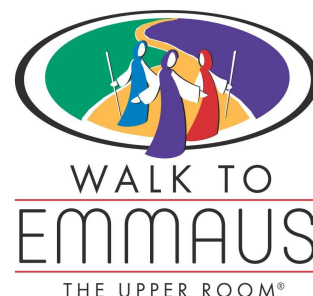


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Lansing Area Community Lay Director: Ray Francis

Greetings. My name is Ray Francis and I took my Walk to Emmaus #60 in 2005 where I sat at the table of Matthew. I have the honor of serving as the Community Lay Director for 2017, and look forward to meeting with everyone at the upcoming Gatherings and Walks.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the out-going Lansing Area Emmaus Community (LAEC) Board members for their recent service to the LAEC. Their work and service has been a great contribution to the community as we seek to be servants in Christ Jesus. I would also like to thank all of the new, and ongoing, LAEC Board members for their willingness to be a part of the leadership team in serving the community. It is a great honor to work with such a great group of servants.

Remember, in addition to our newsletter, the Lansing Area Emmaus Community (LAEC) website is a great place to find information. Meeting, Walk, and Gathering dates are posted on the website, as well as upcoming Walk leaders and pilgrims. So, be sure to check the website frequently for any needed information.

By working together in Christ, we can make a difference.

God Bless
Ray Francis
LAEC Community Lay Director

Community Spiritual Director:

Pastor Ted Orwig

I believe that God would want us to keep this scripture before our eyes for 2017. "Proverbs 3:5-6 Trust in the Lord with all your heart, lean not on your own understanding, in all your ways acknowledge Him. And He shall direct your path". This scripture has three conditional facts. 1. Trust in the Lord with all your heart. This means that in everything, mentally, physically, spiritually, and financially we must not have a divided heart, but our hearts must trust Him for all things. 2. We must not lean on our own understanding. Too many times we rely on our own thoughts about what we should be doing, when we should be doing it, and how it should be done. It is important to be in God's will. That is why we are told not to lean on our own understanding. 3. We need to acknowledge Him in all our ways. We need to know that God is interested in all parts of our lives. That is why we need to acknowledge him in all our ways. All means all. When we do this God will direct our path or the direction of our lives. It is better for God to direct, than to rely on our understanding. He sees the big picture, where we only see part of the picture. Write these verses down on a piece of paper or a 3 x 5 card, put it where you will see it everyday. I believe we will see a difference made in our lives if we practice this scripture. Pastor Ted Orwig Spiritual Community Director.

Assistant Community Lay Director:

Hello, it is a pleasure to serve you again this year as the Assistant Community Lay Director. The board retreat January 13-14th was invigorating and the new board is ready to serve. It looks to be an exciting year and we will be looking for new board members for the next year's board come August. If you have an interest in serving on the board or a committee please feel free to contact me or any board member and we will gladly talk to you and answer any questions you may have.

May the next couple of months provide you with many blessings and warmth until Spring arrives.

Patty Lankton

Secretary/Kitchen Chair

Hi, my name is Kathy Wilson. I took my Walk #17 at Trinity UMC here in the Lansing Emmaus Community and sat at the table of Ruth. I have the privilege of being a part of the Lansing Emmaus Board of Directors for this next year. For those who are new to how this is done individuals who come onto the Board are offered two possible ways to serve. They either come on for a year term or opt for the more common 3 year term. If one opts for only the 1 year term they can also opt later for the 3 year term.

The 2 positions that I'm currently holding for this year is the Secretary which one of the 4 officer position. The other is the Kitchen chair who is responsible for getting the Food Coordinator for each individual Walk. This position also is responsible for all things related to the food part of the Walk. The Food Coordinator gets the Kitchen lead, the Snack lead and also the Dining Room lead who are in turn responsible for getting their own teams. As one can see the "no man or woman is an island" here.

If anyone has any questions or interest in possibly working in this area of the kitchen or related I would be glad to talk with you about it. I look forward to talking, meeting or working with you this year!

De Clores, Kathy Wilson

Leadership Development

Sponsorship training is available after every gathering. Please feel free to hang around and we will get you trained on sponsoring pilgrims for the walk. Also, remember, it is important to get your pilgrims application in as early as possible. Doing wait to see if the walk is a go, send them in as soon as your pilgrim is lead to participate.

BTS training will be held March 4th. If you have been called to work behind the scenes in any position for either the men's or the women's walk please plan to attend this training. It is very important as we do a walk through of the church and understand the layout of where everything will be before the walk.

If you have an interest in being on the committee for Leadership Development, please contact me and I will gladly discuss any question you may have.

Have a wonderful start to 2017
Patty Lankton



Chrysalis Community Lay Director

Having a relationship with God requires work, dedication, desire, study, action, and discipline. It won't happen by accident. Plan time everyday to read his word and pray/communicate with GOD. Don't forget to allow time for him to communicate with you. GOD does not expect us to be perfect. He listens and waits patiently. When his request puts us outside our comfort zone, we may have a tendency to ignore him or ask "Seriously, you are calling on me for this? Are you sure you know what you are doing?" When we finally answer his call and do the item(s) he has called us to do, think of how richly rewarded we are. What a wonderful feeling knowing we were able to help and accomplish a task for GOD.

When we allow GOD to be in control, great things happen!!!

Please help us spread the word about Chrysalis. For young Christian adults ages 13-18. Empowering leaders to be the hands and feet of Christ.

You are welcome to attend Rushs. You do not need to have attended a Chrysalis Flight to join us at the Rush.

If you would like to help with Chrysalis, be a committee member, or would like additional information, please feel free to contact me at 989-307-5816 or flighttohopeclد@gmail.com.

Blessings

Peg Pirhonen

Upcoming Events

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

Men's Emmaus Walk #97

Date March 9-12, 2017

Location: Big Rapids UMC
304 Elm St.

Big Rapids, MI 49307

Application Deadline: Feb 9

Women's Emmaus Walk #98

Date: March 23-26, 2017

Location: Big Rapids UMC
304 Elm St.

Big Rapids, MI 49307

Application Deadline: Feb 23

Keryx Weekend #27

Date: February 2017

Location: Correctional Facility
Boyer Rd, Carson City, MI

To attend the weekend Serenade or Closing: Contact

Tom at Tom.Blanken@sbcglobal.net

(<mailto:Tom.Blanken@sbcglobal.net>)

Prayer Vigil Signup

(<http://3dayold.org/Vigil/Getvigil.ph>)

Chrysalis Girls Flight (ages 13-21)

(Kim Wall, Flight Lay Director)

Date: July 14-16, 2017

Location: Lakewood UMC
10265 E Brown Road
Lake Odessa, MI 48849

Application Deadline: June 27

Chrysalis Rush

Location: Former Salem UMC
2307 W Maple Rapids Rd.
St Johns, MI 48879

March 11, 2017; April 8; May 13; June 10; August 12;
September 9, and October 14; from 5-7 pm at Zion
UMC, 423 W Washington, Ionia. Please join us for
fellowship, worship, activities and a potluck supper.
Please bring your own table service and dish to pass.

4:00PM-7:00PM

Chrysalis Boys Flight (ages 13-21)

Date: July 28-30, 2017

Location: Lakewood UMC
10265 E Brown Road
Lake Odessa, MI 48849

Application Deadline: July 14

Data/Newsletter Chair; Registrar

My name is Cindy Iversen and I took my Emmaus Walk in Oct. 2007 in Charlotte, MI. Since then, I have worked BTS for several Emmaus and Chrysalis weekends and more recently with Conference Room Teams. I have a powerful spiritual experience in my own Walk and want to provide the opportunity for others to do the same. My husband, Eric, and I have sponsored numerous people and will continue to seek out those who desire to attend. My newest role in our LAEC is a Board member with the responsibilities of Registrar and Data Chair. I'm happy to serve in this capacity and look forward to assisting the Community. Please contact me if you have questions or concerns in these areas, my home phone is (517) 394-1719 or cell (517) 348-3095. Email me at civersen517@gmail.com

Eric and I have a blended family with three daughters, Sarah and Emily are adults and Abby is the youngest in 9th grade. We have three grandchildren, ages 17, 15 and 8 months. We live in Lansing and go to church at Trinity, on Dunckel Road. I work part-time at our church in the Children's Ministry. We enjoy watching our youngest daughter play volleyball on weekends.

I love to meet new people and get to know better those I've met before, so please introduce yourself to me at the next Gathering, Candlelight, or Closing. I look forward to seeing what the Lord will do through our LAEC in the next few years. De Colores!

Treasurer; Gathering Chair

My name is Jack Nartker, I took my Walk to Emmaus in March of 2010 at the Carson City UMC. I have been involved with Emmaus ever since and this year will serve as the treasure of the Lansing Area Emmaus Community, as well as the chair of the gathering committee. I was appointed to the board and will be serving a one year term.

Over the past 7 years, I have served BT, as well as an assistant table leader and table leader. In March I have the privilege to serve as an assistant lay director, on the Big Rapids men's walk.

My wife Jeanneane and I reside just outside of Shepherd. She is a professor at CMU and I have owned an insurance agency in Shepherd for the past 37 years. Recently this spring, I retired as the Shepherd High School baseball coach, where I have been the varsity coach for the past 27 years.

I look forward to serving the LAEC for the 2017 year.

Sincerely,
Jack Nartker

Gatherings

For those in the central Michigan area gatherings will be held the second Friday of each month at 6:30pm at the former Salem UMC 2307 W Maple Rapids Road (across from Emerald Gold Course) St Johns MI 48879. The community gathers each month for fellowship, a potluck dinner, singing, a devotional time, and communion. All are welcome.

Those living further to the west there is another gathering held the first Saturday of each month at 4:30pm at Greenville First United Methodist Church 204 W Cass St Greenville, MI 48838.

Supply Trailer Chair, Closing/Sponsorship; Candle Light Chair

My name is Bruce Davenport. I took my "Walk to Emmaus" in the Lansing Area Emmaus Community in March of 2010 at Carson City UMC, walk #75, and I sat at the table of Mathew. I am starting my 4th year in LAEC as the board member responsible for the supply trailer.

Having served as the Facilities Chair in the past my job included calling or emailing members of the Emmaus Community in an effort to get some of the staff for the spring and fall walks each year. Several times I talked to people who said that it has been several years since they have had the chance to serve "Behind the Scenes" (i.e.BTS). Maybe you have just completed you "Walk to Emmaus", or you took your walk sometime in the last couple of years. Now you want to really get involved in Christian Action in some practical way. You ask: what do I do? Who do I talk to, or write, or Email? You may start by attending one of the two monthly Gatherings, either at Greenville UMC (1st Saturday @4:30 pm) or St Johns Salem Camping facility (2nd Friday evening @ 6:00 pm).

The Facilities Coordinator Chair, Jim Platt, would like to know who you are. Our Kitchen Chair, Kathy Wilson, would love to know who you are. You may want to contact Peggy Pirhonen (989-307-5816) about serving within "Chrysalis" with the young people or Keith Gentner and the "Keryx" ministry within the prison system. Another need that we have is for folks willing to serve on the LAEC Board of Directors. It is not too soon nor too late to find out where you can fit into this board. Applicants need to have been members of the community for at least 3 years.

Do you have a particular interest or skill? There are many different needs within the Lansing Area Emmaus Community where you can fit in already. There are also many ways that you can be challenged to stretch, learn, and grow, outside of your comfort zone, where GOD can use you to assist for even ultimately take a lead position. You don't have to wait to be asked nor do you need to be on the board (though, again, we need community members who are willing to serve in that capacity as well), Seek out either a board member or someone who has been active in the community for some time and let us know. A primary contact on the board is the Team Selection Chair, Julie Anderson (517-633-4264). (Names and phone numbers of the present members of the board are listed at the end of this newsletter and are always available on the Emmaus home page <http://www.lansingemmaus.truepath.com/> .)

I have been blessed to have worked in a number of several different areas and the greatest blessings come from serving with, and getting to know so many of GOD's people both within the conference room and behind the scenes, and don't miss out on those Gatherings. You may need to make it a Priority, whereby you can be involved in Changing Your Word along with some of the rest of the Body of Christ. Does any of this sound familiar?

De Colores

Lansing Area Emmaus Community 2017 Board

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Store Chair/ Music Chair	Denny Wissenger	989-386-8900	dowraw@charter.net
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