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Spring is here

Spring is here – even if the weather isn't cooperative at this point!

Walk #108 is in the books and we are looking forward to Walk # 109 this fall. We are welcoming 14 new members to our community! Make an effort to meet them and get to know them.

It is the Easter season, the reason that we all are given salvation and eternal life with Jesus Christ. Jesus did not stay in the grave; He only rented it for a weekend. We celebrate His resurrection with a renewing of our faith. Remembering what Jesus endured to give us the greatest gift of all, sometimes can make us feel totally unworthy. But do not fear – we are worthy because of His death and resurrection. He values our lives so much that He died for us while we were still sinners. He didn't require us to change for Him; He changed us when He saved us. We are now His disciples, and we should be ready to tell others about what He has done in our lives. Spread the Word – Jesus is alive!

I'm asking everyone to consider how they can serve Christ through the Emmaus Experience. There are many opportunities. You can volunteer for the BTS (Behind The Scenes) crew for the upcoming Women's Walk #109, September 24 – 27 at the St. Louis Church of Christ. There are also opportunities in the Chrysalis Flights and the Keryx ministry. Please talk with a Board Member for more information if interested.

We are asking members to check out their information in Ministry Manager so we can have current phone numbers and emails. Go to our website lansingemmaus.org and click on the Ministry Manage link.

In Christ's Service,
Janet Ball Community Lay Director

Words from the Board

BE HOLY

By Nancy Fancher, Community Spiritual Director

Therefore, prepare your minds for action; be self-controlled; set your hope fully on the grace to be given you when Jesus Christ is revealed. As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: "Be holy, because I am holy." 1 Peter 1:13-16

Holiness, it's what we need. Jesus said, "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God." In order to see God, we need holiness, for without holiness no one will see the Lord. Without holy eyes or a holy mind, we cannot see the Lord. Having this ability takes the work of the Holy Spirit within us. The word holy is mentioned over 1,000 times in the Bible, through concepts such as being consecrated, sanctified or made righteous, and being blameless. What does it mean when Jesus said we should be pure in heart? To be pure means to be clean, uncontaminated, to be holy. So Jesus was saying blessed are those who are holy in their heart, for they will see God at work and experience God within themselves. One of the best words to describe God is holy. We are to be holy as God is holy.

Being holy is important to God. Only through the Lord's holiness can we come into God's presence. It takes salvation through faith in Jesus Christ and the work of the Holy Spirit within us for us to be holy. It is an activity of God within us, needing a response from us, for Christians to be holy as God is holy. So what exactly is holiness? Holiness is defined as being set apart, different than others, unique. It involves being consecrated to God and having spiritual purity. It means we are separated from our sin and made morally perfect. Even with these definitions, holiness is still difficult to understand, because we see life through our humanness, not through the eyes of God. The Lord is morally perfect, clean and pure. Through salvation we are made to be morally pure and clean.

Peter wrote that Christians are to be holy in all that they do. He said that the church is to be the living stone, chosen by God and precious to the Lord, and is being built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood. They are not to be impure, but to live a holy life. They are to put off their old self and put on their new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness. They are to be a living sacrifice. God sees holiness as very important. We are to be holy because the Lord says so. We are unable to be holy by our own efforts. Holiness comes as God makes us holy, from the Lord to us, through the cross of Christ. Yet we are to live a life of holiness. We take the holiness that God gives us and strive to show it through our actions and worship of God. Hebrews 12:14 tells us that, "without holiness, no one will see the Lord." We cannot be in relationship with God without being holy. We will not be able to see the Lord and respond to God without being holy, because we are set apart in this way. Nor will we be able to reach out to others with the love of Christ, if we are not holy, because without God's holiness within us, no one else will see God. God chooses to send his Spirit to be within us. Everywhere we go, God goes with us, because the Spirit dwells within us. Everywhere we go has the potential to be holy ground, because God goes there with us. Consider every step you take to make the spot holy ground, because your foot is there and so is the Spirit of God. We should be thankful, and worship God with reverence and awe, as holy people, because our Lord is always pursuing us with holiness. This is how we are seen as faith-filled people. This is how we become commended for our faith in God by others. We take the holiness of Jesus to the world, as individual Christians, and as a church too.

Holiness, it's what we need. May God bless you richly with his holiness!

Words from the Board

NEW CHAIR FOR FACILITIES

By Bruce Davenport

Greetings to the LAEC. My name is Bruce Davenport. I took my walk to Emmaus in the Lansing Area Emmaus Community in March of 2010, at Carson City UMC, walk # 75, and I sat at the table of Mathew. I am just coming (back) onto the LAEC Board, serving in the position of Facilities Chair. I have served on the board before as the Supply Trailer Chair, so this position will be new to me, and I am excited to be able to serve on the Board once again.

Would you be willing to serve the Lord in some capacity? There are plenty of opportunities and lots of need in the community. Just contact anyone on the board. We would love to have you join in the blessing of serving the Lord and others.

Bruce



TEAM SELECTION

By Wendy Wixson

Teams are now being formed for Women's Walk 109 Fall 2026 in St Louis! Please prayerfully consider if you are called to serve. Anyone interested in serving behind the scenes; please contact any board member and we will get you lined up! Serving is such a blessing, the teamwork and camaraderie is such a great experience! Of course, the Walks can't happen without prayerful sponsorship, so visit some gatherings, get your sponsorship training up to date and let's fill this Walk!

REGISTRATION

By Andria Lyster

We now have online registration for the walks! If you go to our website, click on the "application" button and you will have three different options. The first will be the pilgrim application. This is to be filled out by the pilgrim. Next will be the sponsor form. This is to be filled out by the sponsor. And last is the pastor form. This is to be filled out by the pastor of the church the pilgrim is from. **SPONSORS** please make sure the correct form is sent to the correct person. Paper applications are still going to be available on the website. If you need any help with the application process, please reach out to Andria.

Words from the Board

CHRISALIS UPDATE

By Lauren Monroe

The Flight of Chrysalis has been hard at work improving the Chrysalis Community. **Lauren Monroe** has been named the new Community Lay Director. They have also updated their community contact. To contact the community email lansingareachrysalis@gmail.com.

The 2026 flight will take place **July 17-19**. Location is currently being figured out. Watch the Lansing Emmaus Facebook group for location announcement. This is for anyone in 7th grade through first year in college. Applications will be available on the website: flightofhope.weebly.com

For more information, contact Chrysalis at lansingareachrysalis@gmail.com

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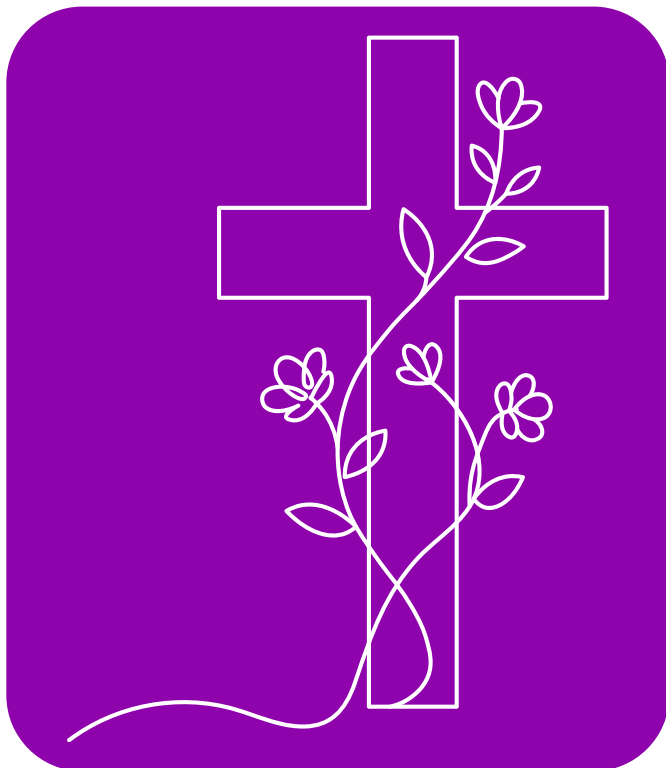
By Logan Romatz

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.

I am also working on digitizing our forms. This will better help our community by getting information faster and more accurately than hand written forms we have used in the past. The paper forms will still be available, this will provide a quicker and more accurate option.

WANT TO SHARE YOUR FORTH DAY STORY?

We are looking to add forth day stories to our newsletter! A Forth Day Story is a personal testimony sharing how a participant (pilgrim) lives out their Christian faith and applies the lessons of grace, piety, study, and action in their daily life following the three-day retreat. It represents the rest of their lives—the "fourth day" and beyond—focused on intentional discipleship, community, and service. Please email Logan to have your story featured in the newsletter.



Upcoming Events

WALKS & FLIGHTS

Boys & Girls Flight **July 17-19, 2026**

Location to be Determined.
flightofhope.weebly.com

Women's Walk #109 **September 24-27, 2026**

St. Louis Church of Christ
1075 W Monroe Rd, St. Louis, MI 48880

Men's Walk #110 **March 11-14, 2027**

St. Louis Church of Christ
1075 W Monroe Rd, St. Louis, MI 48880

GATHERINGS

Lansing Gatherings

April 10, May 8, June 12 at 6:00pm
Tower Baptist Church
6157 Tower Ave. East Lansing, MI 48823

North Gatherings

April 10, May 8, June 12 at 6:00pm
Seville Church of God
8360 W Monroe Rd Elwell, MI 48832

Ionia Gatherings

April 11, May 9, June 13 at 4:30pm
LeValley GMC
4018 Kelsey Hwy. Ionia, MI 48846

Chrysalis RUSHs

May 2, July 18
First Congregational Church Greenville
126 E Cass St, Greenville, MI 48838

**No prior attendance/experience with
Emmaus/Chrysalis needed to attend RUSH.
All friends/family welcome.**

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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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