



The Emmaus News

Columbus Indiana Area Emmaus Community, Inc.

Letter to the Community:

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Our God is an awesome God!!! Easter is still a fresh memory, crocuses are popping up in spite of the chilly weather for mid-March, the March Gathering was joyous on many levels, and Walk #88 is just days away.

The Gathering last month was another evening of praising God and sharing time with our Emmaus brothers and sisters. I'm so happy we are making agape again before convening in the sanctuary. Thank you Sandy and Brooke! The music led by Julianna, Joyce, and all the students was uplifting and got us off to a rousing start.

Thanks to Joe for our opening prayer in his usual smiley Christ-centered fashion. It helped Friday night if you had a Jesus tattoo... find a friend to explain if you missed our opening ice breaker.

We kept our brother Lay Director Tom Bailey in prayer as he continues to recover from cancer surgery. In his place, Skip gave us a Walk update and Trish was her usual beautiful positive self as she updated us on the Women's Walk.

Did I mention last month how much I love team dedications? Let me say it again, I love team dedication! There's nothing like praying and laying hands on one of those God has called to serve on a team.

Thanks to Steve Pool for his funny, transparent, heart-felt, and moving 4th Day talk. He was such an inspiration, as were Rhonda and Marlene who serve as God's hands and feet. I you all!

Remember, there is no Gathering in April. Even though Men's Walk #87 was retired, we will send off the ladies on Walk #88 at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 18, at Camp Lakeview. Candlelight service is 8:00 p.m. on Saturday at Community Church of Columbus, and Closing is 3:30 p.m. on Sunday at the camp.

Our next Gathering is May 17th at First Christian Church in Columbus. Fourth Day meeting is at 6 p.m., "pitch-in" dinner at 7 p.m., and worship afterwards.

Blessings and love to all,

Melanie

Dates for Upcoming Walks & Flights

Women's Walk #88	April 18-21 2013
Men's Walk #89	October 17-20 2013
Women's Walk #90	October 24-27 2013



It Is All About Sponsorship

Question: How are Sponsors involved on the Thursday night of a Walk?

Answer: The Sponsor's responsibilities on that Thursday evening are a form of prayer and sacrifice. Sponsors want their Pilgrim to know that they are personally interested in their participation in the Walk. So sponsors have many ways to assist their pilgrim that evening.

PRIOR TO THURSDAY

1. Gather the agape letters for your pilgrim.
2. Perhaps buy an Emmaus cup for your pilgrim & give it to him/her at Send-Off.
3. Perhaps take some of your pilgrim's favorite snacks to Send-Off.
4. Prepare to wear your nametag (but not your Emmaus cross).

ON THURSDAY

1. Bring your pilgrim to the campground.
2. Plan to arrive between 6:30 and 7 pm (Send-Off starts around 7:30).
3. Assist your pilgrim with luggage and registration.
4. Involve him/her in the Send-Off (introduce them to new friends).
5. Participate in the "Sponsor's Hour", immediately following the Send-Off.
6. Deliver the agape letters after the Sponsor's Hour.

If you have access to the Internet, much more information is easily found at the Columbus Emmaus website, listed in this newsletter. Once there, click on the "Member Information Area", and enter the user ID and password listed below. Then click on the "Help documents". On the left side you'll find a "Sponsor's Checklist". On the right side you'll find both "Suggestions for Sponsors" and "Emmaus Sponsorship".

By humbly keeping these responsibilities, you'll offer your pilgrim a great start to his/her weekend with the Lord!

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 a Board member.



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Emmaus Information Page (for community members):
www.columbusinemmaus.org/emmaus/members
User name: columbusemmaus **password:** 4thday

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 May Gathering is at **First Christian Church, 531 5th Street, in Columbus.** Pitch-in dinner is 7:00 PM. New pilgrims don't need to bring anything other than your name tag and cross. A Fourth Day meeting 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. Candlelights are at Community Church of Columbus, 3850 N. Marr Rd..

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). Visit www.columbusinemmaus.org for an application form.

Pray and Write

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



We need volunteers to help serve on the set-up crew for the Women's Walk. Show up at Lakeview Camp on Wednesday, April 17, at 5 p.m. Contact Carl Weichman (343-6840) if you have any questions.

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No April Gathering

April Board Meetings

Chrysalis - Tuesday, April 2, 2013 - 6 pm
Emmaus - Saturday, April 13, 2013 - 9 am
The Rock - 3990 Rocky Ford Rd., Columbus, IN

Women's Walk #88 (April 18-21)

Set-up - Wednesday at 5 pm (Camp Lakeview)
Send off - Thursday at 6 pm (Camp Lakeview)
Candlelight - Saturday at 8 pm (Community Church of Columbus)
Closing - Sunday at 3:30 pm (Camp Lakeview)

May Gathering & 4th Day Meeting

Friday, May 17, 2013
6 pm - 4th Day Meeting
7 pm - Pitch-in Meal
First Christian Church, 531 5th Street, Columbus, IN