



The Emmaus News

Columbus Indiana Area Emmaus Community, Inc.

Letter to the Community:

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I have once again seen the hand of God at work. While attending the candle light and closing for men's walk # 73, I saw the face of Jesus in each one of the pilgrims. When they floated into Asbury Methodist Church Saturday night, we could all tell that they were experiencing the love of God. When they began to sing to the community, it sounded like a heavenly chorus as hands were raised in praise to their Lord. Then at closing the comments and expressions told the story even more. These men were just like the two on the road to Emmaus. They had been with Jesus and couldn't wait to tell everyone about their experience.

While I listened to these men tell about their experiences of the weekend, it occurred to me that we can all have that same excitement every day. We just need to include God in our lives as we begin each day. That's all He wants. He just wants to be in relationship with us in everything that we do.

During these few days between the two walks we all feel that dreaded "A" word – Anticipation. We are all looking forward to women's walk #74. The team is looking forward to serving God as they serve the pilgrims. The community is looking forward to send-off when they can see the faces of the women as they join the line to start their experience. Some will be excited, some will be wondering what will happen and some will just be wondering what they have gotten themselves into. Whatever they may be feeling or thinking, God will be ready to meet them where they are and show them just how much He loves them.

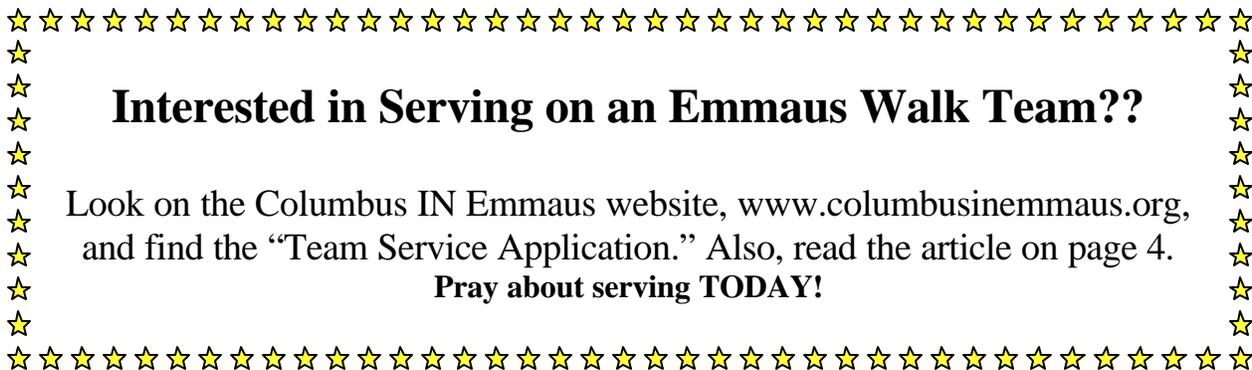
God is so amazing. He takes each one of us just as we are and knows just how to talk with every individual so that we can realize just how real He is and how much He loves each one of us.

Looking forward to the fellowship of send-off and *anticipating* the November gathering.

In Christ,
Bill

Dates for Upcoming Walks & Flights

Chrysalis Flight # 35	January 16-18, 2010
Chrysalis Flight #36	January 16-18, 2010
Men's Walk #75	April 8-11, 2010
Women's Walk #76	April 15-18, 2010
Men's Walk #77	October 21-24, 2010
Women's Walk #78	October 28-31, 2010



Interested in Serving on an Emmaus Walk Team??

Look on the Columbus IN Emmaus website, www.columbusinemmaus.org, and find the "Team Service Application." Also, read the article on page 4.
Pray about serving TODAY!

Lost and Found

If you left something behind at Lutheran Lake, be sure to look on the table set up at the Gathering on November 20th at St. Peter's Lutheran Church.



Backup Vans Needed

The Columbus Emmaus and Chrysalis Communities need a few good passenger vans to backup our aging bus. The vans would be on standby during the nights for candlelight and for transporting the Chrysalis flights to closing . If you can help with this, contact Irv Rutan at irutan@columbusinemmaus.org or Tim Metz at tmetz@columbusinemmaus.org.

Newsletter Archive



On behalf of the board, I am trying to accumulate a complete collection of every Columbus Emmaus Community Newsletter since 1993. I have a good start but still need certain dates. If you have any of the old newsletters from the dates below, I would like to borrow them. I would copy them and return the original to you.

Still needed are:

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| | 1999 June | 1995 except April |
| 2003 May | 1999 Dec. | 1994 July- Dec. |
| 2000 Dec. | 1998 all | 1993 April |
| 1999 Feb. | 1997 all | 1993 Oct. |
| 1999 March | 1996 all | |

If you can help supply some of these missing issues, please contact John Rhoades, jrhoades@columbusinemmaus.org, or 812-372-2107.

Former Pilgrims (both New and Old)

As Emmaus Community members, you are invited to continue your Walk to Emmaus experience by participating in future community events.



Columbus Emmaus Gatherings

Come the 3rd Friday of each month for worship, fellowship, and refreshments.

The November Gathering is at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Columbus and is a pitch-in dinner. Meal time is 7:00 PM. New pilgrims don't need to bring anything other than your name tag and cross. A Fourth Day meeting will be held at 6:00 PM.

Sponsorship

Encourage others to attend a Walk to Emmaus. Help others to learn about God's love and ways to serve Him.

Send-Offs, Candlelights, Closings

As community members you can participate in future walks by coming to any or all of these walk weekend events. You can buy your own candle at the next candlelight for \$5.00.

Fourth Day Meeting

Come and learn about Reunion Groups, and how to make your Fourth Days better.



Make or Supply Agape for Walks

Express yourself with some "crafty" item that helps show God's agape love for the pilgrims and team members.

Serve on an Emmaus Team

Consider volunteering to be on a future team. Training will be provided. You can serve in the conference room, kitchen, or everywhere (Agape team member).

Pray and Write

Write agape letters for pilgrims and sign-up on the walk prayer charts to pray.

This is an excerpt from an article about *servicing on a team* by Carolyn Pool, that appeared in the June, 2009 newsletter.



Let's talk about how a person gets to serve on an Emmaus Team. Well, first you need to pray. Secondly, you need to pray. Thirdly is having your accountability group pray for you, with you. Pray for guidance, wisdom and to be able to make the commitment to serving in this way.

Just what is the commitment you might ask?

When you are asked to serve on a Walk Team, the commitment is to attend all team meetings, if you are asked to serve in the conference room area and for those who are first time Emmaus servers. Those in the conference room are: Table leader, Assistant Table leader, Music and Assistant Lay Directors and of course the Walk Lay Director. If you are asked to serve in the Agape or Kitchen areas and have served before, you can be excused from attending some of the meetings (but not all). However, and this is a **BIG HOWEVER**, missing any team meeting is discouraged. These meetings are also team building meetings. It is very important to come together and pray together as the Body of Christ sharing Christ's love for each other and for the pilgrims. How else are you going to get to know those cabin buddies if you miss the team building meetings?

There is also a 1/3, 1/3, 1/3 rule. Okay just what is that you ask? When putting together a team, the team selection committee and the Walk Lay Director must look at the big picture. One third of the team must consist of members who have done this thing before; multiple times. We loving call these team members the "ole timers". Then the next one third must be the "middle agers." These are the team members who have served once, twice, maybe three times. Then there's the next one third of the team that are comprised of brand new, never done this thing before, stepping out of the box team members. We must also look at where the team members attend church. There needs to be a good mix of denominations. The weekend shows the unified Body of Christ coming from all different walks of life including jobs, churches, lifestyles, young and the young at heart serving together as one for the One.

There will be more to come about how to serve on an Emmaus weekend at a later time. The most important part is to be in prayer for how God wants you to serve. So when you receive a letter to serve on an Emmaus weekend look at the team meeting dates that are set up & pray. Remember that Priority Talk? What are you thinking about? What do you spend your money on? That is your priority!! When you make a commitment you should honor that commitment because you are not committing to the Walk Lay Director you are making a commitment to serve **Him**.

Columbus Emmaus Community Needs You

The Body of Christ is made up of many members. Each one of you has many, varied talents. All of these talents are needed in your Columbus IN Emmaus Community. Look at the partial list of needed talents and see where you might be able to serve. Maybe the list will inspire a new idea about an area where you can serve. If you would like to help in any way, contact Carolyn Pool at cpool@columbusinemmaus.org.

Walks

Photography
 Play musical instrument
 Sing
 Set up/tear down camp
 Prepare agape
 Watch camp during candlelights
 Prepare snacks for send-off
 Make yarn watches and lanyards for crosses
 Make name tags
 Create Power Point presentations for speakers
 Help sort supplies
 Saturday night meal server
 Help load and transport supplies to camp
 Become board member
 Computer skills

Team meetings

Provide lunches and snacks

Gatherings

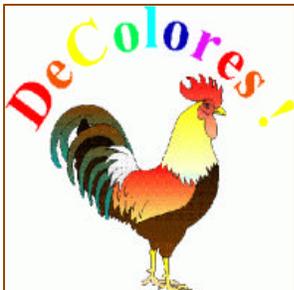
Set up/tear down
 Sound system
 Project songs
 Create agape (lead a group in production)
 Clean-up afterward

Candlelights

Set up/tear down
 Sell candles
 Take names/mileage
 Provide/serve ice cream
 Sound system
 Help musicians set up
 Write agape notes

Closings

Sound system
 Project songs
 Help musicians set up



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November Chrysalis Board Meeting

Tuesday, November 3, 2009—6 pm
First Christian Church
531 Fifth St., Columbus, IN

November Emmaus Board Meeting

Saturday, November 14, 2009—9 am
Rocky Ford Free Methodist Church
3990 Rocky Ford Rd., Columbus, IN

November Hoot

Sunday, November 8, 2009—2 pm
Check the website for location

**November Gathering, Pitch-In and
Fourth Day Meeting**

Friday, November 20, 2009—7 pm
FOURTH DAY MEETING—6 PM
St. Peter's Lutheran Church
719 5th Street
Columbus, IN

No Gathering in December

