carry out the purpose of Emmaus, as stated in <u>The Upper Room Handbook on Emmaus</u>: "The purpose of Emmaus is to renew the church as the body of the risen Christ in the world through the renewal of Christians as faithful and committed disciples of Jesus Christ."

Please help those that you may know that don't have access to a computer, they can still be called to serve if their phone number is updated. Make a friend, be a friend, help your friend get on IMS!

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