



The Emmaus News

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Letter to the Community:

Dear Community,

I hope this letter finds everyone doing well. This has been a great fall with our community just completing Walks 93 & 94. God showed up in a big way (as He always does) during the Walks.

I would like to thank all of you who took part in the walks. Especially the Lay Directors and those who served on team. It is a big commitment to give up 3 weekends to serve on team but the rewards are eternal for some.

I was not able to attend the men's closing but some of the team shared with me that it was an awesome walk and lives were changed. Those statements were confirmed at the women's closing when some of them shared that their husbands came back home walking on air. The testimonies at the women's closing were very heartfelt as they shared how God became very alive in their lives during the three days. I always think of it this way, we come to the weekend as a hunk of clay and God puts us on the Potter's wheel and starts molding us into who He wants us to be.

Now is the time to start thinking about who you could sponsor for the Spring Walks and talk to them about attending the Walk to Emmaus. When they say *yes*, please get those applications turned in as soon as possible. Let's make 2015 a great year by filling all 4 Walks with the maximum number of Pilgrims on each walk. We can do all things through Christ Jesus.

Please pray for Phil Newton & Robin Everhart, spring Lay Directors, as they form God's team.

Just a reminder! Our Gathering is Friday, November 21, at St Peters Lutheran Church in Columbus. Fourth Day meeting at 6pm and pitch-in dinner at 7pm. Hope to see everyone there.

Let Us Come and Worship the One True God.

Mike Hien
Community Lay Director

Dates for Upcoming Walks & Flights	
Chrysalis Flights #55 & #56 Application Deadline	February 28 - March 2 2015 February 20
Men's Walk #95 Application Deadline	April 9 - 12 2015 March 9
Women's Walk #96 Application Deadline	April 16 - 19 2015 March 16



WALK #93 LETTER TO COMMUNITY



Walk #93 turned out to be a wonderful walk. Everyone seemed geared up and ready to go. Only God could have put this team together. There were many signs that His Hand was in it. Every team member was responsive to the pilgrim's needs and was more than willing to help me as well. This includes saying "yes" to work when I called or saying "come back to me if you are unsuccessful with others; we won't let you down". God taught me humbleness, patience, and letting me know He was in control.

I'm sure every Lay Director learns these same lessons. Now I understand, He wants us to struggle sometimes so that we will learn to depend more on Him. Everyone's prayers certainly helped.

By Saturday night, our pilgrims did not want to stop having the posters, skits or their music to come to candlelight. I welcomed this as I took it as a sign we were all doing what God called us to do.

I felt very honored to have been asked to be Lay Director and to have had a wonderful team, no matter what position they were in. Our spiritual team was kept busy looking up scripture for the pilgrim's posters and ministering to them wherever needed. We played, sang to the top of our voices, hugged, cried, heard wonderful talks, eat a lot, met new friends, shared personal stories, lost weight when we let our burdens go at dying moments, received communion, and all to the glory of God.

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Randy Wheeler, Lay Director Walk #93

SPONSORSHIP AT WORK

A BIG **THANK YOU** to all of you who stepped up and sponsored pilgrims and/or caterpillars on the fall Flights and Walks. **GREAT JOB!!** However, **NOW** is the time to begin praying for those who God would lead you to sponsor for the spring Flights and Walks. Your sponsorship helps make the Flights and Walks a big success!!

Dave Schill, Sponsorship & Reunion Groups

CHANGE OF INFORMATION

If your mailing address, phone number, or e-mail address has changed, then please let us know. Email your change to addresschange@columbusinemmaus.org or contact any Board member.



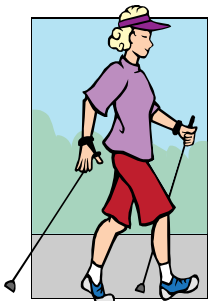
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WALK #94 LETTER TO COMMUNITY

Walk #94 is over, the camp is cleaned up and the supplies are put away, but its impact will be felt for years to come. The Lord put together a wonderful team of people that their one desire was to prepare a weekend that would glorify our Lord and move the pilgrims to a closer walk with Him. As we finished our team training, it was not looking very promising that we would receive the required pilgrim applications to hold the walk. Never did the team give up or become discouraged. They did what was asked of them, trained, worshipped and prayed that our God would “Open up the Heavens”. The night of the September Gathering/Commissioning we received word that both walks were a go and we were going to camp!



Community, Thank You! Sponsorship for Walk# 94 was awesome. It was prayerful and we could tell God called just the right pilgrims to camp. By time we got to Send Off we had 27 ladies ready to go to New Friends and begin the journey. Some may have been reluctant or fearful, but you wouldn't know from the smiles and chatter at New Friends. Tables were formed and friendships were begun. It never ceases to amaze me how a list of names can become a new family of Sisters in a matter of hours. God is good!

I personally want to thank you, the community, for the opportunity to serve as the Lay Director for Walk#94. Your encouragement and trust is humbling. I learned so much and drew closer to the Lord as he stretched me and used me in ways I never imagined. The opportunity to see God's hand in the preparation for this walk will always leave me in awe. The moments when it was tough and I wasn't sure who to call next or how things were going to get done. I'm sure God was smiling and saying "I'll show her" because I'd get that call back or someone would offer to do just what was needed. I give all the Glory to our Lord and humbly say "thank you" for the opportunity to join Him where He was working.

God Bless
Mary Miles, Lay Director Walk #94



ELECT TO SERVE!

(We'll vote on these nominees at the November Gathering)



Chrysalis Board Nominees 2015

Joyce Sword
Shelly McCalister
Dale Guse

Emmaus Board Nominees 2015

Renee Kasting
Diane Elmerick
Lisa Reuter

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November Community Gathering & Pitch-in*

Friday, November 21, 2014

6pm - Fourth Day meeting (new members & their sponsors)

7pm - Pitch-in dinner

8pm - Worship

St. Peter Lutheran Church

719 Fifth Street, Columbus, IN

*Childcare provided

Board Meetings @ The Rock

3990 Rocky Ford Rd., Columbus, IN

Chrysalis - Tuesday, November 4 at 6:00 pm

Chrysalis - Tuesday, December 2 at 6:00 pm

Emmaus - Saturday, November 8 at 9:00 am

Emmaus - Saturday, December 13 at 9:00 am