

### Greetings from the Community Lay Director

Greeting each of you individually may not be possible but I can, through this message, greet you and wish each one of you God's love and blessing. As you have attended a Walk, I know that you have already received His wonderful love and blessing and I hope and pray that more is on the way.

There are lots of things happening at Minnesota Walk to Emmaus. I am new to the position of Community Lay Director and we will shortly be electing five new members to the Board of Directors. You may notice that this is the first Newsletter since early this year. We elected a Director to fill a vacancy on the Board, Craig Wilson, and he has agreed to head up communications for us. I am confident that newsletters will be coming on a regular basis in the near future and you will be hearing from several of us.

And we'd like to hear from you. We'd especially like to have you update your personal information in our database and hear your suggestions for improving Minnesota Walk to Emmaus. There is a form at the conclusion of this Newsletter. Please enter the requested information and e-mail it as indicated.

We have a set of Walks coming up shortly. The Men's Walk at Camp Koronis begins October 27 and the Women's Walk begins November 3. Please try to come to Candlelight and Closing on Oct. 29 at 8:00 P.M. and 4:30 P.M. on Oct 30 for the Men's Walk and on Nov. 5 at 8:00 P.M. and Nov. 6 at 4:30 P.M. for the Women's Walk. There will be an offering taken at Candlelight and your help with our financial situation would be much appreciated. Currently we have little to offer as scholarships and have no margin for any unforeseen expenses. I hope you will respond to this need. One of the improvements we hope to make in our communications is to include a financial report on the website periodically so that you will know how we are doing financially.

You may be surprised when you check the FUTURE WALK DATES and find a set of Walks in May being held in Clintonville, WI. We normally hold a set of Walks in January in Stewartville, MN but, for several reasons, we decided that we will not hold Walks there again this year. Then, we had some Pilgrims from Appleton, WI attend the Walks this past summer in Grantsburg.

They are attempting to start an Emmaus Community there and have been going to Georgia to attend Walks. They want a set of Walks in their area and, as we had cancelled a set, we agreed to hold what is called an OUTREACH WALK. The team will be a joint effort and we will share in the excitement of helping to establish a new Emmaus community!

And please check the schedule of Walks for another reason. One of the things we need to emphasize is the need for all of us to SPONSOR PILGRIMS. We are the only ones that can get others to experience God's love and blessing that comes from attending a Walk. With our approximately 1600 members, we have the capability of conducting many, many more Walks than we have been doing. But, we have not filled several of the ones that have been held.

There are Application Forms and Sponsor Forms on our website. For information regarding how to be a sponsor go to <http://www.upperroom.org/emmaus/invitation/>. All that remains is for you to do it. Let's agree to do the following:

- ☐ write the names of five people that you believe would benefit by attending a Walk. The next thing to do is to pray about it.
- ☐ Then, when the Spirit tells you it is time, talk to them – tell them about the Walk – what it did for you – what the 72 hours are like – be open and honest. Your experience told to others is probably the best, most convincing story.

I believe God has called us – you and I - to work for Him in Minnesota Walk to Emmaus. There is an enormous opportunity for us to serve God in this work. We, and the others like us, are the only ones we have to RECRUIT and SPONSOR PILGRIMS.

My prayer is that our Walks will be filled to overflowing and we'll need to have more and more Walks. Please help achieve this!

George Sorenson  
Community Lay Director

IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY DONE SO, PLEASE  
BOOKMARK THIS WEBSITE

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## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS FROM WALKS #68, 69 & 70!

Sarah Vriesen	Mary Duetz	Todd Anderson
Jan Knapp	Leah Palmer	Jamie Nowicki
Laurie Palmer	Juli Swanson	Ric Severson
Barbara Dudgeon	Bonnie Grimes	Phil Amundson
Deede Koel	Amy Petersen	Bruce Stunkard
Jessie Erickson	Naomi Johnson	Mark Geisthardt
Brenda Byrnes	Markel Evenson	Milt Johnson
Connie Rockvam	LuAnn Colvin	Dale Fenton
Heidi Winter	Delores Johnson	Angel Hernandez
Laura Carter	Kiara Schroeder	Greg Waller
Marilyn Weedman	Joyce Niznick	Kevin Morse
Cathy Tetrick		

Jim Rhein	Stacy Evenson	LaVera Erickson
Mike Giles	Deborah Smith	Linda Kabat
Ted Cottingham	Helen Lindeman	Lauren Hernandez
Peggy Nelson	Lori Rhein	Dana DeBraal
Barbara Clark	Valerie Williams	Becke Schultz
Sara Roquemore	Mary Peterson	Lori Lahtinen
Susie McCoy	Julie Monson	Karyn Schauf
Robin Schwab	Linda Boorman	Cheryl Jeffries
Robbie Nowicki	Terry Giles	Annie Tricker
Nancy Carroll	Kara Waller	Leesa Schultz
Margaret Dibble	Lenore Geisthardt	

## CHECKOUT OUR WEBSITE

The Minnesota Walk to Emmaus Community website is now up and running. The website address is [www.mnemmaus.org](http://www.mnemmaus.org). We will be continually updating and improving its contents, adding new features and information. Please check out our site when you get a chance and give us your feedback.

## WALK WEEKEND NOTES

Just a reminder that the scheduled times for our community events for the Men's and Women's Walks at Koronis Assembly Grounds, Paynesville, MN are as follows:

**Candlelight** communion service **8:00 p.m.**  
(Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup> and November 5<sup>th</sup>)

**Closing ceremony 4:30 p.m.**  
(Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup> and November 6<sup>th</sup>)

**The Fourth Day** meeting will be held on Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at Grace UMC located at 2510 Cleveland St. (Lowry & Cleveland) Minneapolis, MN.

We need the support of as many community members as possible to line the center aisle and the pews as the pilgrims and team walk past our raised candles. (Remember how awesome that experience was for you?) Looking forward to seeing you there!

## REUNION GROUP vs. GATHERING

How does a reunion group differ from a gathering? The Emmaus reunion group is a small accountability group of two to six people who have usually, but not always, participated in the three-day Walk to Emmaus, and who have a desire to continue their pursuit of a life lived wholly in the grace of God. These small follow-up groups help pilgrims translate the message conveyed on the weekend into a daily walk with Christ, through the disciplines of piety, study and action. Reunion groups have a common purpose, that is, to help us persevere in grace. The groups meet at regular times, usually weekly for an hour. The meeting consists of people sharing the stories of their walk with Christ during the past week, in the pattern provided by the service card. Group members listen to one another, celebrate the grace of God in each person's life, and reinforce each one's commitment to living in union with Christ in all facets of daily life. The group provides support, encouragement, and accountability, and may also

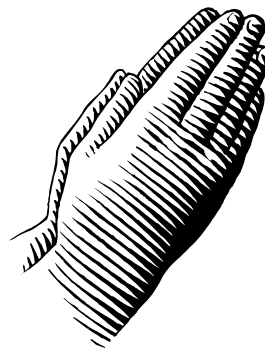
## REUNION GROUPS

The vibrancy of the Emmaus Community comes from its smallest component-Reunion Groups. In order to keep our members in community we need to be able to offer them groups to join. Could you please let us know about your group? Contact Rick Phillips at (507) 254-2072 or [rickp@bismark.com](mailto:rickp@bismark.com)

## 72 HOUR PRAYER & SPEAKER CHARTS

There are still opportunities to sign up for the 72 hour prayer charts for the upcoming Walks.

Please contact Jim Rottinger at (952) 412-3594 or [jrottinger@hotmail.com](mailto:jrottinger@hotmail.com) to sign up.



include people who have not been on a Walk to Emmaus.

The gathering is the monthly reunion of all the members of the Emmaus community. Due to the large geographic area of our Community, several local gatherings have been established (see the back page of this newsletter for specific times and locations). The monthly gathering is a time for us to share our stories through singing and prayer, small-group sharing, Fourth Day speakers, and Holy Communion. We help one another recognize the risen Christ in the midst of our busy lives. Whereas the gathering is much less intimate than the sharing that takes place in the reunion group, it is also open to people who may or may not have had an Emmaus Walk experience.

The Christian life is strengthened and deepened by being shared with those who also have a vision of a life directed wholly to God through Christ. You cannot achieve this life on your own; you must have the right kind of support and fellowship from other Christians.

**MEN'S WALK #71 PILGRIMS & SPONSORS**

Pilgrim	Sponsor
Edder Barrera	Angel Hernandez
Wayne Baumgartner	Don Putzier
Mark Benjamin	John Roberts
Roy Carter	Gwen Bohlke
Patrick Hagen	Lori Lahtinen
Duane Husby	Roger Parks
Stephen Jensen	Bill & Deb Miller
Jonathan Mitchell	Wayne & Beth Tomlinson
Armon Moll	Jean Bloedel
David Nickley	Lewis & Char Lebak
John Phelps	Jeff & Paulette Adams
Frank Rasmussen	Fred Kea
Richard Rose	John Roberts
Marvin Schultz	Steven Koehne
Jim Vogues	Gwen Bohlke

**WOMEN'S WALK #72 PILGRIMS & SPONSORS**

Pilgrim	Sponsor
Nancy Allen	Deb Graunke
Jane Benjamin	John Roberts
Lucille Butler	Beverly Parks
Melinda Cackoski	Fabiana Verde
Maria Luisa Cornejo	Pat Clark
Debra Cox	Debi Pack
Diane Cragoe	Gail Legare
Deborah Denning	Darlene Vandermyde
Yar Donlah Gonway-Gono	Wanda Bryant
Reva Husby	Roger Parks
Rebecca Johnson	Linda Duehn
Susan Karnik	Linda Duehn
Donna Kea	Fred Kea
Ethel Kent	Roger Parks
Gail Langner	Roger Parks
Judy Lightowler	Roger Parks
Clarrissa Lucas	Joan Blank
Amy Lucker	Tracy Weber
Mary Peterson	Beverly Maser
Peggy Phelps	Paulette & Jeff Adams
Jolene Reck	Linda Duehn
Bev Richter	Julie Peterson
Patricia Rose	John Roberts
Tracy Sandell	Mark & Deb Toycen
Diane Scharmer	Linda Duehn
Sandy Scott	Kathy O'Keefe
Janet Voges	Margaret Kluis
Patricia Wheaton	Mark & Deb Toycen
Susan White	Kathy Buffington
Kathy Wiethoff	Linda Bright
Arvella Zachow	Fred Kea

**TEAMS FOR WALKS 71 & 72**

POSITION	TALK	MEN'S TEAM 71	WOMEN'S TEAM 72
Lay Director	Perseverance	Mic Dahlberg	Darlene Vandermyde
Spiritual Director	Means of Grace	John Roberts	Sharon Nelson
Asst. Spiritual Director	Sanctifying Grace	Steven Koehne	Gwen Bohlke
Asst. Spiritual Director	Prevenient Grace	Dwight Haberman	Kathleen Zielinski
Asst. Spiritual Director	Justifying Grace	Cathy Hamblin	Karen Seavey
Asst. Spiritual Director	Obstacles to Grace	Diane Nelson	Lora Sturm
Asst. Lay Director	4 <sup>th</sup> Day	Don Putzier	Nancy Sjoquist
Asst. Lay Director	Priorities	Gerry Tucker	Jane Spencer
Asst. Lay Director	Piety/Growth Through Study	Wayne Tomlinson	Kathy Buffington
Music		Rocky Wilson	Diane Zimmerman
Music			Nelda Hart
Table Leader	Discipleship	Shawn Tisdell	Linda Duehn
Table Leader	Life in Piety		Fabiana Lima Verde
Table Leader	Priesthood of All Believers	Harrison Nelson	Shannon Smith
Table Leader	Christian Action	Bill Miller	Judy Gitchel
Table Leader	Changing Our World	Bruce LaCrosse	Chuckie Kohanek
Table Leader	Body of Christ	Birney Dibble	Joan Phillips
Asst. Table Leader		Gary Thomas	Teresa Lund
Asst. Table Leader		Greg Waller	Mary Bogle
Asst. Table Leader	Growth/Christian Action	Bill Sterling	Kathy Okeefe
Asst. Table Leader			Ann Van Vick
Asst. Table Leader			Traci Weber
Asst. Table Leader			Jan Marble
Board Representative		Jeff Adams	Bonnie Chant

## AGAPE NEEDED

A very important aspect of an Emmaus weekend is the overflowing supply of agape which mysteriously appears on the tables in the dining room, on the individual tables in the conference room, and even on the pilgrims' beds before they retire for the evening. How many times have you heard the words of a pilgrim who said that he/she was "blown away" by the fact that so many people who didn't even know them, would take the time to make a piece of agape for them? We can never have enough agape items to share with the pilgrims, and we have seen a dwindling supply of agape provided on recent Walks. Therefore, I want to encourage all Community members, especially those in reunion groups, to express their love in this manner. A total of 50 pieces of agape for each Walk should cover everyone in the conference room.

## AGAPE TEAMS FOR WALKS 71 & 72

### MEN'S WALK 71

Andy Benjamin  
Gary & Marilyn Collins  
Angel Hernandez  
Larry Jaska  
Dave Hogenson  
Betty Koehne  
Gary Thomas  
Chuck Wolf  
Craig Zimmerman

### WOMEN'S WALK 72

Mary Ann Smith  
Leonora Person  
Darlene Sage  
Julie Upkas  
Bev Parks  
Bernadine Knoeble  
Ron Phillips

Thank you for Serving!!

## Future Walks

Fall	Spring	Summer	Fall
<b>Men's Walk #71</b>	<b>Men's Walk #73</b>	<b>Men's Walk #75</b>	<b>Men's Walk #77</b>
October 27 - 30, 2005 <a href="#">Lake Koronis</a> (Paynesville, MN)	May 11 - 14, 2006 <a href="#">Imago Del Village</a> (Clintonville, WI)	July 20 - 23, 2006 <a href="#">Luther Point</a> (Grantsburg, WI)	Oct. 26 - 29, 2006 <a href="#">Lake Koronis</a> (Paynesville, MN)
<b>Women's Walk #72</b>	<b>Women's Walk #74</b>	<b>Women's Walk #76</b>	<b>Women's Walk #78</b>
November 3 - 6, 2005 <a href="#">Lake Koronis</a> (Paynesville, MN)	May 18 - 21, 2006 <a href="#">Imago Del Village</a> (Clintonville, WI)	July 27 - 30, 2006 <a href="#">Luther Point</a> (Grantsburg, WI)	Nov. 2 - 5, 2006 <a href="#">Lake Koronis</a> (Paynesville, MN)

For more information about Walk to Emmaus or these upcoming walks, contact George Sorenson at [gnps@chibardun.net](mailto:gnps@chibardun.net)

### 2005 Board of Directors

George Sorenson	Community Lay Director	715-434-2723
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Joan Phillips	Treasurer	507-289-3466
Rev. Dennis Tamke	Community Spiritual Director	507-344-0324
Rev. Cathy Hamblin	New Community Development	715-824-2201
Sue Anderson	Outreach	
Open	Set-up / Tear-down	
Dave Bunnell	At Large	952-758-3261
Bonnie Chant	Team Selection	651-686-6480
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Rick Phillips	4 <sup>th</sup> Day Gatherings/Reunion Groups	507-289-3466
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Nancy Sjoquist	Agape	612-825-3576
Harrison Nelson	Nominations	

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**Return Service Requested**

## **MN Emmaus Community Monthly Gatherings**

### **Austin**

1st Friday - 7:00 p.m. - First UMC  
Elliot Larson 507-433-6437

### **Blaine**

3rd Friday - 6:00 p.m. - Blaine UMC  
Beth Tomlinson 763-755-8366

### **Colfax, WI**

Twice monthly, 7:00 p.m. Colfax UMC  
Kathy Tape, 715-962-3383

### **Cumberland, WI**

2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday, 7:00 p.m. Cumberland UMC  
George Sorenson, 715-434-2723

### **Lake City**

Lake City UMC  
Constance Anderson 507-289-3419

### **Mankato**

1st Thursday - 7:00 p.m. - alternating  
Hilltop UMC or Belgrade UMC  
Craig & Diane Zimmerman 507-385-0250  
Jeff Adams 507-344-0324  
Don Putzier 507-345-1553

### **Marshall**

Wesley UMC  
Jean Metcalf 507-537-0932

### **Rochester**

4th Friday - 7:00 p.m. - Bethany UMC  
Rick Phillips 507-289-3466



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## Would you like to be on a Walk Team?

Please tell us what you'd like to do:

Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ AGAPE

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ MUSIC

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ CONFERENCE ROOM

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ OTHER, please specify \_\_\_\_\_

Return to: Bonnie Chant

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### DATABASE UPDATE

Have you moved, changed email address, or feel left out?

Please give us your current information:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone No. \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Send to:

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