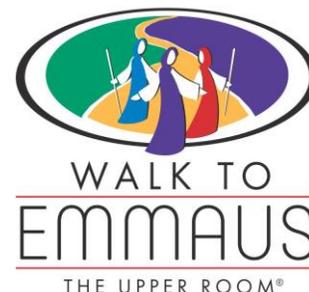


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Greetings and Blessings All,

Well, summer is here. Temperatures are rising, the grass is growing, and we are quickly planning for our fall 2017 Walks. Our Men's Walks, Women's Walks, Keryx Weekends, and Chrysalis Flights are cornerstones of our participation in the community. As we move toward the upcoming events, please keep in mind that it is never too early to volunteer. If there is a specific role or job you would like to volunteer for, please go to the community website, log into your IMS record, and update your volunteer preferences page. You are also welcome to send an email to me (Ray Francis at drrayfrancis@yahoo.com) and I will be glad to forward your volunteer request to the appropriate individual.

Remember, our upcoming events include:

Men's Emmaus Walk #98

Date: September 21-24, 2017
Location: Lakewood UMC
10265 E Brown Rd. Lake Odessa, MI 48849

Minimum Deadline: Aug 24

Application Deadline: Sept 7

Women's Emmaus Walk #99

Date: October 5-8, 2017
Location: Lakewood UMC
10265 E Brown Rd. Lake Odessa, MI 48849

Minimum Deadline: Sept 7

Application Deadline: Sept 21

Chrysalis Girls Flight (ages 13-21)

Date: July 14-16, 2017
Location: Lakewood UMC
10265 E Brown Road Lake Odessa, MI 48849

Application Deadline: June 27

Also the upcoming LAEC Gatherings are scheduled for July 7, August 11, and September 8 in St Johns at the former Salem UMC. In addition, gatherings are also scheduled for Greenville on July 1, August 5, and September 2. Please be sure to check the LAEC website at <http://www.lansingemmaus.truepath.com/> for the most current details about all gatherings and events.

Have a great summer, and remember that we can all be praying about our future Walks, and we can all be praying for guidance in identifying our future pilgrims.

Best regards and Blessings,

Ray Francis

LAEC Community Lay Director

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TED ORWIG

Proverbs 3:5-6 tells us to trust in the Lord with all our heart, lean not on your own understanding, but in all your ways acknowledge Him and He will direct your paths. First, let us see something we all desire. We desire to have God direct our paths. This is a good goal to have. There are several reasons why this does not come about in our lives. First, being that we trust in the Lord with all our heart. We all might do this to some degree, but most of us don't do it with all our heart. This is a must: all means all. Second, we must lean not on our own understanding. It is natural for us to trust in our own understanding, but God wants us to go beyond that and trust in His understanding. The Scriptures tell us that God's ways are higher than our ways, His thoughts higher than our thoughts. He is looking out for our best interest, so trust Him to do it for you. Thirdly, we acknowledge Him in all our ways. That means for mental, physical, spiritual and, yes, financial things. So we acknowledge Him at work, at school, at home, or at play. When we follow these three principles, we are promised that God will direct our paths. May God help us all to trust Him a little bit more, follow His directions a little bit more, and acknowledge Him a little bit more.

Pastor Ted Orwig



My name is Andy and I took my walk to Emmaus in March 2015 at new Hope Church in Mecosta and sat at the table of Luke.

I am writing to you today filled with joy at what God is doing in our midst. I have the privilege of hosting a radio show that airs every Sunday morning at 6:30 AM on 106.3 WGOM in Greenville. The show is also re-broadcast at 10 AM and 1380. The name of the program is "Paid For" for the reason that Jesus Christ came and paid for everything 2000 years ago. It is a pure joy to know that we can walk in the victory that he has won for us.

In addition, I have the privilege of serving as pastor at Amble United Methodist Church in effective July 1, 2017. I eagerly look forward to building for the kingdom of God in the Emmaus community as we venture out into the rich territory that God has prepared for us.

I want to express to all my Emmaus brothers and sisters that if you have an announcement that you would like to make and would like to use the radio to do so, please contact me. In addition, I am always looking for guests who would like to be part of the show and share their testimony, a story, or a prayer request and or event. My phone number is 231-580-6304. I would ask that prayer requests and announcements be sent via text message or email to AndyHollander122@yahoo.com.

You can find archived shows by searching iTunes podcasts for Andy Hollander or going to my website www.Jesuspaidforall.com.

My name is Becky Morrison. I was raised in a Christian home and was taught to serve God wherever I've been "planted." I was counting on Christ and had seen God at work in my life in many ways. But it wasn't until I took my Walk to Emmaus in November of 1988 in Saginaw that I realized in a personal way that "Christ is counting on me". The Emmaus experience was such a gift and blessing for my life. Like most who have attended a Walk, I gained a deeper understanding of what it means to live as a disciple for Jesus Christ.



I had a terrific sponsor who invited me to be part of her Fourth Day Reunion Group and the women in that group have been friends ever since. Our group met each Friday morning at 7:00 and, often, we would have a time of prayer at the end that would last one or two hours as we intercede for people, the church, our world – anything God might place on our hearts. We met faithfully and having that accountability made such a difference in my Fourth Day. John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, knew the importance of holding oneself accountable in the Christian walk and the Walk to Emmaus followed through with seeking to have pilgrims do the same. If you are not in a group that meets regularly to support and encourage you in your faith I would encourage you to find or start one. Over the years I have lived in a number of communities in different states and I have always been able to be in a Fourth Day Reunion Group. Gift yourself with that commitment!

Serving the Emmaus community was birthed from my Walk. It was exciting to work behind the scenes making sure everything was clean and in order for the pilgrims. I worked in the kitchen many times as well and was blessed to be head cook on a Chrysalis flight. I was so nervous when I gave my first talk in the conference room as an assistant table leader and, many Walks later, I was so humbled and honored to serve as a Lay Director in 1996 in Traverse City Emmaus community.

The following year, while serving on a Walk with my oldest daughter, she confronted me with the following question: Mother, when are you going to acknowledge your call to be a pastor? For a number of years people would say something about my becoming a pastor, but it wasn't until my daughter confronted me that I admitted that I felt God had been calling me into ministry. I did answer that call, attended seminary, became an ordained elder in the United Methodist Church and have been serving God through pastoral ministry since 2002. Each Sunday I am so humbled and honored to serve our Lord in sharing God's Good News.



I continue to serve the Emmaus Community, usually working one or two Walks a year and occasionally leading worship at a monthly gathering. Each time I am blessed beyond measure. I have to ask, why wouldn't someone want to serve Christ? I can't imagine not serving in some way.

My Fourth Day has been awesome these past 28 plus years, for deep in my heart, I know without a doubt that "Christ is counting on me and I am counting on Christ." De Colores!

GREENVILLE GATHERING

Hello, LAEC community!

My name is Ed Massar,
I went on my walk in March of 2004, in
St. Louis, MI and sat at the table of Isaac.

I am a representative of the LAEC Gathering
committee. Specifically, the Greenville gathering.



The Greenville gatherings are slowly “gathering” steam as we push to get more people from the West side of the state to hear about the Greenville meeting. I’ve seen lots of new faces at the last few meetings, so keep informing all you know that we are in Greenville and that all are welcome! Remember, you don’t need to have been on a walk to come to a gathering. Bring your friends and family for an afternoon of food, social time, and worship! We meet at the Greenville FUMC 204 W. Cass St. Greenville, MI. We gather between 4:30-5:00, eat at 5:00, and worship afterwards. Sponsorship training is always available for you if you need it.

Ed Massar

Running late for a meeting, a man circled the block, looking for a place to park. Desperately, he raised his eyes toward heaven and prayed, “Lord if you find me a parking spot, I promise I’ll start going to church again.” Just then, a car pulled out of a space right in front of the man. “Never mind,” he said to God, “I found one!”



EMMAUS 4TH DAY

The Emmaus group met at New Life United Methodist Church to participate in the Emmaus Fourth Day event. A delicious pot-luck meal was enjoyed by all who attended. Pastor Sue Babb shared a very interesting summary to the Emmaus group of the annual United Methodist church conference at the Grand Traverse Resort. E-mails are being sent to those who have been on a walk as a reminder of the date for the upcoming Fourth day event. If you or others you know of are not receiving these emails, please let us know by calling Doris Shaw at 989-506-9400.

This event is intended to bring pilgrims together as a time of sharing and caring as well as accountability. Your absence is felt by those in attendance; your presence might have made a difference to someone.

Our time together was closed with prayer by Pastor Sue Babb.



New Life Men's Fellowship Group

The Men's Group consists of 109 men at present. The gentlemen of our church are notified by a recorded message of that Saturday's get together the Thursday prior to the upcoming Saturday morning get together. For those who wish to participate in the Men's Fellowship Group we meet the second Saturday of the month.

At this Saturday's event the men have a wonderful fellowship, devotion and, most of all, a healthy and filling breakfast at a local restaurant Village Kupp.

One of the missions that the Men's Fellowship has undertaken is the "Joshua Ramp" program.

The program provides wheelchair ramps to people of any faith, creed, color, or ability to pay. In the year 2016, the Men's Group installed three ramps and the recipients donated as much as \$500.

When the wheelchair ramp is no longer needed, the men disassemble the ramp and store the materials to be used at the next ramp site. One of the neat features of this program is the fellowship and reaching out to other faiths. In the year 2016, we had assistance in assembling these ramps from the Lakeview Free Methodist Church, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, and New Hope United Methodist Church members.

A unique event the Men's group has done annually is to invite the "significant other" (wife, girlfriend) to a Valentine's Day Breakfast. This year we will be having our Men's Fellowship Valentine Day event at Bell Tower Estate. I am sure you will NOT want to miss it and ladies, if you can't get your significant other to take you, grab any New Life man and make him bring you.

Thank you to each man that participated in the year 2016. We hope that the year 2017 will be, with God's blessings, another enjoyable and rewarding year.

Bill Besemer
Men's Fellowship Chair

You were designed to accomplish something significant.

You are not a spare part. You have a purpose. There are people whose lives are waiting to be affected by what GOD has placed within you. Identify the gifts and talents you have, develop them with skill, use them to joyfully and humbly serve God and his creation.



Take each moment and say "God, this is yours, use me as needed".

God can take what you have to offer and make a difference that matters for eternity. Be open to the opportunity to serve.

Please join us at our Rush (May 13; June 10; August 12; September 9 and October 14)

from 5 – 7 p.m. at Zion UMC, 423 W Washington, Ionia.

Girls Chrysalis Flight is July 14-16, 2017 at Lakewood UMC, 10265 E Brown Road, Lake Odessa.

Chrysalis information is available at flightofhope.weebly.com

or on the Lansing Area Emmaus/Chrysalis page.

If you have questions, please feel free to contact Peggy Pirhonen, Chrysalis Community Lay Director at 989-307-5816 or cld.foh@gmail.com.

"The Road to Emmaus" by Steevun Lemon

The Lord was gone, His body lay
Inside the captive tomb.
And those who followed Him in life
Now felt the awful gloom.

Two would walk the dusty
road to Emmaus on that
day.

These were His friends,
those whom He loved
Who walked along the way.

"He was the Son of God,"
one said

"How could He now be
gone?"

"It seems our sorrow is too
great

To ever see the dawn."

And as they walked a stranger came
He listened as they spoke.

He saw their tears and heard their cries
And then His silence broke.

"But wasn't this the plan," he asked,

"That Jesus come and die?

His sacrifice will save us all,

The prophets testify."



And so they walked into the night
And listened to Him speak
Of promised resurrection and
Of Heaven for the meek.

And as the night fell, they
stopped to eat

This tiny little band
And when He broke the bread
they saw

The nail marks in His hands.
Too often we are like those
two

Who walked along the road.
We think that we are all alone
With none to share the load.

We do not see our loving
friend

Beside us on our way.
Lifting us through life's dark nights

Into a brighter day

So as we walk our own roads to
Emmaus may we see,

That we will never be alone

Unless we choose to be.

Fall Emmaus Walks are coming!

You have the power to recharge someone else's Christian journey. Talking about what Christ has done for you through Emmaus can ignite passion and enthusiasm in ourselves and others. Will you pray and ask God, "Who can I have a conversation with, to encourage spiritual growth and testify to the Spirit's desire in me to bring glory to Christ?"

It's been my own experience that those considering attending the Emmaus Walk have heard about it more than once, often needing several conversations with an invitation to go before they say "Yes." I remember the thoughts I had myself when asked to go – uncertainty and even fear! If you've spoken to someone in the past who had a negative response, ask again! Continue to speak with confidence and positive affirmations about the purpose of the Walk, and ask what the person's concerns are. If you don't know how to answer their concerns, discuss them with those in leadership of your Walk: your table leaders, lay directors, spiritual directors, or board members.

Do you know there is scholarship money available up to \$50 per pilgrim, which then would reduce the cost of the Walk to \$30 if registered a month in advance? Ask me, Cindy Iversen (LAEC Registrar), for a scholarship application to be completed by the sponsor. Please don't let money deter you from inviting others. Let the financial need be known to any community member or Board member. Support is available when the need is known. Trust God to provide!

Have you taken sponsorship training within the last two years? If not, just do it, It's offered after every Gathering, both Greenville and St. Johns. Then you will be prepared to respond to the Spirit's promptings to shepherd another on their spiritual journey.

Don't wait!!! Pray now and start those conversations today to "prime the pump". A minimum of 20 registrations are needed by **August 24, 2017** to hold the Men's Walk and **September 7, 2017** for the Women's this fall to make the Walks a "Go". Once the minimum has been achieved, applications can be accepted for another two weeks until the maximum of 36 is met.

Watch how the Spirit will go before you today. Take that step of faith and have courage. See the power of God move through you to witness to His goodness and provision. Remember, Christ is counting on you!

Cindy Iversen, LAEC Registrar and Data Chair

Emmaus Family Reunion

On August 5, 2017 at 6:00 pm there will be an Emmaus family reunion held at United Methodist Campground on Townline Lake in Lakeview we will be having a fellowship gathering followed by a potluck meal. Please bring a dish to pass.

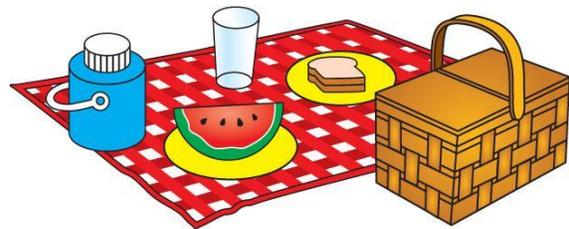
There are small cabins and camping spots available. To inquire more about these please call

Lynn Hayes at (517) 212-5395.

5300 Cuther Road

Lakeview, MI 48850

For further information contact Doris Shaw at 989-506-9400 or dorissshaw@gmail.com



Google Docs Class

For those interested in learning how to use Google Docs, we are looking at putting a class together in September. Date and time is yet to be determined.

Please contact Dee at visserdemelza@gmail.com to let her know that you are interested and to find out when the date has been schedule.



Tune in Sunday mornings at 6:30 AM on 106.3 WGOM in Greenville to listen to Andy Hollander
Catch a rebroadcast Sundays morning at 10:00 AM on 1380AM.

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LAEC Gathering

St. Johns at the former Salem UMC
July 7, August 11 and September 8 at 6:00 PM

Greenville Gathering

Greenville First United Methodist Church
204 W Cass St.
July 1, and August 5 at 4:30 PM

New Life Men's Fellowship

Second Saturday of every month contact Bill
Besemer for further details

Emmaus 4th Day

1st Tuesday of Every Month at 6:00 PM
New Life United Methodist Church
Bring a dish to pass for the Potluck

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United Methodist Campground
5300 Cutler Rd Lakeview, MI 48850
Contact Doris Shaw at 989-506-9400 or
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