

Footprints

Hello Friends,
De Colores

I am so excited to welcome the new pilgrims into our community. There are many opportunities to connect and nurture one another through 4th days and at our monthly gatherings.

Our next such opportunity is at
Pilgrim Global Methodist Church
2965 W. Parks Rd.
St. Johns, Mi
April 13, 2024.

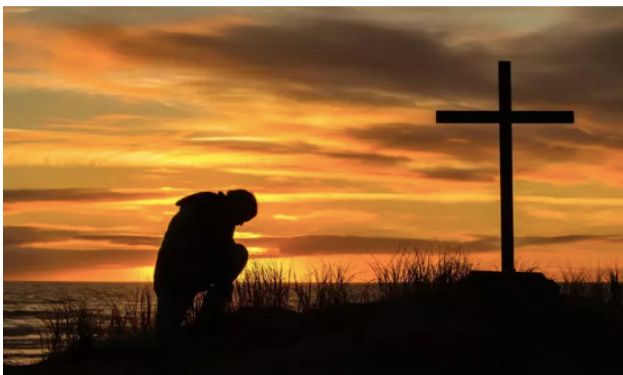
Conference room and Pilgrims meet at 4:30pm for their reunion group. Community Gathering begins at 5:30pm. The potluck will begin as soon as the Pilgrims are finished with Reunion group activities; with worship to follow. Sponsorship Training will also be offered.

We know that each walk begins our 4th day journey from a mountain top view. I strongly encourage each person to engage in a weekly 4th day as well as choosing a monthly gathering site.

Lansing Towar Hart Gathering meets 2nd Friday each month at 6pm.

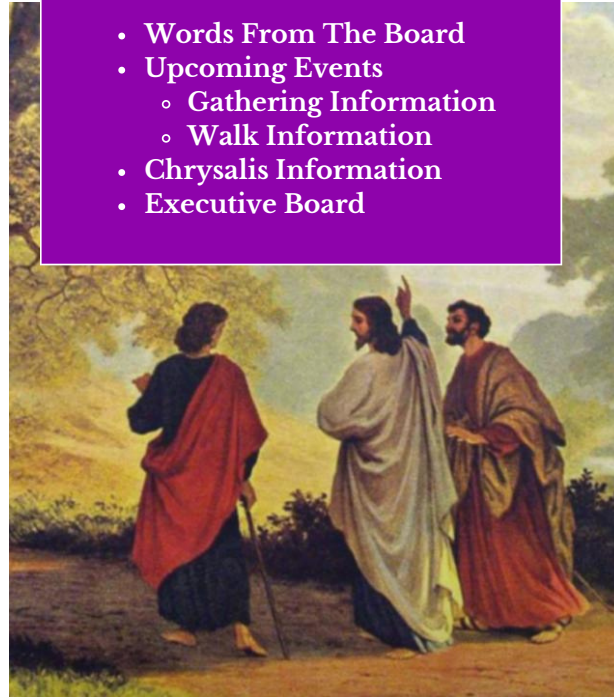
Clare Gatherings also meet 2nd Friday each month at 6pm with Locations to rotate within 3 churches in the area.

Ionia Gathering is LeValley Methodist Church on the 2nd Saturday each month beginning at 4:30pm.



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We know that we are living in very dark times. God knows the light shines the brightest in the dark. Remember Christ is counting on you! What is one thing you can do today to bring honor and glory to God? We have just finished the Lenten season with Jesus' victory over death. If you are struggling to reconnect or having difficulties receiving updates please contact a board member. Our board is here to assist you in any way possible to bring strength to this body of believers.

The future of Emmaus is Bright. There will be many opportunities to serve. We will continue to improve our community communications. If you or someone you know would like to serve and have not been contacted. Please reach out to a Board member to be sure we have the correct contact information.

There will be many opportunities to serve and with the Flight of Hope Chrysalis Scheduled for June. Let's make sure our lights shine bright for their Saturday Night.

God Bless and see you soon!

Denise Epps
Lansing Area Emmaus
Community Lay Director

Words from the Board

SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR

Mark Johnson

We have just finished remembering the death and celebrating the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. I believe that this is a wonderful time for each of us to recall our experience of Dying Moments on our Emmaus Walk. Do you remember what you shared that morning? Do you remember the load that was lifted from your soul as you laid your burden down at the cross? How about the awe and wonder you felt as you were bathed in the glory of God's incredible love for you? That was an awesome experience, wasn't it!

Of course, that was not just a one time experience. We all need those moments when we are honest to God and we all need to hear God's words: "You are my beloved child, with you I am well pleased!" Now would be a good time to quiet your heart before God and allow the Holy Spirit to search your heart and reveal something you need to once again lay at the cross and now would be an excellent time to bask in the love of God freely lavished on you!

May you be like those disciples on the road to Damascus and declare, "Were not our hearts burning within us..."

De colores!

Mark Johnson

FACEBOOK UPDATE

By Andria Lyster

As we are rebuilding and growing leaders within our community our Facebook page is also growing. Please use the QR code to join of Facebook page.



DATA UPDATE

By Tracy Placeway

Hi my name is Tracy, I took my walk in Oct of 2023, #103 and sat at the table of Hannah. I am introducing myself as the new Data administrator for Emmaus. I'm a nerd by nature, I appreciate a good spreadsheet any day. But I won't bore you with all the details of why. I look forward to becoming immersed in the Emmaus Community. There is nothing so good as showing others what real agape love looks like. Together all of us are going to show others what great things God can do. I can be reached at tlynnbruce@gmail.com or 906-360-4228. Phone or text works although texts are likely to get a more immediate response.

De Colores

Tracy



Words from the Board

AGAPE UPDATE

By Patricia Lankton

Hello, my name is Patricia (Patty) Lankton, and I took my walk #80 in Charlotte, MI in March of 2011 and sat at the table of Priscilla. My husband and I have been married for 40 years and have two children, a son, and a daughter. They have provided us with three grandchildren, but we are blessed to have a big family with many more to love. Along with family, a full-time job as a Business Process Administrator, I am a pastor to our local community church in Eaton Rapids. Crafting of just about any kind fills in my spare time.

It is an honor to be serving the LAEC as the Agape Chair and Prayer Room Chair. This past men's walk I was able to serve in the Agape room and learn so much about what happens there. It all happens by having a great team built and a community that showers the pilgrims and conference room with Agape love. This past men's walk the community did just that. If anyone is ever interested in working in either of these areas please let me know. A few reminders about agape:

1. It's never too early to start making it for the next walk or flight.
 - a. You don't have to have a pilgrim to provide agape for.
 - b. Showering strangers with agape love is a blessing.
2. Please do not put your name or fourth day on the agape (it's anonymous gifts)
3. We need at least 65 pieces for each walk, it is not a count of how many pilgrims we have, but a count of all who will be serving in the conference room. If you plan for 65 pieces then you know you will have enough.

Let's keep in mind that we not only have men's and women's walks, but we have Chrysalis flights that need to be showered in Agape love too. I look forward to serving you and our community in the coming years in this capacity and others.

De Colores,
Patty Lankton
Agape Chair
Prayer Room Chair



MUSIC UPDATE

Janet Ball

My name is Janet Ball and I attended the Lansing Area Emmaus Walk at Mt Pleasant First in April of 2001. I sat at the table of Anna. I am the new Assistant Lay Director on your Board and I am also the Music and Entertainment Director.

I am updating the Music Director Manual and need some input from the community. It hasn't been updated since 2017. I know that a lot can happen in our lives in 7 years. If you know of someone that would like to be added to our list or removed, please contact me.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

I am also the chair of the Nominations Committee for the Board of Directors. Again, if you or anyone you know would be interested in serving the community in that capacity, please let me know. My email is listed in the Board information.

Thank you all for helping me out with these two very important issues.
May God continue to bless you,
Janet



Upcoming Events

GATHERINGS

Saturday, April 13, 2024

Reunion 4:30

Community 5:00

Pilgrim Global Methodist Church

2965 W Parks Rd. St. Johns MI 48879

Friday, May 10, 2024

2 Locations. 6pm

Clare - Clare Christ Fellowship

3260 Colonville Rd. Clare, MI 48617

Lansing - Tower Hart Baptist Church

6157 Towar Ave. East Lansing, MI 48823

Saturday, May 11, 2024 4:30pm

LeValley United Methodist Church

4018 Kelsey Hwy. Ionia, MI 48846

Friday, June 14, 2024

2 Locations. 6pm

Clare - Clare Christ Fellowship

3260 Colonville Rd. Clare, MI 48617

Lansing - Tower Hart Baptist Church

6157 Towar Ave. East Lansing, MI 48823

Saturday, June 15, 2024 4:30pm

LeValley United Methodist Church

4018 Kelsey Hwy. Ionia, MI 48846



for more information visit: <https://lansingemmaus.org/>

From the Upper Room

The Upper Room has presented opportunities for each community to grow. We now have trainings to help guide us.

Here is the link to take you to the trainings.

<https://emmausministriesuniversity.upperroom.org/p/home>



In this eCourse, we offer a grounding in the WHY of Emmaus Ministries. To do what we do well, we begin with the WHY—the reason why we're doing it.



In this Community Training course, you'll find several stand-alone videos that offer instruction on specific topics. View all OR view the videos you've been directed to review for your area of service within Emmaus.



Chrysalis

CHRYSALIS UPDATE

by Heather Sawdy

Chrysalis is excitedly looking forward to summer flights. Updated information on flights and other Chrysalis events can be found on the Chrysalis website, <https://flightofhope.weebly.com/>

If you would like to be the hands and feet of GOD by volunteering to assist with Chrysalis events, serving on flights, and/or committees to the board, or be part of the Chrysalis email database, click the contact info tab at the bottom of the Chrysalis home page and let us know what you're interested in.

You don't have to wait for others to make the first move. Reach out, volunteer, be a leader, help others, and try new things! Never be afraid to make a mistake.

It may be the thing needed to achieve something great.

Come have fun with Chrysalis and let your gifts shine.

If you would like additional information about Chrysalis or have a question, please contact us at outreach.foh@gmail.com or 989-403-8640



Upcoming Events

JUNE 20-23, 2024

Boys and Girls Flight will be held the same weekend in Clare

July 2024 at Camp Tusmeheta
10500 Lincoln Lake Road Northeast
Greenville, MI 48838

Activities to include: Hiking, Rock Wall Climbing,
Archery, and Outdoor Fun

SIGN UP REQUIRED FOR CAMP T. EVENT:



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