

The Emmaus News



Columbus Indiana Area Emmaus Community, Inc.

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From our Community Lay Director...

Dear Community,

How grateful I am for all of God's mercies! As I sat back and listened to the newest members of our community speak at the closing of the walks, I was overwhelmed by the encouragement that I received from them. It has been a hard two years of doubt and fear of so many things that went wrong. God's word came out loud and clear. He is still on the Throne and in control!

As we continue to walk our 4th Day, let us remember that God always goes before us on our journey. To our newest brothers and sisters; be strong and courageous. God is with you with every step that you take.

Remember our Gathering on the 20th of May, to be held at Cornerstone Community Church in Seymour, Indiana. Let's rejoice and celebrate our newest members.

Now, let us pray for each other and for all of our Christian brothers and sisters across the globe. Satan is prowling around, looking to destroy all the good work that has been started in these Walks that were just completed.

John 16:33 " ...Be of good cheer, I have overcome the World."

De Colores,

Mike Hess, Community Lay Director



From our Community Spiritual Director ...



The song says “the devil went down to Georgia”, and that’s because he was just kicked out of Camp Lakeview! He certainly had sufficient ammo to wreak havoc on our latest Walks. We had less than 2 months to fully prepare our Teams. These were the 1st Walks for some of our Board members to support. And of course COVID was still looming in the background. It was a great recipe for failure, and we could point later to many excuses.

But it was also a great recipe for a miracle! God did what we had never witnessed before. Our teams came together in record time. Pilgrims filled the available tables. And the Emmaus community gave great support, especially in the prayer vigils.

Obviously these were not “our” Walks: we just jumped on board, served as best we could, and watched God work. Some pilgrims even described this spring as just the right time for them to attend. I noticed that we even impacted some worshipping communities for the first time.

So as the song says, devil just “come on back” this fall if you dare, but you can expect the same welcome, and the same results!

De Colores,

Pastor Mike Seaney, Community Spiritual Director





From our Chrysalis Community Lay Director..

Dear Community -

Flights 79 & 80 were a smashing success! It is still stirring and emotional for me to observe what happens when two or more are gathered in Christ's name. Our 24 new butterflies as well as team were spiritually filled up and blessed this weekend - Praise God!

Because of Covid, the board made the bold decision to have these flights in a day camp format. Surprisingly, the daily schedule of events were not dramatically altered. A special thank you goes to CCC (Community Church of Columbus) for hosting the location and working around the flight activities especially during normal Sunday church services. We are still gathering information to determine if this is a viable format to use in tandem with our traditional Chrysalis flights at camp.

Flights 81 & 82 will happen Labor Day weekend at Hilltop camp. We are excited to announce that Karl and Jamie Evans will be Lay Directors. We would appreciate your prayers in advance and ask you to think about who you might like to sponsor.

Fly with Christ!
Sean McAlister



From our supplies board rep...



Hi, my name is Dave Goodner, Walk 67, table of Mark, (my oldest son's name) Columbus Indiana Area Emmaus. (That was 2008) I live in Columbus and attend The Rock. I am married to Billie for 57 years and have three adult children, two grandchildren, and two beautiful great granddaughters in Seattle. I had made every excuse to not attend, and I ran out for this particular weekend. My sponsor told me to pack a suitcase and I was going, and I would enjoy it. (I think that was a command.)

So, he dropped me off at Camp Lakeview and I wondered who all these strangers were. Finally, I saw a couple of men I knew, so it calmed my nerves a little. After introductions, we engaged in "quiet time," and I didn't have a car to leave. I did see a llama and thought I might ride it to freedom.

The next morning, I told myself I would give it a chance. Breakfast was good. Then we walked to a church with lots of tables and were told someone would call our names and tell us which table to occupy. He also said the first name called would be the table leader, so I went into prayer mode, "Don't let it be me, God."

The first talk was about priorities, and I knew right away I had some work to do. They said it would get better, so I decided to stay, like I had a choice.

When closing time came on Sunday, I was not ready to leave. The question was asked, "What has this weekend meant to you." If I had time to write a book it would have been bigger than a Dickens novel.

I have been serving Emmaus and Chrysalis ever since and it does just keep getting better. I have served each position on a walk and enjoyed all of them. I must stop here before Mr. Dickens gets jealous. Thanks for allowing me to serve as the supplies person on your board.

De Colores, Dave Goodner



***A BIG THANK YOU to everyone
who helped with set up and tear
down before and after the walks.***

We appreciate you!!

From our men's Walk #123 Lay Director...

Dear Columbus Area Emmaus community,

It was an honor to lead Columbus Area Emmaus Walk #123. God showed that His plan cannot be stopped, as His team for Walk #123 was formed on a seemingly impossible timeline. I was encouraged seeing the excitement in our community. The Walk to Emmaus has meant so much in all of our lives. God is growing leaders who are making continual impact on our community for His Kingdom. Thank you to everyone who sponsored pilgrims, made agape, attended candlelight, wrote letters, and prayed for the weekend. These acts of love were felt by the pilgrims deeply.

So many burdens were laid down at dying moments, which transformed the pilgrims and the whole weekend. The men grew closer to Jesus through all the love shown through the mouthwatering food, talks full of truth, transparent testimonies, and group bonding. The transformation of the

pilgrims was witnessed by the team and everyone who attended closing. It was amazing to hear what God was doing in the lives of these men. They have joined all of us on our 4th days as we serve God to expand His kingdom and bring others into His family.

De Colores,

Karl Evans



From our women's Walk #124 Lay Director...

Dear Columbus Area Emmaus community,

As walk #124 has come and gone, I have done some reflecting on the weekend.

First, let me say that I was well pleased with the walk. The team worked well together to make everything just right for the pilgrims. The Pilgrims were a great bunch of ladies who came together to work on their Spiritual relationship with their Lord.

Laughter as well as tears were seen throughout the weekend as the Pilgrims bonded with each other at their tables. It was great sitting back and listening to the discussions taking place amongst the pilgrims. Of course, candlelight was awesome. The Pilgrims were in awe of the love that they received while there. God definitely wanted this walk to take place. Everything went according to His plan to make this walk a success.

De Colores,

Susan Kloke





You are invited!

We will be welcoming our newest

Community members at the

May Gathering

Friday, May 20th

6:30 to 9 pm

Cornerstone Community Church

1088 Sarasota Dr., Seymour, IN 47274



6:30 pm Pitch-in Dinner

7:30 pm Praise and Worship

To our newest members, please come and
enjoy. Just bring yourselves and your family.

Community Members

please bring 1-2 of your favorite
dishes to share.





Community Gatherings...

May Gathering ~Friday, May 20th at 6:30 pm at
Cornerstone Community Church,
1088 Sarasota Dr. Seymour, IN 47274
Please bring a dish or two to share. New
members just bring yourselves.

Chrysalis Flights #81and #82

September 3-5, 2022

Men's Walk #125

October 27-30, 2022

Women's Walk #126

November 3-6, 2022



The Caterpillar and Emmaus Applications are posted on the website.

You may download one at:

[Columbus IN Area Emmaus Walk Application](#)

[Spring 2022 Chrysalis Flight Application](#)



Board Meetings



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