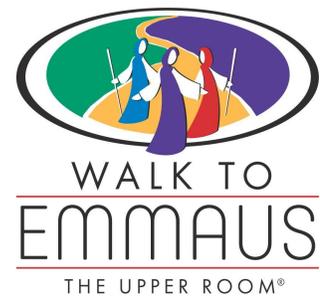


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Dear LAEC Community Members,

Greetings! What a great month this has been so far. We have welcomed a new group of Pilgrims into our community (reunion meeting on October 13<sup>th</sup> @ 5:00 PM), we have our Gatherings in St Johns and in Greenville scheduled through May, the Chrysalis Rush's have been scheduled through May, and work is underway in planning our Spring Men's Walk #99 and Spring Women's Walk #100. Men's Walk #99 is tentatively scheduled for March 1-4, 2018, and Women's Walk #100 is tentatively scheduled for March 15-18, 2018, with locations for both Walks to be announced in the very near future.

Whatever challenges you may face, you should always remember where your strength comes from. Make your "everyday" actions a sign of strength and faith every day. Let your Faith be your sign to the world through your love for others. Remember the words to the song "They will know we are Christians by our love" have never been more true than they are today. The lyrics read:

*We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord  
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord  
And we pray that our unity will one day be restored  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love  
Yeah they'll know we are Christians by our love  
We will work with each other, we will work side by side  
We will work with each other, we will work side by side  
And we'll guard each man's dignity and save each man's pride  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love  
Yeah, they'll know we are Christians by our love.*

Songwriters: Peter Scholtes They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love lyrics © The Lorenz Corporation

Also, the LAEC Board is always looking for help from our LAEC Community. We are looking for individuals to volunteer their service on the LAEC Board, volunteer with Gatherings, and many other roles. If you are interested in helping in any of these areas, please contact me (Ray Francis - [drrayfrancis@yahoo.com](mailto:drrayfrancis@yahoo.com)) and I will be happy to make sure you are involved in the community.

Have a blessed day == Ray  
LAEC Community Lay Director

As summer is speeding on, we look to the fall when Emmaus walks for the men and women take place. We as a community need to ban together and sponsor, sponsor, sponsor. We have a large community, there is no reason that we cannot have full walks. So now we get to my Topic. In the book of Jonah we read how Jonah knew he had a task to take the word of repentance to Nineveh. To cry out at the wickedness that was there. We in our land need to be crying out at the wickedness in our land. I believe according to the scriptures we are commanded to go and preach and teach the word of the Lord. But just like Jonah we pick and choose who we should take it to. Jonah was commanded by God to tell the Ninevites to turn from their wicked ways and return to God. We today need to spread the gospel and tell those in the church to repent of their wicked ways. Jonah headed in the wrong direction to do this. We need to ask God who He wants us to take the message to don't do what Jonah did, ran away. If we do, we may be swallowed up by a whale also. We as the Church are compromising too much. There is no compromising in the gospel. Jesus said "I am the way, truth and the life. No man comes unto the Father except by me." Jesus is the way, there is no other way. One Lord, one faith, one God; so don't compromise and risk being swallowed by a whale.



God bless  
Pastor Ted

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My name is Patricia Lankton, I took my walk in 2011 at Lawrence Ave UMC in Charlotte and sat at the table of Priscilla.

Currently I serve on the LAEC Board as your Assistant Community Lay Director and Leadership Development Chair.



Some of the activities I have been involved with in community are Kitchen and Conference Room. My fourth day is family. We keep each other accountable this deepens not only our Christian walk I, but our family bonds also.

Please feel free to contact me if you want sponsorship training or have a willingness to serve on the board, in a board committee or any other area can help you with.

God bless,  
Patricia Lankton

This summer God has reminded me over and over again that the wind blows where it wishes. You hear the sound of it but you don't know where it comes from or where it's going. So it is with everyone that is born of God, God truly is ahead of us by his Holy Spirit preparing us for the next encounter with his divine presence.

As we think about all the work that goes into an Emmaus Walk and all the potential anxiety that is there, we must always remember that God is the one who wants to be in relationship with human beings. If we had wanted to be his friends we would never be worthy enough to be in his presence, but he has chosen to call us his friends! And those he has called he has also equipped. Please take this as a word of encouragement as you move into your fall and winter activities. God is on your side and is actively preparing the soil for the seed which you will distribute.



Please also remember that if you have a testimony or announcement to share that you would like to be broadcast on the radio, contact me at 231-580-6304. The radio show, the Paid For program, airs on 106.3 on Sunday mornings at 6:30 and 1380 at 10 AM.

Blessings on your journey, Pastor Andy

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My name is Doris Shaw, I currently serve on the LAEC Board as your outreach chair and newsletter editor. My goals are to assist community members in forming 4th days reunion and accountability groups. I encourage the community to become involved in 4th day events and to recruit an emmaus liaison for every church in the community.



If you are looking for a 4th day group or Gathering location to be involved with please feel free to email me at [dorisshaw@gmail.com](mailto:dorisshaw@gmail.com) for information.

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**What is Chrysalis**

### **Who can Attend**

### **Where are Chrysalis Events**

### **Who can I contact for additional Information**

Chrysalis focuses its attention on our young adults as it attempts to inspire, challenge, and equip them for Christian action in their homes, churches, schools, communities, and daily lives. Chrysalis is a way to connect and reconnect with Christ in an amazing way. Participants begin their journey as a caterpillar as they begin to grow, change through the Chrysalis process, and ultimately live a Christ-focused life as a butterfly.

If you would like to learn more about Chrysalis and/or become involved in Chrysalis, **WE INVITE YOU to join us at a CHRYSALIS RUSH.** If you have participated in the past, we look forward to your joining us again.

Young adults, from age 13 up, are welcome to join us at the RUSH. It is not necessary to have attended a Chrysalis Flight or Emmaus Walk to participate in a RUSH. (Adults are welcome to attend).

RUSH'S are October 14, 2017, March 10, April 14, May 12, June 9, September 8 and October 13, 2018.

RUSH'S are from 5 – 7 pm at Zion UMC, 423 W Washington, Ionia.

There will be fellowship, activity, worship service and a potluck supper (please bring your own table service and dish to pass).

Grow You. Change Attitudes. Live intentionally

If you are a Young Adult age 13-18, please consider a **Chrysalis Flight.**

It is three days of singing, learning, laughing, loving, worshiping, reflecting, praying, rejoicing and experiencing God's abundant love. Discussions center around fifteen talks given by youth; adult laity; and clergy. These talks present the theme of God's grace, how that grace comes alive in the Christian community and how it is expressed in the world. You'll also discover how grace is real in your life, how you live a life of grace, and how you bring that grace to others.



**The Young Women's (girls) flight is July 13-15, 2018 Flight Lay Director, Roxanne Denson**

**The Young Men's (boys) flight is July 27-29, 2018 Flight Lay Director Joe Denson**

**Both Chrysalis Flights will be at Clare UMC, Clare, MI.**

Visit our website at [flightofhope.weebly.com](http://flightofhope.weebly.com) for additional information about Chrysalis, Rush's, Flights and to download Flight applications. Please feel free to contact Peggy Pirhonen at 989-307-5816 or [cld.foh@gmail.com](mailto:cld.foh@gmail.com) with questions or to volunteer to assist with Chrysalis events.

Blessings

Peg Pirhonen - Chrysalis Community Lay Director

*“I have never been asked”*

*“I wish you would stop calling”*

My name is Jim Platt. I took walk #60 in 2005 at Clare, Michigan and at the table of Paul. When I was first asked to attend an Emmaus Walk, I had an excuse, but my sponsor did not give up on me, she asked me again. I now sit on the board of the Lansing Area Emmaus Community as chair for Facility and Site Selection.

The last three locations of our Emmaus Walks have been held at churches on the outer bounds of our community. This was an intentional effort to help serve a need to fill a gap with the Grand Rapids area. The Spring Walks are scheduled for March 1 – 4, 2018 (men), and March 15-18, 2018 (women). The board has agreed that these walks should be held in the Lansing area. At this time we do not have a location determined and if you belong to a church that could host these walks, I would like to hear from you. My phone number is (989) 289-9072 and my email is [jimeplatt@gmail.com](mailto:jimeplatt@gmail.com). Please help me with my position as Site Selection chair.

As Facilities Chair, my responsibility is to find a Facility Coordinator for each walk. This person is then responsible for the facility of the host church which this coming walk is Lakewood United Methodist Church in Lake Odessa. The Facility Coordinator selects teams that would include set-up, tear-down and housekeeping. These behind the scenes (BTS) positions are an agape gift to the pilgrims and are essential to the success of the Walk. In order for a person to work in the conference room, they must first have worked 72 hours BTS. In order to lead a position such as set/up tear/down, housekeeping, kitchen or dining room, you must have some experience already working in that area. The conference room is first to make calls to fill their team and then the facility and food coordinators start calling people to lead their teams. This is when duplicate calls are unintentionally made, even before Team Leads have begun making their calls. This is when we hear “I wish you would stop calling”.



On numerous occasions I have spoken with people who have told me they have “never been asked” to go on an Emmaus Walk. Likewise, I have been told by those who have been on a walk that they have “never been asked” to work BTS. I thank my Lord that my sponsor asked me multiple times to do both. If your sponsor has not called you and asked you to join them in working an Emmaus Walk BTS, please hear my plea. I am asking you; please make the effort to work an Emmaus BTS. Please give me a call, my phone number is (989) 289-9072 and my email is [jimeplatt@gmail.com](mailto:jimeplatt@gmail.com).

*For Our Pleasure*

Do not sigh when summer dies  
and passes with the seasons.  
See with pleasure, the coming fall  
Her glorious color, pleases.

Lift up your eyes unto the hills  
The blended hues aglow.  
Remembering with a reverence  
Your God hath made it so.



For our pleasure He passes by  
And touches tree and vine.  
He maketh all things beautiful  
In his own way, and time.

He's closer than the burning bush  
We stop, to admire.  
For he would come and dwell within  
To set our hearts afire.

*Leone Whittum*

He hath made everything beautiful in His time.  
Ecclesiastes 3:11



Print this page for a reminder of upcoming events

**Listen to Andy Hollander**

Sunday morning at 6:30 on 106.3 WGOM in Greenville  
Rebroadcast on Sunday morning at 10:00 AM on 1380 AM

**New Life Men's Fellowship**

Second Saturday of every month  
Contact Bill Besemer for further details

**New Life 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

**Greenville Gathering**

Greenville First United Methodist Church  
204 W Cass St.

**LAEC Gathering**

St. Johns at the former Salem UMC  
6:00 PM

**Amble Emmaus 4th Day**

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

**Google Docs Class**

New Life United Methodist Church  
October 19, 2017 at 5:00 PM  
Contact Dee at [visser.demelza@gmail.com](mailto:visser.demelza@gmail.com)

**Crysalis/Emmaus Upper Room Leadership Development**

October 14, 2017 8:30 AM -5:00 PM  
2307 W. Maple Rapids Rd St. Johns MI

**Board Retreat**

October 28, 2017 9:30 AM - 7:00 PM  
Zion UMC  
423 W. Washington Ionia, MI

**RUSH**

October 14, 2017  
5:00-7:00PM at Zion UMC  
423 W Washington, Ionia

**2018 RUSH Dates**

March 10, April 14, May 12, June 9,  
September 8, and October 13

**Young Women's Flight 2018**

June 13-15, 2018  
Clare UMC, Clare MI

**Young Men's Flight 2018**

July 27-29, 2018  
Clare UMC, Clare, MI

**Spring Men's Walk #99**

Tentatively Scheduled for March 1-4, 2018  
Location to be announced

**Spring Women's Walk #100**

Tentatively Schedule for March 15-18, 2018  
Location to be announced

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