

A Message from your Community Lay Director

Dear Emmaus Brothers and Sisters,



Since this is my first article as your new Community Lay Director I thought I would share as to how my “Emmaus Walk” (Springfield WW #5 in 1992) has turned into my “Emmaus Journey”. It was not till after my husband took his walk in 1994 did I become very active in Emmaus. I remember saying to a friend at the time, “I would so love to serve as an assistant table leader even if I would never be asked to serve again.” I’m sure our Lord started laughing...

I have served in various positions both on live in teams and in the kitchen and on the board and then in 2012, I served as week-end lay director for Women’s Walk #64. I have said that serving with that group of women (the team) to that group of women (the pilgrims) was the greatest ministry privilege of my life and could not imagine one of greater privilege or responsibility in Emmaus or otherwise. Again, I think our Lord started laughing...

In the spring of 2015 I felt that the Lord was calling me to serve on the board again. I volunteered to be secretary and was asked to be Good Shepherd. This time I started laughing...

Then this spring a friend referred a lady to me (because I was on the board) who was upset about our community not having walks. When we finally made phone contact one night we talked for over an hour and in the end we prayed together and she thanked me for helping her to “understand how things work”. When I got off the phone I was so renewed to serve because I *knew* the Holy Spirit had worked through me in that conversation.

Charles and I were in New Mexico at the time so I went to the walkway outside our hotel room to pray. I was a bit hesitant because both a bear and a mountain lion had been spotted in the parking lot the week before, but we were on the second floor and I **needed** to be outside and see His beautiful nighttime sky! I felt the Lord was calling me to be Community Lay Director. Me? Oh, I needed some major confirmation on this one! I asked God to confirm this through either seeing 1). A shooting star 2). The bear 3). The mountain lion.

(Now it is each of your turns to laugh! Charles even said, “It was nice that you gave God 3 choices!”)

As I finished praying and turned to walk inside the Lord spoke scripture to my mind, “We walk by faith, not by sight.” I was nailed, so to speak, as every confirmation I asked for was a visual one.... I was not laughing.... I was standing in awe...

So I come to be your community lay director, walking by faith not by sight...

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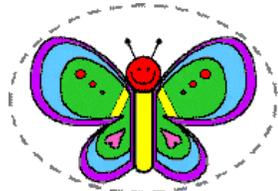


2016 Gathering Dates start at 7pm

July 10	August 14
September 11	October 9
November 13	December 11



GIRLS FLIGHT JULY 8 to 10



BOY'S FLIGHT JULY 29 to 31

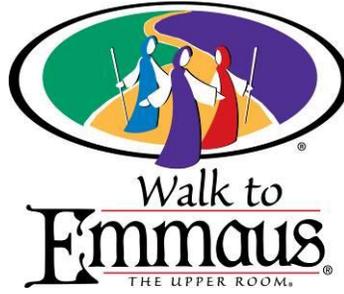


Do you know of a young person that you would like to sponsor for one of the above flights you can contact CHRYSALIS Rep Sarah Cogan at 937.969.8193. Also, Sarah is seeking prayer warriors for the 72 hour prayer vigil.



Emmaus needs you! Try and recall your 3rd day? The love you felt as you were leaving your walk. If things are different now, be the change you'd like to see at Emmaus. Come to a Gathering, bring a friend. Elections of a few new spots on the Board in July.

Remember Christ is counting on you!! Ellen Morgan, Outreach



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NEWS FROM THE KITCHEN:

CAN YOU BELIEVE IT, WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A WOMEN'S WALK IN SEPTEMBER! IT IS TIME TO GET EXCITED AND MAKE PLANS. ONE ITEM NEEDS TO BE ADDRESSED. I WILL BE FINISHED WITH MY TIME TO SERVE IN THE KITCHEN AND I HAVE A WILLING MEMBER READY TO TAKE ON THE POSITION. SHELBY VINCENT IS REALLY LOOKING FORWARD TO THESE DUTIES. SHE HAS BEEN ASSISTING ON SEVERAL WALKS AND IS READY TO GO.



IT IS TIME FOR MEMBERS WHO HAVE NEVER SERVED TO STEP UP AND BE A PART OF REVITALIZING OUR COMMUNITY.



I WILL HAVE THE SIGN-UP BOARD READY SO YOU CAN PLACE YOUR NAMES ON TIMES AND DATES YOU CAN HELP IN THE KITCHEN. IT IS A LOT OF WORK, A LOT OF FUN AND MOST IMPORTANTLY IT IS A TIME TO SERVE THE ONE WE NEED TO SERVE. I WILL MISS THE TIMES WE HAVE SHARED TOGETHER. SEE YOU AT THE JULY 10TH GATHERING. JEAN GRUMBLING



This year marks the 10 year anniversary of Vic's and my Emmaus Walks. Over the years, I have been in several different share groups - started in a couples share group, then to small share groups of as few as two, and larger share groups with as many as seven. My workplace requires traveling periodically, and we all know that life happens. That is, obstacles get placed in our path that interfere with our ability to attend share groups, gatherings, or our regular church worship services. When that happens, I feel an emptiness in my life.

My walk to Emmaus has opened my eyes to the importance of daily staying connected to Christ, and one of the ways I strive to do that, is by staying connected to my brothers and sisters in Christ. We can stay connected through worship, sharing, and service. Emmaus offers many opportunities to serve and each of our churches do as well. Another way to stay connected is through prayer. One of the real blessings that I have enjoyed since my walk is the way my Emmaus brothers and sisters hold me and each other in prayer.



So just like the song says, "Pray for me, and I'll pray for you..." Let us continue to hold each other as Emmaus brothers and sisters, and as the full community, in prayer. Many of us need healing, comfort, to forgive or be forgiven, or just need to feel God's presence. We don't need to be in crisis to benefit from prayers. Another song lyric states "Prayer changes things and it changes me". The Walk to Emmaus taught me the importance of prayer. It is my hope that we join together in prayer for each other and our communities.

Sue Neves
Springfield Area Women's Walk #47, Table of Anna <clap!>



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Most Christians who decide to visit prisoners do so out of a sense of duty, the belief that they should take Christ into prisons. When we visit, however, we invariably discover He is already there. We go into the prisons to bring a blessing to those locked inside; but more often, we come away richly blessed ourselves, having received more than we have given.

As I read the fervent reflections of Christians incarcerated across the United States, I sensed the love, joy, peace, long-suffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control that can only be the fruit produced by our Lord Himself. As always, He reveals Himself through the words and prayers of those He died to save.

Those of us who have spent time in prison know human depravity. We have lived in the midst of sin; we have been trapped in its awful bondage. Consequently, many prisoners have a special sense of gratitude for God's mercies and grace, understanding, as many on the outside may not, what it really means for God's Son to have taken their place on the cross. It is that sense of gratitude which makes His Grace so poignant.

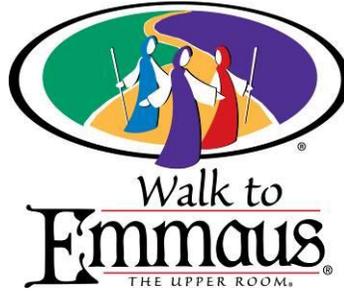
I have experienced the most meaningful communion with my Lord, not in the lofty cathedrals of the world or in the great churches of our land; not under exquisite stained glass windows or in the shadow or ornate altars, but on my knees by a prison cell praying with men and women locked away in the horrid pits we call prison. I have come to know, as I pray you will also know in even the darkest of dungeons, He lives.

Chuck Colson



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Continue to submit Men and Women applications for future walks.
Come to Gathering for applications or print one from
<http://www.spfldemmaus.com/>

Prayer Warriors will be needed in September for the 72 Prayer Vigil



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Springfield Area Emmaus 25th Anniversary Celebration

At our reunions in June we had about 50 team and pilgrims! I heard from a couple of people that the reunions just keep getting better and better! Thank you to all that have been working on locating pilgrims and team members. Your efforts are producing fruit!

To anyone who is trying to locate pilgrims or team members: if you are on Facebook you could also try locating someone on that site.

We continue our 25 th Anniversary Celebration at our **JULY** Gathering by having reunions at 6:15 PM for **Women's Walks #31-40** (meeting in the conference room) and **Men's Walks #16-20** (meeting in the dining hall)!

If you are interested in helping with these reunions please contact me at 937.673.4587 (call after 5 or text anytime) or at aen1979@sbcglobal.net (please write "Emmaus" in the subject line).

Blessings galore to you and yours!

Alison Nosker

Seeking: Willing workers for the Women's Walk in September. Come to the gathering and sign up to help out in kitchen, behind the scene workers, set up and tear down helps also needed. As well we will be needing Prayer Warriors for the 72 hour prayer vigil.





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Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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