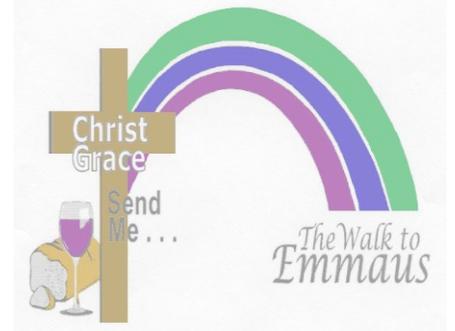


Lansing Emmaus Community

# Footprints



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Community Spiritual Director:

Pastor Ted Orwig

We need to love God above everything else in our lives. We are told that we should love the Lord our God with all our heart, mind and strength. This is the first and great commandment. If we love anything more than God, we have a divided heart. We must first always love God and allow other things to take second place. I am not suggesting that we have a priority list of one, two, or three, because what happens to a list is that two can become more important than one, and so on. I am suggesting that we allow God to be the priority, and all other things will fall in line.

When God is all, we can go on to do the second commandment, to love our neighbor as ourselves. Jesus said they will know we are Christians by our love. Let us give our all, to the All in All. God bless you as you endeavor to love Him with every part of your being.

Pastor Ted Orwig

## Newsletter Deadline for Next Issue

If you have an idea for an article or would like to write an article, please let me know by December 20, 2014 and your article will be considered for the newsletter. Contact Denise Epps at [eppsd11@gmail.com](mailto:eppsd11@gmail.com) or call me at 616-902-9764

## Walk to Emmaus Registration

Things I need to know:

What is the deadline for sponsoring a Pilgrim?

Once the minimum number of registrations are received, more registration forms will be accepted until the maximum number of registrations are received (36 for a full walk) or until 2 weeks prior to the walk. If more than 36 registrations are received for any walk, the additional registration forms will be put on a waiting list in the order received in case there are cancellations, or the applicants will be given the option of pre-registering for the next walk.

Scholarships:

There are limited funds available for partial scholarships for Pilgrims who are experiencing financial hardship. Scholarship application forms are available from the Registrar and should be submitted along with registration forms. Scholarships up to \$50.00 per request may be approved as resources allow.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Perkins,  
Lansing Area Emmaus Registrar

**Visit our Website:**

[www.lansingemmaus.truepath.com](http://www.lansingemmaus.truepath.com)

**IMS Database:** Link from our Website using Internet Explorer.

LAE Community Home Page: Select "Community Access" and Log In to update your information or indicate your interest in volunteering to work a walk.

If you have any problems getting into the IMS Database System contact Karen Mclendon 517-648-1221, [karenlm06@yahoo.com](mailto:karenlm06@yahoo.com)

## Upcoming 2015 Spring Walks

### Men's Spring Walk

**March 12 – 15, 2015**

New Hope UMC  
7296 9 Mile Rd  
Mecosta, Mi 49332

**March 14, 2015** – Men's Candlelight Service  
Gathering 7:30 PM – Candlelight Service 9:00 PM.

**Please continue to send in your applications!**

### Women's Fall Walk

**March 19 – 22, 2015**

New Hope UMC  
7296 9 Mile Rd  
Mecosta, Mi 49332

**March 21, 2015** – Women's Candlelight Service  
Gathering 7:30 PM – Candlelight Service 9:00 PM.

Applications for the walk can be  
downloaded from

[www.lansingemmaus.truepath.com](http://www.lansingemmaus.truepath.com)

If you have any questions, please  
contact Kathy Perkins at (989) 330-9680 or  
by e-mail at [kperkins@gccmha.org](mailto:kperkins@gccmha.org)



## ***GATHERING Information***

Hello, my name is Eric Iversen; I took my walk to Emmaus in February of 2008 at 1<sup>st</sup> UMC in Ionia where I sat at the table of Isaac. I started serving on the Board in January and am currently serving as the Gathering Board Chair.

We are currently in need of volunteers to help at one of the gatherings in either St. Johns or Greenville to serve on the Gathering Committee. The various responsibilities include: helping to contact a clergy member to give the message, making sure one or two musicians are available to lead singing, finding a Fourth Day speaker, arriving early to setup, preparing the communion elements, calling people to the worship service, making announcements, helping afterwards to cleanup. It works best if these responsibilities can be shared among a team so no one person is doing everything. For example if you would be uncomfortable giving announcements someone on the team who is comfortable would give the announcements. Ideally if there are enough volunteers' different teams could serve every second or third month.

For newer Community Members, this is a great starting point to get involved with the Community on a regular basis.

If you are interested in further information about the St. Johns or Greenville Gathering Committees, please contact Eric Iversen at 517-348-2913 or [eiversen517@gmail.com](mailto:eiversen517@gmail.com). Alternately for only the Greenville gathering please contact Nikki Phillips at 616-232-3936 or [nkphillips@outlook.com](mailto:nkphillips@outlook.com).

The St. Johns Gatherings are held the 2nd Friday of each month except for March and October and are held at **Pilgrim United Methodist Church**, 2965 W. Parks Road, St Johns, MI 48879 unless otherwise indicated. Fellowship starts at 6:00 PM, Potluck dinner at 6:30 PM, worship at 7:00 PM, with Sponsorship training following worship.

The Greenville Gatherings are held on the 1st Saturday of every month at the **First United Methodist Church**, 204 W Cass in Greenville, MI 48838. Arrive for fellowship at 4:30 PM. Dinner will follow at 5:00 PM and Worship at 5:30 – 6:30 PM, with Sponsorship training following worship.

God Bless,

Eric Iversen

## Assistant Community Lay Director

I was recently reminded how busy we can get and forget to pay attention to those around us. How many times do we ask someone "How are you?" but don't really pay attention to the answer?

I recently said hello to a friend and asked how they were doing. The response received was OK. Since the answer was OK, I wanted to know if there was anything I could do to help. It was shocking to hear that many other people had asked the same question and received the same answer but no one asked if they could help. It turned out this friend had received some very devastating health news. Since my friend lives alone, they did not want to be a burden to anyone. They were so happy that someone was willing to take the time to talk, spend time with them, pray for them, and be there just to listen. It was a comfort to know that they will not be going through this alone and that someone **does** care about them.

This was a great reminder that it does not take great acts but small ones to make a difference in someone's life. Small acts can let them know that people care and are there to help. By being intentional in our day-to-day lives, many others can be positively affected. You never know when your attendance or attention to someone is most needed at that time.

There are many opportunities to be the hands and feet of Christ. I pray that you notice the opportunities and act on them. Remember, it may be that small act you perform that reminds someone that God loves them.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Assistant Community Lay Director.

Welcome to the new and returning Board members. I wish you the very best and hope you find this a very rewarding experience.

May GOD Shine his LOVE upon all you do.

Have a Blessed Fourth Day

Peggy Pirhonen

Assistant Community Lay Director

989-307-5816

## Emmaus Store

By Peg Pirhonen, Emmaus Store Board Chair

Living as a Christian disciple requires planning. We are pilgrims on an intentional journey with CHRIST. Our spiritual growth is not accidental but is the result of purposeful participation in the means of grace. We need to develop plans for study, action and piety (worship, communion, meditation, prayer and spiritual direction).

The closer we come to Christ, the closer we come to one another as well.

The heart of the group reunion/fourth day group is a vision of a life lived wholly in the grace of GOD and a small-group covenant for living that vision through the discipline of study, action, and piety.

The group reunion/fourth day group helps us provide support, reinforcement, and holds each other accountable. It represents a step of faith on the part of people who are taking personal responsibility for their lives as Christians.

Stop by the Emmaus Store and check out the Emmaus Book "**The Group Reunion.**"

It has information on how to enhance your group reunion/fourth day group, what to do from week to week, fostering a sense of Christ's presence, and reminders for effective group reunions/fourth day groups.

The Emmaus Store is open at most gatherings and candlelight services.

If you are interested in assisting with the Emmaus Store, please contact Peggy Pirhonen at [989-307-5816](tel:989-307-5816), [pitravel@hotmail.com](mailto:pitravel@hotmail.com) or stop at the Emmaus Store and indicate your interest. We would be happy to welcome you as part of the Emmaus Store Team.

Blessings

Peggy Pirhonen

## Outreach Board Chair Report

By Denise Epps, Outreach Board Chair

Are you in a 4<sup>th</sup> day reunion group? If so, please be sure to send me a message so I can get the IMS system updated with the latest groups available. If you are meeting and accepting new people please email me directly. I am also looking for assistance with developing this outreach committee. If you have organizational skills, or maybe just like to work with the computer, data entry and / or maybe visiting some churches to help establish 4<sup>th</sup> day groups. I am interested in talking with you. Please email me with the subject title: Outreach committee.

If you have questions, or would like to speak to me about visiting your church, or want more information on being a Board Liaison for your church, please feel free to contact me at [eppsd11@gmail.com](mailto:eppsd11@gmail.com) or call me at 616-9029764.

**God is good all the time.....  
.....all the time God is GOOD!**

The group reunion itself is one of the chief values of the Emmaus movement –one of the greatest treasures the Walk to Emmaus contains. It is a way of persevering in the life of grace so that those things that are valuable to you during the weekend will not be lost when you return to your life in the world – the group reunion serves the life of the Emmaus community.

--Day Four: The Pilgrim's Continued Journey

## Upcoming Events

December 12, 2014 – St. Johns Gathering 6pm @ Salem UMC, St. Johns MI 2307 W Maple Rapids Road, St Johns (across from the Emerald Golf Course).

January 2-3, 2015 Emmaus Board Retreat Arrive 6:30 Friday Night  
January 3, 2015 January Emmaus Board Meeting 1:30pm (There will not be another Board meeting for the Month of January)  
January 3, 2015 Greenville Gathering 4:30pm @  
January 9, St. Johns Gathering 6pm @ Pilgrim UMC  
January 9-10, Chrysalis Board Retreat

February 7, 2015 Greenville Gathering 4:30pm @  
February 10, 2015 – Lansing Area Emmaus Community Board Meeting 7pm, Pilgrim UMC – St. Johns MI  
February 13, 2015 St. Johns Gathering 6pm @ Pilgrim UMC

**NO MARCH GATHERING GREENVILLE OR ST. JOHNS: See you all at the candlelights!!**

March 10, 2015 – Lansing Area Emmaus Community Board Meeting 7pm, Pilgrim UMC – St. Johns MI  
March 12 – 15, 2015 – Men's Spring Walk Mecosta UMC  
March 19-22, 2015 - Women's Spring Walk Mecosta UMC

April 4, 2015 – Greenville Gathering 4:30pm  
April 10, 2015 – St. Johns Gathering 6pm@ Pilgrim UMC St. Johns  
April 14, 2015 – Lansing Area Emmaus Community Board Meeting 7pm, Pilgrim UMC – St. Johns MI  
May 2, 2015 – Greenville Gathering 4:30pm  
May 8, 2015 – St. Johns Gathering 6pm @ Pilgrim UMC St. Johns MI  
May 12, 2015 – Lansing Area Emmaus Community Board Meeting 7pm, Pilgrim UMC – St. Johns MI

June 6, 2015 – Greenville Gathering 4:30pm  
June 9, 2015 – Lansing Area Emmaus Community Board Meeting 7pm, Pilgrim UMC – St. Johns MI  
June 12, 2015 – St. Johns Gathering 6pm @ Pilgrim UMC St. Johns

July 10, 2015 – St. Johns Gathering 6pm @ Pilgrim UMC St. Johns  
July 14, 2015 – Lansing Area Emmaus Community Board Meeting 7pm, Pilgrim UMC – St. Johns, MI  
August 1, 2015 – Greenville Gathering 4:30pm  
August 11, 2015 – Lansing Area Emmaus Community Board Meeting 7pm, Pilgrim UMC – St. Johns, MI  
August 14, 2015 – St. Johns Gathering 6pm @ Pilgrim UMC St. Johns  
September 8, 2015 – Lansing Area Emmaus Community Board Meeting 7pm, Pilgrim UMC – St. Johns, MI  
September 11, 2015 – St. Johns Gathering 6pm @ Pilgrim UMC  
October 13, 2015 – Lansing Area Emmaus Community Board Meeting 7pm, Pilgrim UMC – St. Johns, MI  
November 10, 2015 – Lansing Area Emmaus Community Board Meeting 7pm, Pilgrim UMC – St. Johns, MI  
December 8, 2015 Lansing Area Emmaus Community Board Meeting 7pm, Pilgrim UMC – St. Johns MI



## CHRYSALIS CORNER

We are delicate creatures testing our wings in a complex, sometimes hazardous world. We go through many stages and phases.

As we change, we have the potential for enriching the existence of our families, communities, organizations, ourselves and perhaps the world.

Please invite young adults to attend the Chrysalis RUSH (ReUniting Servant Hearts) and Flight of Hope Chrysalis

The Chrysalis RUSH is the Chrysalis Community's Gathering. The Chrysalis RUSH is open to young adults who are considering going on a flight, as well as those that have attended a flights or walks.

We would like to encourage anyone that is feeling called in assisting with Chrysalis flights to also participate in the RUSH. There are games, fellowship, worship and a supper is provided.

### Chrysalis Rush Dates

February 21, 2015

April 18, 2015

August 8, 2015

October 10, 2015

RUSH Gathering is 4:00 - 7:00 p.m at Salem UMC, 2307 W Maple Rapids Road, St Johns (Across from the Emerald Golf Course)

## FLIGHT DATES

**Girls Flight** – June 19-21, 2015

*Application Deadline May 19, 2015*

Flight Lay Director: Lynn Swart

**Location: St Louis UMC**

**116 S. Franklin, St Louis, Mi 48880**

**Boys Flight** – July 17- 19, 2015

*Application Deadline June 17, 2015*

Flight Lay Director: Andy Sass

**Location: St Louis UMC**

**116 S. Franklin, St Louis, Mi 48880**

Applications may be downloaded from [www.lansingemmaus.truepath.com/chrysalis](http://www.lansingemmaus.truepath.com/chrysalis) (Chrysalis application) or contact Peggy Pirhonen, Registrar at [989-307-5816](tel:989-307-5816) or [pjtravel@hotmail.com](mailto:pjtravel@hotmail.com) to have an application mailed or emailed.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at the above number or e-mail address.

May GOD Bless you as you spread your wings.

Peggy Pirhonen

Assistant Community Lay Director

# Emmaus 2015 Board Candidate Bios and Ballot

## *BALLOT*

Lansing Area Emmaus Community  
2015 Board of Director Candidates

This year's nominating committee met and prayed over names to be presented to the LAE Board as potential candidates to run for the Emmaus Board. The individuals on the ballot have indicated a willingness to serve Christ by serving on the Board for this Community. There are **FOUR** openings on the Board for 2015. **Please vote for not more than four candidates.** If there is more than one Emmaus Community Member in your household, you may photocopy the ballot or use numbers to indicate each member's vote, i.e. 1 for one person's vote and 2 for another person's vote instead of a check mark or an X.

- Doug Elzerman
- Patty Lankton
- Chris Troub
- Denny Wissinger

If you choose to return this ballot by mail, please return the ballot postmarked by October 20, 2014. You may also vote by stating your choices in an e-mail to Peggy Pirhonen, [pjtravel@hotmail.com](mailto:pjtravel@hotmail.com) no later than October 20, 2014.

**REMINDER: VOTE ONLY ONE TIME - EITHER AT THE CANDLELIGHT, GATHERING, MAIL OR E-MAIL. THANK YOU**

Peggy Pirhonen  
5920 N Lowell  
St Johns, MI 48879

## **DOUG ELZERMAN**

This is Doug Elzerman Walk #75, Carson City, March 2010, table of Mark.

I have been involved with the Methodist tradition from child hood, and a member of Webberville United Methodist church for 55 years. That is all nice and good, but not born again until 1971, and revived in 2010.

Involvement includes: 4 or 5 mission work trips, published the church's first web page, Boy Scout Master, youth leader, certified lay speaker (including a couple times filling the pulpit), various committees, etc..

Currently I'm serving as lay leader and on the trustee committee.

I am a member of Gideons International, serving as chaplain, involved in pastor visitation, campus scripture distributions, speaking at churches about Gideons' attitude of involvement with the mission of their church and others world wide.

For Emmaus, I have done set-up and tear-down, worked a week in housekeeping, served as kitchen head for the last ladies walk.

In God's grace  
Doug E

## **PATTY LANKTON**

Hi my name is Patty Lankton, and I took my walk March 2011, walk #80 at the Lawrence Avenue UMC of Charlotte. My walk to Emmaus was one of the best things to happen to me. It has strengthened and deepened my relationship with God and others. I have worked the kitchen, as a server and coordinator; housekeeping, assistant table leader and table leader. The opportunity to serve on the Agape committee last year was fun. My husband

of 31 years is Fred and we attend the Eaton Rapids Community Christian Church. We have two wonderful children who both have amazing spouses, and have provided us with beautiful grandchildren. Currently I work full time at a small company in Lansing as a buyer/BOM coordinator; and also attend LCC part time to achieve an Associate in Business Administration. My hobbies include card making, crochet, and whatever else may peak my interest. I look forward to serving the Emmaus community in the coming years.

De Colores

Patty Lankton

## **CHRIS TROUB**

Hi my name is Chris Troub I took my walk in 2010 . I have worked behind the scenes in the kitchen three times. I go to the Perrinton United Methodist. We have started a youth group that we call S.P.A.M. . I work at Carson City hospital. I have worked there for 38 years. I love going for walks in the woods and spending time outdoors. I enjoy camping and bonfires.

## **DENNY WISSINGER**

Denny Wissinger took his Walk to Emmaus in November 2000, in the Loudoun Valley Emmaus Community at Front Royal, Virginia. Denny is married to Ruth Ann, and they have four grown children, and six grandchildren. His education includes a BS degree in Secondary Education, and an MS degree in Procurement and Contract Management. He is retired from both the U.S. Army and the Federal Government. His main hobby is quartet and chorus barbershop singing. His current assignment is as Walk Lay Director for Walk #91 scheduled for October 2014.

## KITCHEN

### Happy Life Recipe

4 cups of love      5 spoons of hope  
2 cups of loyalty    2 spoons of kindness  
3 cups forgiveness 4 quarts of faith  
1 cup of understanding    1 barrel of laughter

Take Love, Loyalty and Forgiveness and mix thoroughly with Understanding, Hope, Kindness, and Faith. Bake in Sunshine. Serve daily with generous helpings of Laughter.

Do you have a desire to work in the Kitchen, Dining Room or Snack area, but have not been asked? Do you have special talents in the food area or a favorite recipe that you would like to share. We know there are a lot of people who make great dishes (we have tasted them at gatherings). Hopefully you are willing to share your ideas and/or are willing to help on one of the upcoming walks.

If you are interested in working in the kitchen, dining room or snack area, please contact Peggy Pirhonen at [989-307-5816](tel:989-307-5816) or email [pjtravel@hotmail.com](mailto:pjtravel@hotmail.com).

May GOD's love pour out in all you do

Peggy Pirhonen  
Interim Kitchen Chair

## *Welcome Pilgrims* *Women's Walk 91*

Marti Abbot  
Sharon Anway  
Theresa Busby  
Beth Ann Collett  
Sharlene Goodemoot  
Gail Gorman  
Tamara Hedrick  
Alice Hill  
Susan Iversen  
Connie Kelsey  
Autumn Lankton  
Christel Mars  
Amea Paparella  
Debra Perry  
Ashlee Redmond  
Mary Ridout  
Valerie Schwinnen  
Michelle Shull  
Lyne Stull-lips  
Cindy Taylor  
Nancy Throop  
Shirley Toler  
Linda VanSickle  
Pamela Waagner  
Kirsten Watkins  
Bekki Wilkins