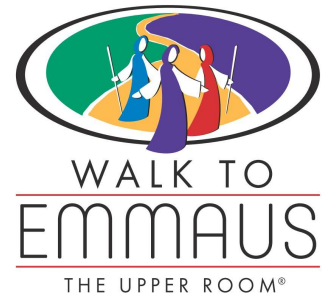


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THE CARPENTER

An elderly carpenter was ready to retire. He told the employer/contractor of his plans to leave the house-building business and live a more leisurely life with his wife; enjoying his extended family. He would miss the paycheck but needed to retire. They could get by.

The contractor was sorry to see his good worker go and asked if he could build just one more house as a personal favor. The carpenter said yes, but in time, it was easy to see that his heart was not in his work. He resorted to shoddy workmanship and used inferior materials. It was an unfortunate way to end a dedicated career.

When the carpenter finished his work, the employer came to inspect the house. He handed the front door key to the carpenter. "This is your house," he said. "my gift to you." The carpenter was shocked! What a shame! If he had only known he was building his own house, he would have done it all so differently.

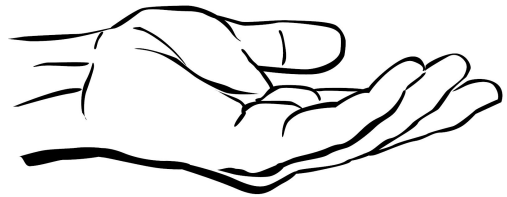
So it is with us. We build our lives, a day at a time, often putting less than our best into the building. Then with a shock, we realize we have to live in the house we have built. If we could do it over, we'd do it much differently. But we cannot go back.

You are the carpenter. Each day you hammer a nail, place a board, or erect a wall. "Life is a do-it-yourself project," someone has said. Your attitudes and the choices you make today, build the house you live in tomorrow. Build wisely!

We recently had a Women's Walk, were 11 ladies were introduced to the Emmaus Community. There will be an opportunity to sponsor pilgrims again this spring. The Emmaus Walk is a wonderful time for those to experience God at a different level. The pilgrims, however, are not the only ones who experience the walk to Emmaus. I have had the privilege to work at several walks and each time I come away refreshed in the spirit. God is good all the time. We have not arrived at our destination yet. We should endeavor to continue to grow in the Lord, until we arrive. I am learning more and more about God's Amazing Grace, that He is on our side and wants the very best for us. So because God wants the best for us, is it not reasonable that we should give Him back the best that we have? So let us endeavor to make this Emmaus Community the best that it can be. Let us make our church the best it can be. Let us make ourselves the best ambassador, that represents our Savior, in the best light to a hungry and dying word. May God bless us all as we continue on our journey with Him.

Blessings,

Pastor Ted Orwig
Asst. Community Lay Director



Walk #101 Faced Trials, and Came Out Strong!

The September, 2018 Women's Walk was a substantial success despite a few unfortunate setbacks. As Lay Director, I was able to gather my team together, regardless of these complications. I had great confidence that God knew exactly who was to participate. Pastor Ted Orwig faced difficulties as well, but was able to organize his team. A couple of members became so ill they needed to be driven home. They are both much better now, thanks be to God! With the extra team members, we were able to move people around and not cause any problems with the pilgrims.

By lunch on Friday every table had bonded so well I would have thought they were lifelong friends. The pilgrims experienced such love and grace from the walk and the community; they were overwhelmed. We all felt so much joy and love that weekend! I think this walk truly exemplified what Grace is, and it was felt by everyone.

I feel that God had this walk planned, knowing that we would have to trust in Him. There were times I asked for prayer, which I received, and felt only calm and collected the rest of the day. We have added a wonderful new group to our community, and all of us will be blessed by their presence!

DeColores,

Karen Mater
Lay Director for Walk #101



Where Do We Come From?

A little girl asked her mother, *"Where did people come from?"*

Her mother answered, *"God made Adam and Eve, and they had children and that's how all mankind was made."*

A couple of days later she asked her father the same question.

The father answered, *"Many years ago there were monkeys, which the human race evolved from."*

The now confused little girl returned to her mother and asked, *"Mommy, how is it possible that you told me we were created by God, and Daddy said we came from Monkeys?"*

The mother answered, *"Well, dear, it's very simple. I told you about my side of the family, and your father told you about his."*

Directions

A little boy was waiting for his mother to come out of the grocery store.

As he waited, he was approached by a man who asked, *"Son, could you tell me where the post office is?"*

The little boy replied *"Sure, just go straight down the street a couple of blocks and turn to your right."*

The man thanked the boy kindly and said *"I'm the new pastor in town, and I'd like for you to come to church on Sunday. I'll show you how to get to heaven."*

The little boy replied with a chuckle, *"Aww, come on; you don't even know the way to the post office!"*



Are you aware that God gave each of us a simple gift to share with others?

It doesn't cost anything but gives so much.

It enriches those who receive it, without making the giver poorer.

It only takes a moment but the memory of it sometimes lasts forever.

None is so rich or mighty that they can get along without it.

None are so poor that they cannot be made rich by it.

It brings rest to the weary, cheer to the discouraged, sunshine to the sad and it is nature's antidote for trouble.

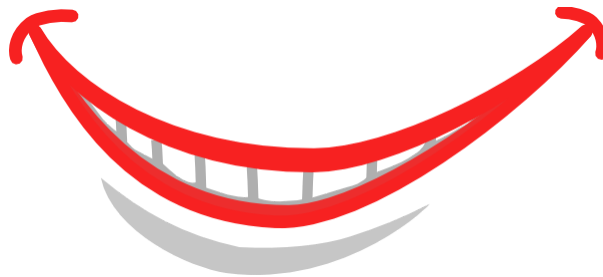
It cannot be bought, begged, borrowed or stolen, for it is something that is of no value to anyone until given away.

What is it?

A Smile.

Make someone's day. Give a smile or two.

-Peggy Pirhonen



Whom Say Ye...

Whom say ye that I am?
The searching question of the Son
And He waits for your reply
Will you answer, will you come?

Or sadly will you turn
Back to fishing nets again
To your familiar life
And disregard the call within

Stop and ponder the eternal
In the question put to you
For the Spirit will reveal
What flesh and blood can never do

Whom say ye that I am?
Will you give your heart and life?
Like Peter, will you answer...
Son of God, Thou art the Christ!

Leone Whittum | December 29, 1999

Matthew 16:15-16

He saith unto them. But whom say that I am?
And Simon Peter answered and said,
Thou art the Christ, the Son of the Living God



The Spring Men'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.

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

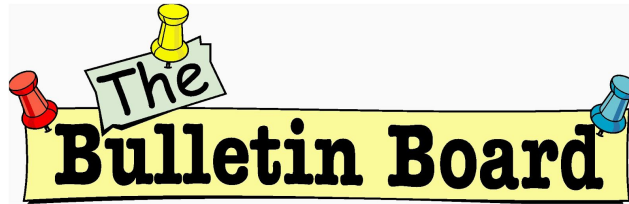
See the power of God move through you to witness His goodness and provision.

Remember, Christ is counting on you!

The Spring Men's Walk is scheduled to be held March 28th - 31st, at the First Lansing United Methodist Church

Cindy Iversen, LAEC Registrar and Data Chair





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 Wednesday @ 10:00 AM
New Life United Methodist Church

2nd & 4th Thursday of the Month @ 10:00 AM
The Terrace in Lakeview

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 for
social; 5:30 PM for potluck
Greenville First United Methodist Church
204 W Cass

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

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

2019 Rush Dates
March 9th
April 13th
May 11th
Candlelight in Mason: June 22nd & July 13th
Reunion for Flights: August 10th
September 14th
October 12th
5:00-7:00 PM @ Zion UMC
423 W Washington | Ionia, MI

2019 Chrysalis Flights
Boy's Flight: June 21st - 23rd
Girl's Flight: July 12th - 14th

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