



Minnesota Walk to Emmaus

Minnesota Emmaus Community Organized 1991

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Minnesota Walk to Emmaus Finds a Home in the Twin Cities Camp Ihdahapi in Loretto welcomes MWTE!

The Board of Directors of Minnesota Walk to Emmaus is excited to announce a partnership with Camp Ihduhapi. Beginning in the fall of 2007, Walks Number 81 and 82 will be held at Camp Ihduhapi (EE-doo-hop-ee), located in Loretto just 30 miles west of Minneapolis, and situated on beautiful Lake Independence. These Walks are scheduled for Fall 2007.

The name Ihduhapi, of Lakota Indian origin means "Independence." Camp Ihduhapi has been providing memorable camping experiences for over 75 years and recently has become an exceptional site for conferences, retreats, and meetings. We expect to have many memorable Walks at Ihdahapi in the future.

Seeking continuity for some time now, your Board of Directors has considered locations in and around the Twin Cities area to hold Walk weekends. This Community is strong, but the "community" was missing in part due to the continued movement of Walk sites and perhaps some missteps in communication.

Our plan is that Ihduhapi will become the permanent home of Minnesota Walk to Emmaus. You know how important your Pilgrim Walk was to you. If you haven't supported a Walk through sponsorship, service on a team, your presence at Candlelight or Closing, we hope you will talk this opportunity to come back and re-connect with your Emmaus friends; re-kindle the fire that burned during those days. Help to support our new home.

Fox Valley On Fire for Walk to Emmaus Minnesota Emmaus Agrees to Additional Outreach Walks

Minnesota Walks 73 and 74 were held this past spring in Clintonville, WI near Appleton. These Walks, designed as "outreach" Walks were held to begin the shepherding process and assist in accelerating the process of forming their own Emmaus Community.

These Walks brought together Brothers and Sisters from Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Athens, Georgia for two incredible weekends. Eastern Wisconsin is on fire for Emmaus. With a Steering Committee in place and another set of Minnesota "outreach" Walks planned, great things are happening.

Twin Cities Gala Gathering Set

We've missed you! We've missed worshipping with you! We've missed our opportunity to support you in your Fourth Days! It's time we re-connect and re-ignite the Minnesota Walk To Emmaus Community.

Your Minnesota Walk to Emmaus Board of Directors will be sponsoring a Gala Gathering in the Twin Cities on September 30th at 4:00 p.m. at Richfield United Methodist Church located at 5835 Lyndale Avenue So. in Minneapolis.

We have many new and exciting things happening and we want all of you to be part of the excitement. We'll share a dinner and a program where you can learn what's going on in MWTE, share with us what's going on in your life, re-connect with "old" friends, and raise your voice in song again as part of your Walk to Emmaus Community. It doesn't matter where you live or where you took your walk, come, and join us. Bring your friends that haven't been on a Walk, but would like to learn more.

We are excited about the future of Minnesota Walk to Emmaus. Come, hear about what is getting us excited, and be a part of that excitement.

Gregorson to Speak at Gala Gathering

Rev. Cindy Gregorson, Metro East District Superintendent of the Minnesota Annual Conference will join us as Keynote Speaker at our Gala Gathering on September 30th. The theme for the Minnesota Annual Conference is "Sharing Our Faith." Rev. Gregorson, a dynamic speaker will bring a message to the Minnesota Walk to Emmaus Community that you won't want to miss!

Did you know? The trip from Jerusalem to Emmaus was 6 Stadia, or approximately 7 miles.

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A Word From Our Community Lay Director

Greetings to My Brothers and Sisters in Christ!

The start of the Minnesota State Fair means Fall is coming. I've always equated Fall with new beginnings with the start of a new school year, and all the activities that come with it. As I think back to those days I also remember they were a time of reestablishing connections with friends we may not have seen over the summer. This is where we are at with our Emmaus Community.

At our last board meeting, we finalized a plan that brings us into a new era for establishing at least one permanent site for our future walks. We also made the difficult decision to minimize the number of walks in 2007 to allow us time as a Board and Community to reconnect on a deep and personal way with one another. You are reading the first effort of the reconnection – an old-fashioned newsletter mailed to your house!

Another way to connect is to make sure we have your current email address. We have an email service that allows us to send vital information to you more frequently. If you haven't been receiving our emails, please take a moment and send your email address to our Director of Communications, Scott Chase at thechasegang@msn.com.

We will be holding gatherings to discuss how we can serve you best and how you can be involved in helping others experience the Holy Spirit through Walk to Emmaus. In addition we'll be contacting many of you directly to find out we can help you and your church to foster a strong connection within the Emmaus Community, and with the churches we serve.

I'll never forget last spring when our Fox Valley Emmaus brother Bruce Miller emotionally shared how he had waited 10 years to make an Emmaus connection in his home town of Appleton, Wisconsin. He described the incredible joy that overwhelmed him when saw an Emmaus bumper sticker on a parked car. He left his business card tucked under the windshield wiper. Through that action an Emmaus connection was made and a fledgling community started. I pray that our connecting acts over the coming months will bear similar fruit.

I look forward to seeing you soon as we rekindle the fire of the Holy Spirit together within our Community!

DeColores,
Craig

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13



A Word From Our Community Spiritual Director

"For as the body is one and has many members, but all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also is Christ. For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body--whether Jews or Greeks, whether slaves or free--and have all been made to drink unto one Spirit. For in fact the body is not one member but many."

1 Corinthians 12:12-14(NKJV)

My Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

These verses from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians are just as true today as they were when they were written. The Body of Christ is many. Each of you who have been a pilgrim at a Walk to Emmaus retreat is a part of the Body of Christ. We all sometimes lose sight of that fact, but God's grace, through the working of the Holy Spirit, brings us back to this knowledge--that we are all a part of the Body of Christ.

It is an amazing thing to watch the Holy Spirit at work. It is an even more amazing thing to feel the Holy Spirit at work. At our last set of walks at Luther Point near Grantsburg, Wisconsin, it was amazing to see the number of people who had come to work in the background to support those walks. On the women's walk, I was able to be with the agape team for part of the Walk, and they were working wonders. These people gave of their time; some for part of the weekend, some for the whole weekend to make sure that the pilgrims of those walks met Jesus in a special way. I want to thank all those who served with either acts of agape or items of agape.

As I was pondering past walks that I had participated in, I began to wonder how some of the people in the pictures were doing. I realized there were people from those walks I hadn't seen in a while. I began to wonder how these members of the Body of Christ were doing. In addition, I realized that, even though we were doing well in introducing new pilgrims to the Body of Christ, we weren't doing well in communicating with the Body already in place. That is our fault as a Board of Directors.

We are working to change that. This newsletter that you are receiving is the first step. I pray that as we work to better our communications with you, you will also work to communicate with us. Let us all work together as the Body of Christ to support our walks. Quite a few people in Minnesota and Wisconsin have yet to meet Jesus in that special way that we have on our pilgrim walks. Let us sponsor them to be on a walk and support them with our acts of agape.

We are all members of the Body of Christ, and it is amazing what the Holy Spirit can do. There are changes coming on the horizon, changes we as a Board pray will serve the Body of Christ in bringing that wonderful, pilgrim feeling to many others--changes that will allow the Holy Spirit to work in amazing ways.

Let us all, as the Body of Christ, be a vessel through which God can reach out to others.

God's blessings always,

Rev. John Hazen
Community Spiritual Director

Welcome New Pilgrims

We welcome the following new Pilgrims to the Minnesota Walk to Emmaus Community. We pray blessings to them throughout all of their Fourth Days!

Gary Anderson
Mike Morgan
Steve Prewitt
James Schafer
Dean Voelker
Charles Lemke

Don Jackson
Jere Murphy
Wil Resch
David Tice
Matt Moldenhauer

Carol Anderson
Darr Aschenbach
Karin Bartlett
Barbara DeVault
Sonya Donaldson
Rosalind Dryver-Scott
Nancy Espie
Rhonda Green
Sandy Hamilton
Pat Henderson
Deborah Hallas

Gail Jackson
Clara James
Amy Jochman
Lorraine Krueger
Tracy Mitchell
Kim Moldenhauer
Charmaine Prewitt
Lori Resch
Debra Tice
Mary Yocker
Linda Schiltz



Koronis Walks Need Your Support Sponsorship is Discipleship

The final set of Walks for 2006 will be held at Camp Koronis in Paynesville, MN. Men's Walk# 77 will be on October 26th through 29th with Women's Walk# 78 November 2nd to 5th. Space is still available for your Pilgrim. Your sponsorship is a form of Discipleship as you work to bring this friend closer to Christ. Come, join us on Saturday evening at Candlelight and Sunday afternoon for Closing, and relive the wonderful feelings expressed as the Pilgrims of Walks 77 & 78 see Agape in the Flesh!

If you have a Pilgrim you want to have signed up or you simply have questions, please contact Beth Tomlinson, Registrar at (763)755-8366 or bethtom_54@yahoo.com or any member of the Board of Directors listed in this publication.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! Support Candle Light and Closing

We want to see you! Remember the feeling of walking into a chapel full of people singing, "Jesus, Jesus"? Come and re-live those memories again, catch-up with old friends and support the Pilgrims of Walk# 77 & 78. The Walk to Emmaus Community will gather before the Candlelight for song, communion and to lift up the Pilgrims in prayer. Please join us at Camp Koronis on Saturday evening, October 28th at 8:30 pm for Candlelight for Men's Walk# 77. Candlelight for Women's Walk#78 will be Saturday, November 4th at Camp Koronis. This is the great "Agape in the Flesh" event that you won't want to miss!

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The Minnesota Walk to Emmaus Calendar

Saturday, September 30, 2006	4:00 pm	GALA Gathering	Richfield UMC, Minneapolis, MN
Thursday, October 26, 2006		Men's Walk #77	Camp Koronis, Paynesville, MN
Saturday, October 28, 2006	8:30 pm	Candlelight – Men's Walk	Camp Koronis, Paynesville, MN
Sunday, October 29, 2006	4:30 pm	Closing – Men's Walk	Camp Koronis, Paynesville, MN
Thursday, November 2, 2006		Woman's Walk #78	Camp Koronis, Paynesville, MN
Saturday, November 4, 2006	8:30 pm	Candlelight – Women's Walk	Camp Koronis, Paynesville, MN
Sunday, November 5, 2006	4:30 pm	Closing – Women's Walk	Camp Koronis, Paynesville, MN
Thursday, April 12, 2007		Men's (Outreach) Walk #79	Imago de Village, Clintonville, WI
Saturday, April 14, 2007	8:30 pm	Candlelight – Men's Walk	Imago de Village, Clintonville, WI
Sunday, April 15, 2007	4:30 pm	Closing – Men's Walk	Imago de Village, Clintonville, WI
Thursday, April 19, 2007		Women's (Outreach) Walk #80	Imago de Village, Clintonville, WI
Saturday, April 21, 2007	8:30 pm	Candlelight - Women's Walk	Imago de Village, Clintonville, WI
Sunday, April 22, 2007	4:30 pm	Closing – Women's Walk	Imago de Village, Clintonville, WI
Thursday, October 25, 2007		Men's Walk #81	Camp Ihduhapi, Loretto, MN
Saturday, October 27, 2007	8:30 pm	Candlelight – Men's Walk	Camp Ihduhapi, Loretto, MN
Sunday, October 28, 2007	4:40 pm	Closing – Men's Walk	Camp Ihduhapi, Loretto, MN
Thursday, November 8, 2007		Women's Walk #82	Camp Ihduhapi, Loretto, MN
Saturday, November 10, 2007	8:30 pm	Candlelight – Women's Walk	Camp Ihduhapi, Loretto, MN
Sunday, November 11, 2007	4:40 pm	Closing – Women's Walk	Camp Ihduhapi, Loretto, MN

**Join us for the Gala Gathering, September 30, at Richfield United Methodist Church
See details inside!**

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