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EMMAUS NEWSLETTER



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Happy Spring

We have another wonderful WALK in the books. Welcome members from Men's Walk #106. We are looking forward to your ReUnion Gathering on April 12th at Pilgrim Global Methodist in St. Johns, Mi.

It is so important to find a 4th day accountability group to keep the energy flowing. If you need assistance in finding one, let a board member know. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who work so hard to make these walks happen. It takes many hands to make light work.

I am pleased to announce we have new members coming on the board to help complete the many tasks to be completed before our next walk. Be sure to stay connected through social media, our website or email. If you are not getting updates and are willing to serve, contact me directly.

Our next Women's Walk #107 will be at Lawrence Avenue United Methodist Church in Charlotte, MI October 16-19 2025. I look forward to seeing you at Gatherings in Clare, Ionia and Lansing.

G.L.Y.A.S.D.I.

Denise Epps
Community Lay Director



Words from the Board

REJOICING IN PRAYER

By Pastor Nancy Fancher

When your words came, I ate them; they were my joy and my heart's delight.

Jeremiah 15:16

When was the last time you were filled with joy as you read the Bible? The answer should be something like "this morning, yesterday and the day before." As we read God's word we should have a sense of interacting with that word and being grateful that the Lord is revealing his heart to us. That should give us a sense of joy and fulfillment. The Holy Spirit is always at work and that means working within us too. It is the foundation of our salvation through Christ Jesus, that the Spirit has made us alive in Christ (Ephesians 2:4.)

If it is true that we are made alive in Christ through our salvation, then we should be filled with the joy of the Lord. It is understandable that some days, some moments, we do not feel joy filled. However, most of the time there should be a gratitude within us for all that Jesus has done for us; that we can't help but be filled with the joy of the Lord. By God's mercy and grace we are given the fruit of the Spirit, which includes the fruit of joy.

The joy that comes from our salvation should have an impact upon our Bible reading and prayer time. Even when the Lord is pointing out to us that we could be better on a given topic, there is the possibility of joy within us as we realize that through the cross of Christ we are a child of God receiving that message of improvement. Just like Jeremiah said, "When your words came, I ate them; they were my joy and my heart's delight." It should be a joyful moment for us when we receive a message from the Lord, whether it is a next step message or one of reward or improvement. God is with us during our times of prayer and Bible reading. Our faithful God is always there, making us alive in Christ and filled with special prayerful moments. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-17 reminds us, "Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." Let's rejoice in the goodness of God!

Pastor Nancy Fancher

Lansing Area Emmaus Community Spiritual Director



Words from the Board

MUSIC UPDATE

By Janet Ball

Hi, my name is Janet Ball and I am the Music Coordinator for the community. The lists I have have not be updated in a long while and I need your help with that. If you are interested in doing music for a walk, Candlelight or Closing, or for Gatherings, please contact me. My email is jkbluedelight@gmail.com. Thank you.

AGAPE UPDATE

By Amy Gentner

Des Colores!

I am excited and grateful to share that I have recently joined the Emmaus Board as the Prayer and Agape Chair. It is truly an honor to step into this role, and I am looking forward to the opportunity to serve both God and this beautiful community in a deeper and more intentional way.

As I begin this journey, I am eager to learn the ins and outs of the position—how best to support the team, uplift the pilgrims, and foster a spirit of Christ-centered love and encouragement through prayer and agape. I know God has amazing things in store, and I feel blessed to be a part of the ongoing work He is doing in our Emmaus community. We welcome your prayers for the developing flights and walks. Specifically, we ask for prayers for the team, the sites, and the pilgrims/caterpillars- even those who God knows and they don't yet.

The Agape team will be looking for volunteers. If you are interested in serving here or in any way for the upcoming flights and walks, please reach out to me or anyone on the board.

We will also be looking for Agape for the flights and walks. If you need ideas, reminders of counts, or other assistance, feel free to reach out to me.

Please keep me in your prayers as I grow into this new role. I look forward to working alongside each of you and witnessing how God moves through all of us as we serve together.

G.L.Y.A.S.D.I. (God Loves You And So Do I),
Amy Gentner

DATA UPDATE

By Logan Romatz

Hi, my name is Logan Romatz, and I serve as the data chair for the LAEC. In this roll, I make sure the data records are up to date and available to the community. I also make sure the online aspects of the walks are ready for the lay directors and BTS coordinators. Ministry Manager is the database we use that communicates with The Upper Room. If you have moved, changed phone numbers or emails, please let me know. You can find my contact below.



Upcoming Events

WALKS & FLIGHTS

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 - 3:30

Community - 4:30

Pilgrim Global Methodist Church
2965 W Parks Rd, St Johns, MI 48879

April 12, 2025

Chrysalis RUSH

1pm-3pm

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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