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LANSING AREA EMMAUS NEWSLETTER



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Looking Ahead...

Hello to all!

Summer has passed and fall is quickly approaching. I love the colors and smells of fall. The cool evenings and the warm days are the perfect weather for me. I hope you all enjoy the season as well.

The Chrysalis Flight held in July was an amazing weekend. Even though we only had 2 caterpillars, God showed up BIG time! The Spirit was hovering over the church the whole time and moved many to a closer walk with Jesus Christ.

The Women's Walk to Emmaus is quickly approaching as well. We will be at St Louis Church of Christ again the last weekend of September. 24-27. The Conference Room personnel has met once and is on fire for what God has in store for them and the pilgrims who will be attending. Make sure you mark your calendars for the Candlelight - Saturday the 26th, gathering at 8:00 pm. Closing will be Sunday afternoon at 5:00 pm. If you can come earlier to help clean up that would be bonus for the BTS group!

The Walk #109 Reunion and Gathering is set for October 10th at Pilgrim GMC in St Johns. Pilgrims will gather at 3:30, with community gathering at 4:30. Potluck dinner will be at 5:00. Again, if you can come a bit early to help set up, that would be great.

We will be holding Board Elections at the October Reunion / Gathering. It is important that as many community members vote so that we are all represented on the board.

Men's Walk #110 will be held at ST Louis Church of Christ March 11-14, 2027. Andy Sass has agreed to be the Walk Lay Director and is already starting to form his Conference Room Team. It is not too early to get those applications in for that walk.

Happy Fall and May God Bless You,

Janet Ball CLD

Words from the Board

COVERING THE WALK IN PRAYER

By Amy Gentner

We have an exciting Walk ahead of us! We are expecting one of our largest groups of Pilgrims in several years, and that means there are even more people to cover in prayer. ❤️

One of the most important ways we can support the Walk—whether or not we are serving on the Walk itself—is by taking a time during the Prayer Vigil. You can sign up through the Lansing Area Emmaus website or through the link shared on Facebook. If you have questions or need help signing up, please feel free to contact Amy or Logan.

And please don't wait to start praying when you get to the Prayer Room (or your prayer area at home during the weekend)! There is a lot happening behind the scenes to prepare for this Walk. Please be praying for:

- The Conference Room team as they continue to develop and prepare
- Each of our Pilgrims and their families
- The Behind-the-Scenes volunteers who are making so much happen
- The Walk leadership team
- The entire Walk, that God would prepare hearts and make Himself known throughout the weekend

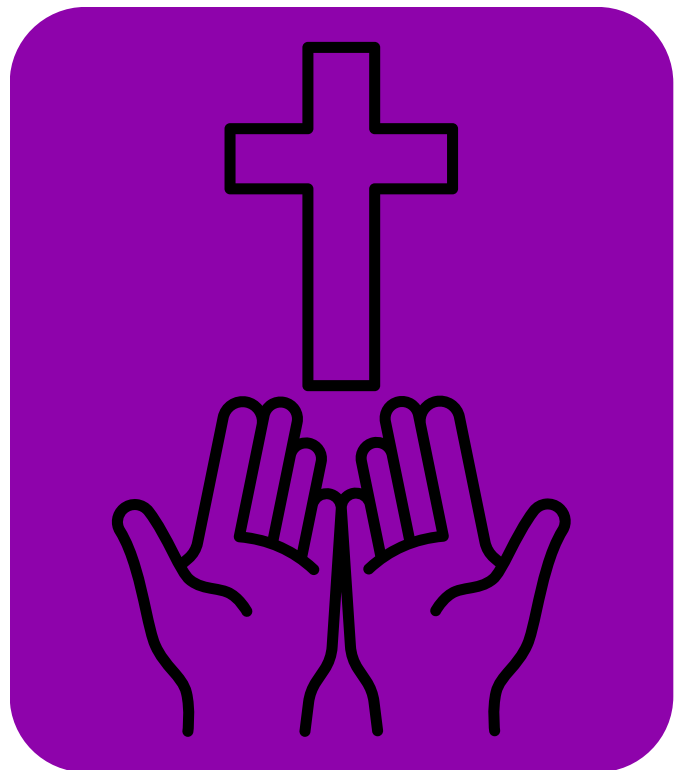
Finally, please be praying for our Emmaus community as we approach our upcoming elections. Pray for wisdom, discernment, and willing servants who will continue to help lead and strengthen our community.

This Walk is already covered in a lot of planning, preparation, and love. Let's make sure it is covered in prayer, too!

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

IT'S ELECTION TIME!

By Amy Gentner

One of the ways we care for and strengthen the Lansing Area Emmaus community is by faithfully developing leaders and filling the roles needed to keep our community moving forward. It's that time of year again—our annual board elections are coming up!

Throughout the summer, potential candidates were invited to consider serving, and others volunteered. The candidates were then approved by the board at the September 8 meeting.

Our candidates and their potential positions are:

- **Janet Ball** – second term; Janet is already elected to serve as Community Lay Director next year.
- **Wendy Wixom** – second term as Team Selection Chair.
- **Kyle Epps** – first term; appointed as Music Chair earlier this year.
- **Bruce Davenport** – first term; appointed as Facilities Chair earlier this year.
- **Patty Lankton** – first term as Leadership & Development Chair and returning to previously held position of LAE Community Trainer.
- **Denise Epps** – first term as Sponsorship and Sponsor Hour/Candlelight/Closing Chair

We still have several open areas that could use someone willing to step in and serve:

- Outreach
- Fourth Day
- Gathering
- Kitchen (which will be transitioning from our current chair, Steve Block).

We also have board members currently covering multiple areas. As additional people join the board, some of those responsibilities could be shared. You don't have to know everything or have all the answers to serve. Sometimes the biggest step is simply being willing to say, "I'll help."

How and When to Vote

Ballots will be available beginning **September 21, 2026**.

Paper ballots will be available to pick up and return at:

- **Candlelight on September 26** during the Walk in St. Louis
- **The Reunion Gathering at Pilgrim GMC on October 10**, following the Walk
- Ballots may also be **mailed upon request**, contact Amy Gentner

Electronic ballots are also available upon request. contact Logan Romatz

The official election will take place at the Reunion Gathering at Pilgrim GMC on October 10, 2026. Voting will remain open until the end of the Reunion Gathering, when the ballots will be counted.

As we enter this election season, please pray for our community and for each person who has been willing to consider serving. Pray for wisdom, discernment, and for the leaders God is calling to serve in this next season of Lansing Area Emmaus. Looking ahead, the Election Committee will be rebuilt and will meet to review our election and nomination procedures and begin the process of identifying candidates for the 2027 elections. If you are interested in serving on the Election Committee, please reach out to Janet, our Community Lay Director. If you are interested in serving on the board, please reach out to Amy. Thank you to everyone who has said "yes" to serving our Emmaus community. Leadership isn't always glamorous, but it is an important part of helping our community continue to grow, serve, and share Christ's love.

Words from the Board

AGAPE: A LITTLE SOMETHING TO SHARE

By Amy Gentner

With a Walk this large, we are going to need a LOT of Agape! And we are so thankful for the many churches, reunion groups, Fourth Day groups, and individuals who faithfully help make Agape such a special part of the Walk.

As we have traditionally done, we are asking that Agape gifts be provided in **sets of 65**. This gives us a few extras in case something gets broken, lost, or otherwise needs to be replaced. This is definitely more than we needed in the last few years- what a wonderful "problem" to have!

Agape may be labeled with the name of your church, reunion group, or Fourth Day group, but please do not put individual names on the gifts. Remember that we cannot give Agape gifts to individual Pilgrims.

If you have a specific plan for what you would like us to do with your extra Agape, please be sure to complete the Agape form with your name and instructions. For example, you can let us know that you would like the extras donated, shared, or that you plan to pick them up.

One important reminder: we are not able to return Agape gifts to you individually after the Walk. If you want your items returned, please make arrangements to pick them up from the Walk. Some Agape will be used during the first couple of days, while other items may not be needed until Sunday, after the Walk is closing.

And don't forget about **Agape letters**! Sponsors and others who know the Pilgrims are encouraged to write letters to them and bring them to the Agape Room or a collection basket at events early in the weekend. Those personal words of encouragement can mean so much. It is also always a wonderful surprise when the Lay Director or members of the team receive a short note of encouragement. You don't have to write a novel—

sometimes a few words letting someone know you are praying for them are just what they need!

We are also looking for snack Agape for both the Conference Room and the Behind-the-Scenes (BTS) team. If you would like to bless one of these teams with snacks, please make sure they are clearly marked either "Conference Room" or "BTS" so we can get them to the right people. Healthy choices and snacks with some protein are especially wonderful options to help keep everyone fueled and going strong throughout the Walk. If your snacks are safe for specific allergens, such as nuts or gluten, please clearly label those as well. These teams are working hard throughout the Walk, often behind the scenes and at all hours, and a little snack can be a much-appreciated encouragement!

In addition, we are collecting stationery, note cards, and other supplies for writing notes to have available in the Agape Room. If you have extras at home or would like to donate some, please bring them to the Agape Room during the Walk. Having a variety of cards and stationery available gives people an easy way to write a quick note of encouragement, prayer, or love to someone who needs it. Sometimes a simple handwritten note is just the Agape someone needs!

Thank you for helping make Agape such a meaningful part of the Walk. It takes all of us working together to make this weekend special, and your generosity is a beautiful part of that.

Upcoming Events

WALKS & FLIGHTS

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

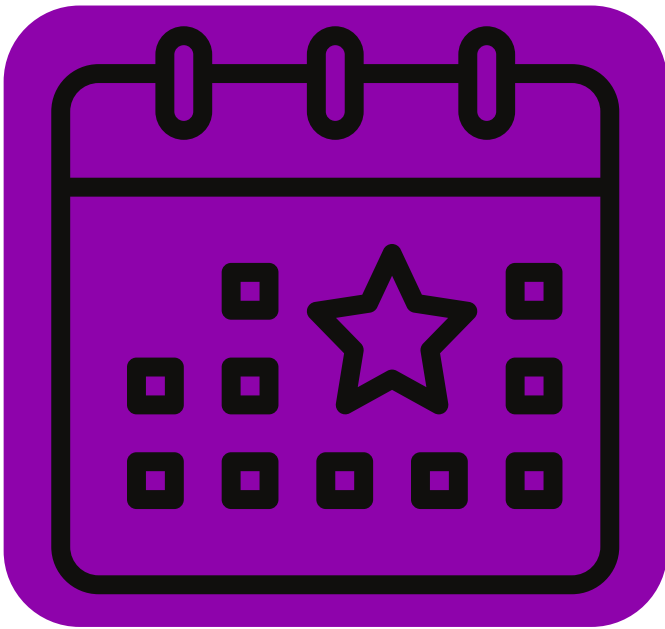
St. Louis Church of Christ
1075 W Monroe Rd, St. Louis, MI 48880

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

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

Boy's & Girl's Flight **June 24-27, 2027**

Location TBD



GATHERINGS

Lansing Gatherings

Nov. 13, Dec 11, at 6:00pm
Tower Baptist Church
6157 Towar Ave. East Lansing, MI 48823

North Gatherings

Nov. 13, Dec 11 at 6:00pm
Seville Church of God
8360 W Monroe Rd Elwell, MI 48832

Ionia Gatherings

Nov. 14, Dec 12, at 4:30pm
LeValley GMC
4018 Kelsey Hwy. Ionia, MI 48846

Walk 109 Reunion Gathering

Oct. 10
Pilgrim Global Methodist Church
2965 W Parks Rd, St Johns, MI 48879, USA

Reunion at 3:30pm

Gathering at 4:30pm

Board Election will take place during gathering

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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.

