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LANSING AREA EMMAUS NEWSLETTER



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Agape

As the community prepares for our next Women's Walk in October, we will need to create or provide agape for the team and pilgrims. As a reminder, we provide agape as a physical expression and reminder of God's love. These can come from individuals or groups- yet we do not want to call attention to one individual. So please remember- if you are labelling who the agape gifts are from, it needs to be from a group like a church or Fourth Day. We are praying for a full walk, which would mean we need 65 of each agape. If it is looking like we might have a smaller number, you can reach out to me for a more accurate number- but remember God can still do miracles!

As our community prepares for the upcoming Women's Walk this October, we invite you to join in supporting the team and pilgrims through agape gifts. These simple, tangible expressions of God's love are a cherished part of the Emmaus experience.

Agape can be created by individuals or groups. However, to maintain the spirit of humility and community, we ask that all gifts be labeled from a group like a church, reunion group, or Fourth Day community rather than an individual.

We are praying expectantly for a full Walk, which means we'll need 65 of each agape item. If it appears we may have a smaller group, feel free to reach out to me for a more accurate count. But remember- God is still in the miracle business!

Thank you for being the hands and feet of Christ as we prepare to bless those God is calling to this Walk.
Des Colores- Amy

Words from the Board

SHARE GOD'S BLESSING

By Nancy Fancher

The Lord said to Moses, "Tell Aaron and his sons, this is how you are to bless the Israelites. Say to them: 'The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.' So they will put my name on the Israelites, and I will bless them."
Numbers 6:22-27

This priestly blessing was given by God through Moses to the Israelite priests to be shared with the Israelite community. These verses are known as the Aaronic Blessing, as Aaron was the first chief priest God anointed to be in charge of all the priests overseeing the tabernacle. God was developing the Israelites into a body of believers, helping them to understand who God was and how God desired to be worshiped.

A divine blessing was one way to ask for God's favor to rest upon other people. A blessing shared with others had a purpose to it. It conveyed hope and a reminder of who God was for the Israelites. Aaron's blessing had five parts to the blessing. First was that God would "bless and keep them." That meant God's favor and protection would be upon the people. Second was that God would "make his face shine on them," which meant God would be pleased with them. Third was that God would "be gracious to them," that God would bring his mercy and compassion upon them. Fourth was that God would "turn his face toward them", that God would give the divine approval to them. Fifth was that God would give them a "Godly-type peace," which is greater than human peace. Having this Godly blessing spoken over a person would remind the person that God was with them and would provide for them.

The same is true in today's times. A blessing spoken over a person is a mix of a prayer being offered for them and a reminder that God is with them through the trying times and the good times too. To hear a blessing over and over again helps to cement the idea of God's protection and provision being made available to the person, just because God loves them. Some churches "pass the peace" each Sunday during their worship service. That is the blessing being passed to each person as they go to different people and say, "The peace of Christ be with you," and hear the response of, "and also with you." Sometimes this gets confused with greeting time, as a chance to have a quick conversation with others about how the week has gone.

Sharing a blessing with others is truly an important thing. Sharing the peace of Christ with others is necessary to keep people's faith alive. A church sharing the blessing of peace passes the anointing upon the congregation. Then as they leave the church and go home, to work or school or anywhere else, that peace of Christ goes with them and is shared with others of the community.

As the Lansing Area Emmaus Community continues to prepare for the fall women's walk, the blessing of God should be shared with the volunteers and with the community. How are you doing at sharing the priestly blessing with others? The words of "God bless you" are very important words in keeping the work of the church alive. May God bless you and keep you today!

Pastor Nancy Fancher

Lansing Area Emmaus Community Spiritual Director

Words from the Board

TEAM SELECTION

By Wendy Wixson

Many blessings to our members! Team selection is in full swing for the Spring Men's Walk. If you have ever wondered, we have a full process to pull a team together. The very first step we do is pray. Then we pray at every stage of building a team. There are several things you can do as a member of our community to help out. One is to log into Ministry Manager and verify that your information is up to date. If you have recently sent updated information to our team, log back in and make sure it was updated. If you receive an email from Ministry Manager, please make sure to answer it and verify your email address. If you want to serve but have not been called, please contact either Denise Epps or myself. If you attended a Chrysalis event, please make sure we have you in Ministry Manager. If your servant history is incorrect, please let us know. We will do our best to update the information as fully and quickly as possible. On the other side of this, if you know of someone in Ministry Manager who has moved away, or is deceased, please let us know so we can update accordingly. Please join us in praying for the Fall Women's Walk Team and Pilgrims. The Walk is coming up quickly and we would love to hear from you, especially with a Pilgrim to bless with a weekend of prayer, fun and joy!

Declares!

Wendy Wixson

Team Selection Chair



ELECTIONS

By Janet Ball

Are you interested in serving the Lansing Area Emmaus Community in a very special way? It is time to elect new members for our community board. There are many areas to serve as a board member, and I know there are many members that have many gifts to use to help share the love of Jesus Christ in a leadership role. If you are interested in knowing more about this opportunity, please let me know as soon as possible. Elections will be held during the Gathering / Candlelight at the Lawrence Avenue UMC in Charlotte on October 18th.

DATA

By Logan Romatz

Have you moved recently? Have you gotten a new phone number or email? Make sure you update your information with the Emmaus Community. We are looking for new faces to help at walks, but we can't contact you if your information is out of date. Please go to tinyurl.com/LAE-contact-update and we will update your information.

PRAYER VIGIL

By Logan Romatz

The women's walk 107 prayer vigil is filling up fast! Please be sure to add your name by October 12th to be included in the vigil. **Click here to fill out the prayer vigil.**

We have been using a Google Sheet for the last few walks. If you could, please use that as to sign up for prayer times, **do not** sign up on ministry manager. I will put the times into ministry manager. If you are having difficulties with the google sheet, please reach out as soon as possible.

Upcoming Events

WALKS

Women's Walk #107

October 16-19, 2025

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

Men's Walk #108

March 5-8, 2026

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

GATHERINGS

Lansing Gatherings

October 10 & December 12 at 6:00pm
Tower Baptist Church
6157 Tower Ave. East Lansing, MI 48823

Clare Gatherings

December 12 at 6:00pm
Clare Christ Fellowship
3260 Colonville Rd. Clare, MI 48617

Ionia Gatherings

December 13 at 4:30pm
LeValley GMC
4018 Kelsey Hwy. Ionia, MI 48846

Walk Reunion Gathering

November 8th, Pilgrims 3pm, community 5pm
Pilgrim Global Methodist Church
2965 W Parks Rd, St Johns, MI 48879

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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.

