

Beginnings

Hello and Happy New Year!

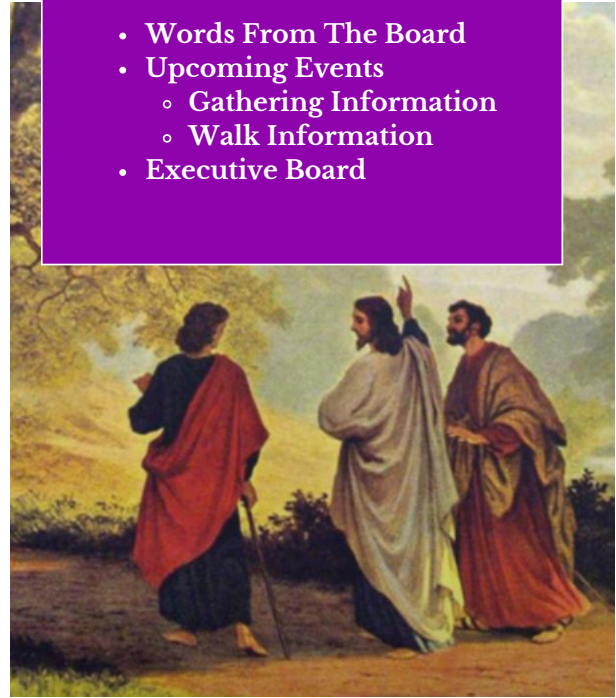
Our board retreat was held December 28, 2024 to vote in our new slate of officers. Please welcome our newest members, Cindi Scheiern as treasurer and Logan Romatz as communication chair. Lansing Area Emmaus has not changed the policy. One action item that seems to be creating confusion in our Emmaus community is rumors of a policy change. We are still committed to two walks per year, one men's walk in the spring and one women's walk in the fall. The board unanimously voted to maintain the integrity and trust of our ecumenical community and the covenant to the Upper Room by defining our Men's walk as biological men and Women's Walk for biological women.

The purpose of the Walk to Emmaus is a spiritual retreat that aims to develop Christian leaders and disciples. We understand that the love of Christ is for everyone. However, based on our commitment to our covenant with the Upper Room and our ecumenical community, the Emmaus walk is not for everyone. We are not equipped to accommodate all situations. Good sponsorship is essential.



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We ask sponsors to follow our guidelines and bring any thoughts or concerns directly to the governing board. Exceptions are not decisions for Walk Lay Directors or Walk Spiritual Directors. They must adhere to the leadership of the Upper Room and the Lansing Area Emmaus Board of Directors.

We are working with the Upper Room to develop an opportunity for those who are unable to attend our walks as they are defined. We are in need of people interested to assist in the implementation of this new program. Please address concerns or willingness to work to our administrative board on us. In this world of confusion, Emmaus brings hope, healing and understanding to the leadership in our Locals

Denise Epps
Community Lay Director

Words from the Board

FROM THE TREASURER'S DESK ~

By Cindi Scheiern

Hello, everyone! My name is Cindi Scheiern, and I took my Walk to Emmaus in October of 2007, walk #68 at the Lawrence Avenue UMC in Charlotte. I sat at the table of Naomi, and I am pleased and honored to be serving as the treasurer for our Lansing Area Emmaus Community.

Jack Nartker has served faithfully in this position for several years and he has passed his passion and expertise on to me! Thanks, Jack, for your faithful servant hood!

We have changed our banking from Comerica in Midland to Isabella Bank, which is more centrally located. With the help of the expert fingers of Tracy Placeway and Logan Romatz, we are adding the option of giving and paying for registration and team fees through the PayPal option. This option should be available soon through our website, "www.lansingemmaus.org". Once this is up and running, you may contact myself, Logan or Tracy with any questions you may have. I may be reached at 989-330-1474 or cindi216@hotmail.com. Tracy @ tlynbruce@gmail.com or Logan @ loganromatz02@gmail.com

Thanks, Tracy & Logan for trying to teach an old dog new tricks!!! We are registered with the IRS as a 501c3 charitable organization, so any donations made are tax deductible.

We hope this simplifies giving and paying for registrations for folks!

That's all for now!

God's blessings!
Cindi Scheiern
Treasurer



TEAM SELECTION

By Wendy Wixson

The Men's Walk team for March 13-16 at Alma United Methodist Church is prayerfully underway in training! Please keep them all in your prayers and let's fill this walk with Pilgrims! The Women's Walk is now getting set up for Fall. Our Women's Walk will be at Lawrence Avenue United Methodist Church October 16-19 2025. Karen McLendon is our Lay Director, please hold her in prayer and consider your call to serve or sponsor.

Respectfully submitted,
Wendy Wixson
Team Selection Chair



Words from the Board

HAVING A RESPONSIVE HEART

By Nancy Fancher

Hello everyone! I am Nancy Fancher and I took my walk in July of 1998 at Trinity UMC in Lansing, and sat at the table of Lydia. Like many of you my walk weekend was a spiritual and pivotal time in my life. I learned more about what the Bible says about who God is and how we grow in faithfulness to Christ. It was also the time that God called me to ordained ministry.

Do you remember the touch of God upon you as you attended your Walk to Emmaus? What were the special moments that you had over the weekend? Hopefully you have kept in touch with the new friends you made at that time. Always we are grateful to God for the Holy Spirit's work within us and through us.

The sermon on Sunday at my church, Hope Community GMC, was about self-care in our spiritual life and thinking about who we are in Christ. Galatians 5:16-26 has a passage called Life by the Spirit. Paul was teaching and reminding the Christians of the church in Galatia about walking in the Spirit and not gratifying the desires of the flesh.

There is a list of the acts of the flesh listed in verses 19-21. Take a look at these traits. Many centuries ago a list of these vices was created, called the Seven Deadly Sins. All these negative emotions and actions are ways that we can be enticed away from our walk with the Lord.

After that list, Paul wrote about the Fruit of the Spirit and how these good emotions and actions can give us the remedy we need to become like Jesus. The Fruit of the Spirit are given to us at our baptism as the Holy Spirit comes within us, to help us learn about the Bible and who God is. As we begin to understand who God wants us to be, we can start the process of letting go of the negative emotions and actions, replacing them with the good, godly Fruit of the Spirit.

Life is much better living with the Fruit of the Spirit within us. It takes a responsive heart to let go of who we are and become more like Jesus. How is your heart doing today? Is it a responsive heart that says yes to who Christ wants you to be? The Lansing Area Emmaus Community is praying for you, that you will walk with the Spirit and become more like Christ.

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Nancy Fancher, Community Spiritual Director
Lansing Area Emmaus Community



SOCIAL UPDATE

By Logan Romatz

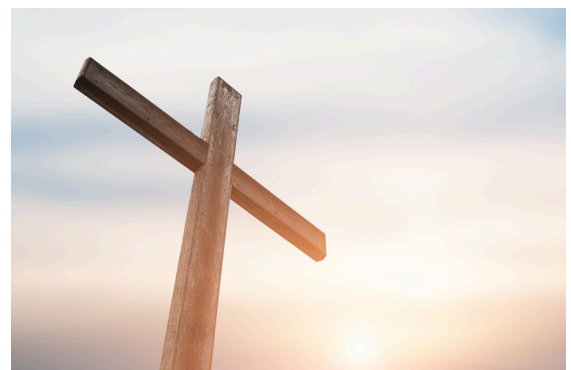
My name is Logan Romatz, I took my flight #49 in Clare Mi in July of 2018, and sat at the table of Judges. I am currently a college student at Mid Michigan College, studying Education.

It is an honor to serve as the communications chair for the Lansing Area Emmaus. In this job, I am in charge of the Facebook Group and the Newsletter.

Be sure to follow our Facebook group, to receive up to date information on upcoming walks, reunions, and gatherings. Go to facebook.com/groups/lansingemmaus/

In addition to running the Facebook, I also run the online prayer vigil, Please add your name to the Prayer vigil at tinyurl.com/LAEC-walk-prayer-vigil

Logan Romatz
Communication Chair



Upcoming Events



WALKS & FLIGHTS

Men's Walk #106

March 13-16, 2025

Alma United Methodist Church
501 Gratiot Ave, Alma, MI 48801

Women's Walk #107

October 16-19, 2025

Lawrence Ave Methodist Church
210 E Lawrence Ave, Charlotte, MI 48813

Flight of Chrysalis

July 17-20, 2025

Contact cld.foh@gmail.com or call 989-403-8640
for more information.

GATHERINGS

April 12, 2025

Reunion Gathering

Reunion -

Community -

Pilgrim Global Methodist Church

2965 W Parks Rd, St Johns, MI 48879

April 12, 2025

Chrysalis RUSH

1pm-4pm

First Congregational Church of
Greenville

126 E Cass St, Greenville, MI 48838



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If you are interested in being considered for any of the vacant positions on the board, please reach out to a current board member for further information.



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