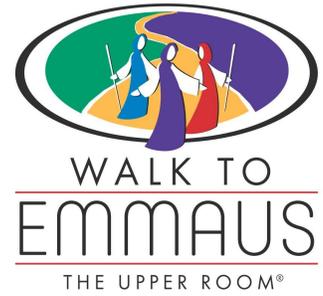


# Lansing Area Emmaus

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### How Great Thou Art

Good things take time. Take for example that stellar hymn, “*How Great Thou Art*”. It was first started by Carl Boberg in response to his perceptions of the power and grace of God, following a powerful storm in 1885. Then in the mid-1940’s Stuart Hine added two additional verses. And finally, in the 1950’s, as a part of the Billy Graham Crusades, the hymn became popularized by George and Beverly O’Shea. And finally, the entire song was published in 1995 in the New Century Hymnal in its current popular form. That is 100 years to make a beautiful, spirit driven song. It demonstrates the patience, faith, vision, and path paid out before all those involved to make the popular hymn a reality.

It is much the same with our Servanthood and our Walk to Emmaus experiences. We are on the path and we are moving in the right direction. We just have to be patient, have faith, and be willing to embrace our roles as we move through our servant leadership within the Lansing Area Emmaus Community, our own church, and our lives.

Just remember, it took 100 years to make a beautiful song. Perhaps, we can be a little patient and put our faith into action.

Blessings,

*Ray*

(Dr. Ray Francis | LAEC Community Lay Director)

## FAITH STOPS JESUS



When Jesus comes on the scene, things change. One day a woman with a blood issue of twelve years spent all her money on doctors and was no better. She heard Jesus was going to pass her way. She fought through the crowd and touched the hem of His garment. In an instant, she was made whole. The blood issue she had for twelve years was gone in a few seconds after she met with Jesus.

Another story is of a blind man; he heard the crowd getting closer, and began to yell out. Those around him tried to shut him up, the scripture says he yelled all the more louder, “Jesus thou son of David have mercy on me.” Jesus came over and the man’s sight was completely restored.

The third story is about the military leader who had a servant on the brink of death. He told Jesus he was not worthy of Him to go into His house. “Just speak the words and I know my servant will be well,” He said. “I have authority, when I say go here I have authority, when I say go here or there, they obey me.” He knew the authority Jesus had. Messages came from the military leader’s house saying that his servant was well. Jesus mentioned that He had not seen such great faith in all of Israel.

These three stories show us that Jesus has great authority over sickness. My hope is that some day my faith will be as great as the military leader’s. It is my prayer that when we stand before Jesus, He will say “well done my good and faithful servant, enter into your eternal rest.”

Have a great month. Remember, there is no other way to be happy in Jesus but to trust and obey.

Pastor Ted

Beloved

Several week ago during the regular children's time in worship I asked, "Do you like to talk?" All of them said, "Yes." Then I asked, "Who do you talk to?" They replied that they talk with parents and brothers or sisters and other family and especially friends. My next question was, "Do you talk to God?" Some looked at me quizzically, but some got it and said yes, they do talk to God. I explained to those who didn't understand that I was talking about prayer. Prayer was talking to God like you would a friend. Then I asked, "How often did they talk to God?" Some replied once a day, others twice a day, and others said just when they were in trouble or needed something.

These children are just like adults. We like to talk, some of us a lot, to family and friends, to people we meet on the street, to grocery clerks, and anyone else who will listen. The question is, do you talk to God? And if so, how often?

Many Christians set aside a specific portion of every day to spend time in prayer, talking to God. We give thanks and confess that we have not always been faithful and we need forgiveness, we pray for family or friends or people who are in need or in pain, we pray for comfort, we pray for help to live as disciples of Jesus in this world. It is good for us to set aside time to talk to God. We all have jobs to do, children to take care of, we need to exercise, and eat and sleep. We have a specific prayer time and we do all these other things we need to do in a day. Remember, regardless of these responsibilities, to talk to God during that specific time we set aside every day.

Sometimes we forget to talk to God during the rest of the day. We get so wrapped in our job or with our children or with some other activity we are doing that we need never take the time to speak with God again that day. God is with us always and is ready to hear us. We may whisper "Thank you" when we observe some unexpected beauty of creation or when we have a close call and are safe. When we face a difficult task or person we can simply say "Help me," and God will guide us, what we are to say and what we are to do.

Several week ago I was reading my devotional book and it suggested placing reminders in our offices, homes, and cars to remind us to pray at all times and in all places because God is with and wants to be in communication with us. We need to stay in close contact with God throughout our day, lest we try to do it all on our own.

I encourage you then to talk to God each day and throughout the entirety of those days, then God's love will flow into your life and your life will be complete. Thanks be to God.

De Colores,  
Pastor Sue



## A Look At Emmaus From Cheryl & Gordon Galloway

Our names are Cheryl and Gordon Galloway; we took our walks in October of 1999 in Mt. Pleasant and St Louis MI, and sat at the tables of Lydia and Peter. In the years since our walks, we have joyfully served the Emmaus community in many different capacities, working both behind the scenes and in the conference room on different walks and different roles. The two of us have served on the board and on several committees for the board. We have also sponsored numerous people on their walks. Currently, we are both members of active reunion groups. During this time we have made many lasting friendships that have enriched our lives. As much as we enjoy serving the Emmaus community and making new friends, the most important result of our walks is to show how they energize involvement in our local church.

Perhaps the talk that affected us the most was talk #6, *“Grow Through Study”*. Cheryl took it to heart immediately, joining a disciple Bible study soon after her walk. It took a little longer for Gordon, however. Along with encouragement from Cheryl and other church members, now we not only participate in Bible studies, we attend classes and have lead many others both at Christ UMC (until it closed,) and at our new church Holt UMC. We now hold leadership positions in our church and Gordon has become a certified lay speaker; he has filled in for the pastor numerous times. This is exactly what the Emmaus program was designed for and thankfully it worked for us.

Respectfully,

Cheryl and Gordon Galloway



Hi there! My name is Gayla Phillips and I took my walk to Emmaus in 1991 in Jackson, Michigan and sat at the table of Martha. When we went on our Emmaus retreat, we learned about many things, but when we were nearly exhausted on the last day, they told us about something called the Fourth Day. We probably only heard part of it and understood even less about what they meant. Now, about 27 years later, I am reporting to you about my experience. My achy hip (replaced a few years later) had been bothering me, but because of the extensive prayer coverage, it did not bother me that weekend. I call that a miracle. One of the best things is the many friends I have made through working on the many walks and flights through the years.

My sponsor had me work with her at Behind the Scenes (BTS) on the very next walk. That was almost as cool as the walk itself. I continued working BTS in various capacities over the years: set up, tear down, kitchen, housekeeping, dining room, dinner entertainment, prayer room, team selection, assistant table leader, table leader, assistant lay director (ALD) of music and, , eventually lay director. I now am a member of the Chrysalis Board and have also worked as music and lay director in Chrysalis.

For those of you who do not realize it, Chrysalis is the youth version of Emmaus and falls under their leadership and guidance. Youth from 13 - 17 years of age are eligible to participate. The jobs, needs and responsibilities for a Chrysalis flight (equivalent of an Emmaus Walk) are pretty much the same. I believe this group is one we should strongly encourage and support as they are the future leaders in Christian faith.

So, for the Fourth Day. We spend three days on our flight or walk, but the Fourth Day is the rest of our life. We are strongly encouraged to be involved in a reunion group, which has often been called a Fourth Day group and indeed if we wish to become more involved, it is required.

Reunion groups are an amazing source of friends who will share our lives, holding us up in prayer during both the ups and downs of life as well as holding us accountable to live and practice our faith in our daily lives. The goal of Emmaus and of Chrysalis is to grow in our service to the churches where we worship and in our communities. One of my favorite quotes from my Emmaus Walk is, "Make a friend, be a friend, bring a friend to Christ". As friends sponsored us, we need to encourage friends by sponsoring them to go on a walk or flight. I believe it is vital for us to sponsor our young people to participate in a Chrysalis flight. It is also important to support and encourage those we do not know (but God does) by working BTS and attending Emmaus gatherings, Chrysalis rushes and candlelights. And always, always remember - "God loves you and so do I"



## Radiate Youth Event

It started as a vision. As so often happens with a vision, the details were not entirely clear. The concept was simple: What if the youth of our community, all the youth, were invited to an encounter with Jesus? What if they were addressed specifically about topics important to them such as belonging, purpose, and identity?

What if, along with hearing powerful messages from a variety of speakers, the youth also were led in worship by musicians from different backgrounds all with the same goal? It is with these questions in mind, and with a clear sense of purpose, that the Radiate Youth event began to take shape. A committee was formed, and sponsors begin to come in. Local churches began to support the idea with volunteers and finances, it truly became a community of Christ event. Local businesses became involved, offering to assist in marketing the event and supporting the event financially.

On June 23, 2018, the event took place at Tri-County high school. 168 youth arrived at the high school for the day long event. Throughout the day, youth were challenged to view Jesus Christ as a solution to the struggles that they were facing. They were offered the opportunity to be in a relationship with Christ and to continue to deepen and strengthen their relationship. They also were shown the love of Christ, the hands of Christ in their community through volunteers who treated them to gifts, snacks, and meals throughout the day. With several area pastors in attendance, the youth had an opportunity to connect and take steps toward further discipleship.

At the end of the day, the lesson was clear: Youth are interested in Jesus! And if they are invited to an event that speaks to them, they will come, they will participate, and they will enthusiastically embrace their Savior! For further information about Radiate, please go to Facebook and type in key phrase “Radiate Youth Event.”



## **HIS TIMING**

*Sometimes we wonder  
And impatiently wait  
For the long-coming answer  
That seems to be late*

*We question our God  
With fears crowded in  
Our faith, thus wavering  
From doubtings within.*

*He desires we believe  
That his timing is right. . .  
To walk on in faith  
And not by our sight*

*We'll find that his timing  
Is perfect. . . so trust  
Our Lord sees the end. . .  
From the beginning, for us.*

*-Leonne Whittum*



## When I Grow Up

After church service on Sunday morning, a young boy suddenly announced to his Mother, “Mom. I’ve decided to become a minister when I grow up.”

“That’s okay with us, but what made you decide to do that?”

“Well,” said the little boy, “I have to go to church on Sunday anyway, and I figure it will be more fun to stand up and yell, than to sit and listen.”





## **New Life Men's Fellowship Group 2017 Annual Report**

The Men's Group consists of 106 men at present. The gentlemen of our church are notified by a recorded message of that Saturday's get together the Thursday prior to the upcoming Saturday morning get together. For those who wish to participate in the Men's Fellowship Group we meet the second Saturday of the month. At this Saturday's event, the men have a wonderful fellowship, devotion, and most of all, healthy and filling breakfast at a local restaurant Village Kupp.

One of the missions that the Men's Fellowship has undertaken is the "Joshua Ramp" program.

The program provides wheelchair ramps to people of any faith or ability to pay. In the year 2017, the Men's Group installed three ramps and the recipients donated as much as \$600.

When the wheelchair ramp is no longer needed, the men disassemble the ramp and store the materials to be used at the next ramp site. One of the neat features of this program is the fellowship and reaching out to other faiths. In the year 2017, we had assistance in assembling these ramps from the Lakeview Free Methodist Church, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, and New Hope United Methodist Church members.

### **2017 Valentine's Day Breakfast**

A unique event the Men's group has done annually is to invite the "significant other" (wife, girlfriend) to a Valentine's Day breakfast. This year we will be having our Men's Fellowship Valentine's Day event at Bell Tower Estate. I am sure you will not want to miss it and ladies, if you can't get you significant other to take you, grab any New Life man and make him bring you.

Thank you to each of the men that participated in the year 2017. We hope that the year 2018 will be, with God's blessings, another enjoyable and rewarding year.

-Bill Besemer

## The Fall Women's Emmaus Walk IS coming!

You have the power to recharge someone else's Christian journey. Talking about what Christ has done for you through Emmaus can ignite passion and enthusiasm in ourselves and others. Will you pray and ask God, "Who can I have a conversation with, to encourage spiritual growth and testify to the Spirit's desire in me to bring glory to Christ?"

It's been my own experience that those considering attending the Emmaus Walk have heard about it previously, needing several conversations with an invitation to go before they say, "Yes." I remember the thoughts I had myself when asked to go – uncertainty and even fear! If you've spoken to someone in the past who had a negative response, ask again! Continue to speak with confidence and positive affirmations about the purpose of the Walk, and ask what the person's concerns are. If you don't know how to answer their concerns, discuss them with those in leadership of your Walk: your table leaders, lay directors, spiritual directors, or board members.

Financially, there is scholarship money available up to \$50 per pilgrim, which then would reduce the cost of the Walk to \$30, if registered a month in advance. Ask me, Cindy Iversen (LAEC Registrar), for a scholarship application to be completed by the sponsor. Please don't let money deter you from inviting others. Let the need be known to any community member. Support is available when the need is known. Trust God to provide!

Have you taken sponsorship training within the last two years? If not, just do it! It's offered after every gathering, both Greenville and St. John's. Then you will be prepared to respond to the Spirit's promptings to shepherd another on their spiritual journey.

Don't wait!!! Pray now and start those conversations today to "Prime the Pump". **You will receive a discount of \$20 if you get a request for reservation for the Women's Emmaus Walk #101 to the registrar by August 30<sup>th</sup>.** See new website link: [www.lansingemmaus.org](http://www.lansingemmaus.org) and click on "Forms" for the application and instructions. **The deadline to receive applications for W101 is September 10<sup>th</sup>.**

Watch how the Spirit will go before you today. Take that step of faith and have courage.

See the power of God move through you to witness His goodness and provision.

Remember, Christ is counting on you!

**The Fall Women's Walk is scheduled to be held September 27<sup>th</sup> thru the 30<sup>th</sup>, at the First United Methodist Church in Greenville, MI.**

Cindy Iversen, LAEC Registrar and Data Chair



## Emmaus Family Reunion

August 10th, 2018 at 6:00 pm there will be an Emmaus family reunion at United Methodist Campground on Townline Lake in Lakeview, MI.

We will be having a fellowship gathering followed by a potluck meal and music at 6 PM. Please bring a dish to pass and a voice to sing.

Hot dogs, brats, and drinks will be furnished for Friday night.

The pavilion has been reserved for both the 10th and 11th, for those who want to stay overnight on the 10th.

There are small cabins available to rent, as well as camping sites.

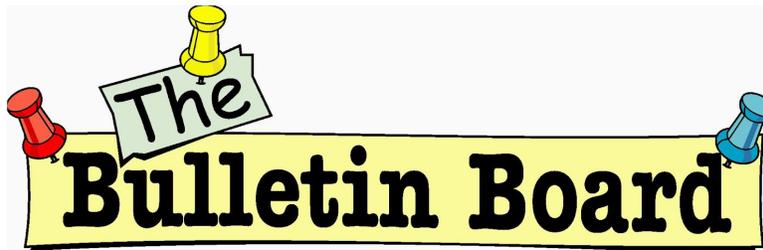
For information on rentals contact 989-352-8896

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**New Life Men's Fellowship**  
Second Saturday of the Month  
Contact Bill Besemer for Details

**Men's Bible Study**  
Every Wednesday @ 8:00 AM  
New Life UNITED Methodist Church

**Prayer Team & Care Team**  
Every Tuesday @ 10:00 AM & 11:00 AM  
New Life United Methodist Church

**New Life Emmaus 4th Day**  
1st Tuesday of the Month @ 6:00 PM  
New Life United Methodist Church  
Bring a Dish to Pass

**Greenville Gathering**  
1st Saturday of the Month @ 4:30 PM  
Greenville First United Methodist Church  
204 W Cass St

**LAEC Gathering**  
2nd Friday of the Month @ 6:00 PM  
St. Johns at the Former Salem UMC

**Amble Emmaus 4th Day**  
1st Tuesday of the Month @ 6:00 PM  
Amble United Methodist Church  
Bring a Dish to Pass

**Listen to Andy Hollander**  
Sunday @ 6:30 AM on 106.3 WGOM  
&  
10:00 AM on 1380AM

**2018 Rush Dates**  
September 8 & October 13  
5:00-7:00 PM @ Zion UMC  
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