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Men #77: April 21-24 (Lay Director: Sam Johnson)

Women #78: April 28-May 1 (Lay Director: Deb Jezek)

Overnights: February 5-6, March 11-12 at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Harvey, MI

Meet your Superiorland Emmaus board

Starting with this newsletter and over the next newsletters this year we hope to introduce the Superiorland Emmaus Community to their Emmaus Board members and the jobs that they do as Board members. This is important to you because your Emmaus Community is much more than just a Walk or two each year. Once you know your Board members and what they do, you too may want to take a greater part in your Community and maybe even serve on the Board as well. We will also meet and describe several other ongoing jobs and ways to serve, to include, in future issues, brief descriptions of the Jobs that make up an Emmaus Walk Team.

So let get started by going to page 2 or just press this button. 



Want to work on Team for either the Spring or Fall Walks? Click on the **HELP WANTED** for a volunteer application. (Pages 5 & 6)

FALL WALKS



Updated and Corrected

Men #79: September 8-11
(Lay Director: tba)

Women #80: September 15-18
(Lay Director: tba)

Both Walks to be held at Camp Michigamme

Overnights: July 15-16 & August 19-20



We've got dates and locations for the next Walks, You've signed up to work on the Team. OK, what's missing? Candidates! But there is something else that we need first and this is most important;

We need Sponsors.

Someone who will prayerfully look at their Church family and if they see a potential leader who just needs that little extra push and will first pray for them and then sponsor them on a Walk to Emmaus.

[See pages 10 thru 12 for Sponsor information](#)



Hello, my name is Gary Lubinski,

I took my Superiorland Emmaus Walk # 44 in the Spring of 2001 at the Prince of Peace Church in Harvey, Michigan. I sat at the table of Mark with fellow pilgrims Warren Weber, Darren Lung, Mike Salo and Tom Tervo. I feel very fortunate that Don Schlientz and Kenny Krook were the table leader and assistant.

I became a Superiorland Emmaus Board member last year (January 2015), and while fulfilling my regular Board member duties I am also the community lay director. The community lay directors duties are very similar to a board president. Therefore, it is my responsibility to oversee that board meetings are held in accordance with standard practices, I act as the liaison between Upper Room (Emmaus Headquarters) and the Superiorland Emmaus Community, and I am to ensure that the community is acting in accordance with board directives. Our mission is to invite Emmaus pilgrims to see Jesus my Lord....all for the Glory of God.

Grace & Peace,
Gary



Hello, my name is Ron Fike

I took my South Eastern Michigan Walk 128

In Flushing Michigan

I sat at the table of Thomas

Today I am the Pastor at Gwinn UMC

As Board member who handles communications, it is my role to see that the people who do the newsletter, website, and order fourth day materials have the resources they need to do their work.

I have also started a Superiorland Emmaus Facebook page in an attempt to help facilitate speedy communications. You can "like" us at

www.facebook.com/Superiorlandemmaus1

De Colores!



Hello, my name is Chuck Yeager.

I took Superiorland Emmaus Walk # 53 at Memorial United Methodist Church in Gladstone, Michigan. I became a Superiorland Emmaus Board member late in 2014.

Currently I am the treasurer for the Superiorland Emmaus Community. I make sure our funds balance and that we operate in the black. The busy times for me are the two months surrounding an Emmaus Walk. Supplies must be purchased and bill must be paid.

God's Peace.

Hello, my name is: Martha A Obmann.

I took my Superiorland Emmaus Walk # 68, in May of 2011 at Wesley United Methodist Church in Ishpeming, MI, and sat at the table of Table of Naomi.



I became a Superiorland Emmaus Board member in 2014 and while fulfilling my regular Board member duties I am also the Team Selection Committee Chair.

And here is what I do in that job. I meet with a committee of five community people to go over the selection of the Conference Room Team for a Walk. We talk with the Lay Director of the Walk and take into consideration their requests, however the final decision is with the committee. We can help with the calling of the team so the process goes a little faster. The Clergy are selected by the Team Selection Committee and we also assign the Talks that are given for the Walk. We also select the leader for the various areas in the auxiliary team. We then work with the Auxiliary Director to fill in all of those positions.

The Teams are to be made up with one-third experienced, one-third new members, and one-third medium experience. We work with the Database Coordinator for names of each of these areas, so we know what experience they have had. We try to get as many new members of the community involved just after they have taken their Walk. We don't want to lose that enthusiasm they had while on their Walk.

Below are a couple of Non-Board but on-going Staff jobs

Hello, my name is Dave Poplawski

I took Superiorland Emmaus Walk #7, in 1989, at Escanaba and I sat at the Table of Matthew.

I presently serve as the Community Webmaster and Email'er



Webmaster: Maintains the Superiorland Emmaus website (www.superiorlandemmaus.org). Updates for the website are sent from the community secretary, which occur roughly once a month or so and are usually minor, with more extensive updates just prior to a walk and briefly just after. Must have knowledge of html for everything except the prayer vigil, which requires knowledge of php and mysql. This job could be split if a person only knows html and not php/mysql.

Email'er: Sends emails to all community members (who have email addresses). Content for the emails is provided by the secretary or others on the board of directors. The database of email addresses is maintained by the secretary. Basic knowledge of sending emails to multiple recipients is all that is required.

Hello, my name is Jim Baker

I took my Superiorland Emmaus Walk #17 in 1992 at Marquette First UMC and I sat at the table of Luke.

I presently serve as the Community Newsletter Editor



If you are reading this then you know what the newsletter is. The Editor is responsible for gathering items and information for the community and organizing it into a timely, readable and sometimes colorful format. We publish the newsletter in the digital PDF format that is easily readable and printable on most computer, etc. Basic computer skills and knowledge of desktop publishing software are all you really need as well as a good computer and internet access. Presently we publish 2 or 3 times a year but the goal is a quarterly newsletter with special notices in between as needed.

Below is an article that was solicited by an Emmaus Board member for the newsletter;

I took my Walk to Emmaus in the spring of 2005, and since that time I have been attending a 4th day reunion group. After my Walk, I was asked to join a group which meets every Saturday morning at 8:00 am. My first reaction was 8 o'clock on Saturday morning! You've got to be kidding! That's the only day of the week I get to sleep in and relax. I decided to go, even though I wasn't thrilled about setting my alarm to get up on a Saturday.

I was shy at first and reluctant to share, but I immediately felt a connection to the other women in the group. As the weeks went by, I got to know these women better and was able to open up more and more.

Our group follows the reunion card and each of us has the opportunity to talk about the points listed on the card:

Our prayer, study, and action during the past week

The moment we felt closest to Christ

Our call to discipleship (when we felt we were responding to God's call to be a disciple)

Discipleship denied (when our faith was tested through a plan that failed)

Our plan for prayer, study, and action for the week to come

Prayers for special needs

Meeting each week helps me to make a plan and keeps me accountable. These women have become my dear friends. We share our joys and our sorrows. We laugh together, cry together, encourage one another, and most importantly, as Sisters in Christ, we are helping each other to learn and grow.

Over the years, our meeting location has changed and our membership has also changed, but the time remains the same. We still meet at 8:00 am Saturday morning, but that's okay. I am happy to set my alarm to get up to meet with the women who are such a blessing to me. They are helping me on my faith journey, helping me to become more and more the person Christ wants me to be.

DeColores!

Mary Erva

SPECIAL EDITORS NOTE: This newsletter is for the use of the Superiorland Emmaus Community. It is not just place for dates, times & places, the website does a good job of that (www.superiorlandemmaus.org). The above story is an excellent example of what this newsletter can be, a source of inspiration not just information. It is hoped that this newsletter will be published at least quarterly. If you have a story or any information, or announcements for the Community please send them to the newsletter editor (mindseye@up.net) well in advance of the next quarter. The next tentative publication of the newsletter will be the first week of January 2013. Any submissions to the newsletter are subject to editing by newsletter editor and the Community Board of Directors for content timeliness, appropriateness and available space.

Volunteer Form for the Spring 2016 Walks

Men 77: April 21-24 at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Harvey

Women 78: April 28-May 1 at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Harvey

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address : _____ (City) _____ (State) _____ (Zip)

Home Phone : _____ Work: _____ Cell: _____ Email: _____

I will be able to **commit to all three days** (Thursday evening 7:00 p.m. through closing on Sunday evening around 7:00 p.m.)

I will only be able to commit to the following days and times: Day: _____ Times: _____

Day: _____ Times: _____

Are you currently active in a 4th day group? _____ If so, where? _____ Day _____ Time _____

Check here if you are currently looking for a 4th day group.

I understand that the team cost for the Emmaus weekend will be \$75.00. If I am selected to be on the team, I understand that I will be required to make a pre-registration deposit of \$25.00, and that the remaining \$50.00 can be paid now or no later than the second team meeting. I understand that if I am only able to work part of the weekend the cost will be \$25.00/day or \$9.00/meal.

Use this form only to volunteer to work on the team. Do not assume you are on the team (conference room or auxiliary) until you are contacted.

Do not send any money until you have been notified that you have been selected to be on the team.

I give my hands and feet to God; let His will be done. Servant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

PLEASE MAIL OR SCAN/EMAIL BOTH PAGES OF THIS FORM TO:

Martha Obmann

Chair, 2016 Team Selection Committee

553 Maple Hills Dr

Gwin, MI 49841

616-433-6784 or snowtea48@gmail.com

SUPERIORLAND EMMAUS WALK - TEAM VOLUNTEER FORM

Team Selection Guidelines

Progressive Servanthood (Conference Room)

The purpose of an established progression of responsibilities for Emmaus community members is twofold: Leadership training and spiritual development. A person's readiness to carry out his or her particular assignment effectively often depends on and is always enhanced by prior experience in another position. The progression of responsibilities starts with support roles (auxiliary area, set-up, kitchen, agape) and then moves into the conference room. Entry positions for the conference room team are either assistant table leader (and possibly speaker) or table leader (and possibly speaker). Experience in both positions is necessary before progressing to assistant lay director. Having served in one position does not automatically assure that the person will move to the next step in the progression.

Anonymous Positions of Servanthood (Auxiliary areas)

Emmaus leadership begins and ends with anonymous positions of servanthood, such as working in the kitchen, praying in the chapel, sorting letters in the mail room and cleaning bathrooms. This kind of sacrifice and servanthood is the heart of Emmaus and is where the development of Christian leadership begins. Those who seek "important jobs" probably need to be assigned more humble tasks for their own sake as well as for the good of the community. Those who first give of themselves wholeheartedly and joyfully to the humblest duties are probably the ones who eventually need to be with the pilgrims in the conference room, setting an example and sharing their spirit.

The following information is requested for team selection committee records
PLEASE, fill out to the best of your knowledge. Please print.

Have you ever worked on an Emmaus team before? _____ If yes, please check below all roles you have performed:

Conference Room

Auxiliary Area:

Lay director	Names of talks:	
Asst. lay director		
Table leader		
Asst. table leader		
Board representative		
Spiritual director (clergy)	Talk(s):	
Music in conference room	Played an instrument	
Singing		

Auxiliary Director	Snacks
Assistant Aux. Director	Mail room
Wednesday night set up	Bathroom
Sunday morning tear down	Courier (Gopher)
Sunday evening clean up	Photographer
Receptions	Prayer chapel
Kitchen _____ as head cook	Book/merchandise table
Dining room	Candlelight
Dishwasher	Set up the Prayer Vigil

_____ Music for candlelight

_____ Entertainment

_____ I would be interested in being an active member of the Superiorland Emmaus Community board of directors

SUPERIORLAND EMMAUS COMMUNITY
Spring 2016 EMMAUS WALK RESERVATION REQUEST

Applicant's Personal Information: (Please provide all requested information)

Name _____ (first name, as preferred on name tag) _____

Street _____ City _____ State ____ Zip _____

Phone (home): _____ (work): _____ (cell): _____ Email: _____

Gender (circle one): Male Female Marital Status (circle one): Single Married Widowed Divorced Separated

If married, has your spouse completed a "Walk"? ____ Where and When? _____

Do you have children? ____ If so, how many ____ Ages _____

Occupation : _____ Employer: _____

Church you are now attending

Name _____ Denomination _____ Pastor _____

Address of church: _____

Religious or community organizations in which you are active: _____

Do you have a health condition or physical handicap that may affect your attendance at an Emmaus Walk? ____

Are you on a special diet or required medication: ____ . If yes to either, please specify _____

Contact person in case of emergency (other than spouse)

Name, address, phone: _____

Name of your sponsor: _____

Have the following been explained to you? The Walk To Emmaus: ____ The activities of the Emmaus Community through Emmaus groups and Post-Emmaus meetings? ____ Have you participated in a similar 3-day encounter with Christ (Cursilo, Via de Christo, de Colores, etc.): ____ State briefly why you wish to be involved in the Emmaus Community and what you expect to get from your Emmaus experience? _____

Please accept this reservation for the Emmaus week-end at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Harvey. I understand that the cost for the Emmaus weekend is **\$75.00**, and my pre-registration deposit of **\$25.00** is enclosed. If my reservation is accepted, I understand that the pre-registration deposit is not refundable, and that the balance of **\$50.00** can be paid now or during the week-end registration on Thursday evening.

Dated: _____ Applicant's Signature _____

Please give this completed reservation request and your deposit **to your sponsor**.

Make checks payable to: **Superiorland Emmaus Community**. (Please do not send cash.)

SUPERIORLAND EMMAUS COMMUNITY

Spring 2016 WALKS AT

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Harvey

SPONSOR INFORMATION

(To be filled out by sponsor and returned with the candidate's application and deposit)

Candidate Name: _____

Sponsor Name: _____

Sponsor's Mailing Address : _____
(City) (State) (Zip)

Sponsor's phone (home): _____ (work): _____ (cell): _____ E-Mail: _____

Sponsor's Place of Worship : _____

Where did you make your walk to Emmaus? _____

Are you praying for your candidate? _____

Why do you feel this person would be a good candidate? _____

_____.

Does your candidate have any special needs? _____ Yes _____ No

If yes, please contact the Lay Director. Thank You!

If your Candidate is married, have you discussed the Walk to Emmaus with his/her spouse? _____ Have you encouraged the spouse to attend the corresponding weekend? _____ Will you assist your Candidate in joining an Emmaus Group? _____ Will you bring your Candidate to the weekend site? _____ Can you care for the needs of the Candidate's family over the weekend? _____ Are you aware of the importance of minimal contact with your Candidate during the weekend, especially if the Candidate is your spouse? _____

Sponsor: Please make sure that you have fully completed this form and all questions are answered before mailing it, along with the completed candidate application and deposit, to the registrar.

As a sponsor, I understand ALL of MY responsibilities and will prayerfully work to comply with them prior to, during and following the Walk.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Sponsor

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION IS TWO (2) WEEKS PRIOR TO THE WALK

**Registrar: Barb Merlo
165 North Marshall Drive
Gwinn, MI 49841**

**(906) 346-6153
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PRAY FOR YOUR CANDIDATE!

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Greetings dear Brethren in Christ,

One of the few duties I've learned as Vice-chair of our governing board is to write this short plea to all members letting them know that there are five positions opening upon the board for the coming year. These will be three year commitments that are not very taxing. We have four meetings a year for the most part. Many board meeting follow with a gathering of fellow Emmaus alum. The board is open to all members. To our newest classes of Superiorland Emmaus alum – it also includes each of you.

My wife and most of my family went to watch "WAR ROOM" a few days ago. If you've seen it there is a scene where an adorable senior lady explains to a younger woman that God doesn't want us to go through life LUKE WARM. Like a good cup of coffee you want to savor each day hot. Our spiritual life has to be the same. So your board of directors would like to have a long list of applicants to choose from for these five positions. Please remember Christ is counting on you. We need new and experienced driven board members to fulfill them. I will gladly accept all members for consideration.

My phone number is (906)-631-8519. Or E-mail is buckandfish@chartermi.net or send a post card to me at 451 Oak St. Ishpeming, mi 49849.

Please take the time to consider how much we need your services in Christ.

With loving appreciation and praying heartily for your time,

Sam Johnson----Table of Joshua- MUM, Gladstone

Your always present in my prayers and heart.



Sponsorship

Suggestions and Checklist for Sponsors

Here are a few suggestions for recruitment that should increase your effectiveness, and help you properly interpret Emmaus, and sharing God's grace as a sponsor.

1. When you are talking to a married person, we suggest you talk with both husband and wife. We want both husband and wife to make the decision together. Their applications should be turned in together.
2. Remember, the Walk to Emmaus is not for everyone. These three days cannot rectify every problem marriage, entuse every disenchanting church member, care disturbed person, or make saits of sinners. The Walk to Emmaus is designed to change environments through Christian leaders. Pilgrims should at least know where the path is, if they are not already walking it. We don't need just any candidates, we need the best.
3. Feel free to share with a potential applicant what Emmaus meant for you as fully as will help, realizing that all explanations will fall short. It's not that we are not allowed to tell what went on, but that it is difficult to explain. We want their experience to be fresh, especially for candlelight and agape letters, which will hopefully be surprises.
4. Don't assume the person you are sponsoring will experience the same things you did. Each of us is at a different place on our spiritual journey. For some, the Emmaus experience will be a mountaintop, a new beginning. For others, it will be strengthening for the journey they are already on. We must not pre-judge our candidates or set them up with unhelpful expectations.
5. To assure the applicant you are personally interested in their attending, make plans to bring them to the Emmaus site for send-off. Your bringing them, helping them with suitcases and registration, and sharing in the send-off and sponsor's hour is a form of prayer and sacrifice.
6. During the weekend, you and your family become a substitute for the pilgrim. Leave your phone number with their spouse. Do something special for them during the weekend, like giving them a few hours during the day for personal time. Share a meal with them. Let the pilgrim's spouse know that you love and care for them.
7. You have responsibilities to the pilgrim. Pray for him/her during the weekend. Write him/her letters of prayer and sacrifice and make sure others do likewise, especially those closest to them. Support your pilgrim with your presence at candlelight and closing.
8. After the Walk, stay in contact and support the pilgrim you sponsor during their Fourth Day. Be responsible for getting them to the Forth Day meeting following their Walk. Take them to at least their first gathering. Help them become involved in a group reunion as soon as possible.

Checklist for Sponsor Responsibilities

Before the Walk

- Spend concentrated time in prayer in an effort to discern whom God wants you to sponsor. Continue to pray for both you and the pilgrim God has laid on your heart.
- Make an appointment to meet the potential pilgrim. (Couples are encouraged to attend the same set of walks. The registrar can assist in filling this request.)
- Give the potential pilgrim an application and be prepared to explain everything on it.
- Obtain the application, assuring the information is complete.
- Submit the application along with the sponsor's form and partial fee to the registrar.
- Pray for your pilgrim and their family.
- Begin preparations to request the personal agape letters for your pilgrim.
- Meet with your pilgrim in an informal setting and discuss further the Walk to Emmaus and the weekend. Offer guidance about what to pack, provide positive encouragement and reassurance, and encourage the discussion of any fears or apprehension the pilgrim may be experiencing.

During the Walk

- Take your pilgrim to the Walk site and assist with check-in.
- If possible, bring a snack to be used during the weekend. Perhaps one you know your pilgrim would enjoy.
- Spend as much time as possible in prayer for your pilgrim. Be part of the 72-hour prayer vigil. When your pilgrim sees your name on the 72-hour prayer vigil chart it provides a special lift.
- Attend sponsor's hour and have a brief prayer prepared to share for your pilgrim.
- Have 8-14 pieces of agape from family members and close friends to the agape room by Saturday night.

- Check on your pilgrim's family and/or household to provide necessary assistance.
- Attend Saturday candlelight service and Communion.
- Attend the closing and take your pilgrim home. They will appreciate someone who understands their excitement and/or silence.

After the Walk

- Pray for your pilgrim. Allow them time to digest as well as discuss what they discovered on the weekend.
- Take your pilgrim to the Post-Walk Fourth Day Gathering.
- Invite and take them to their first gathering.
- Assist your pilgrim in joining a reunion group.
- Inform your pilgrim of upcoming candlelight, closing and training meetings.
- Teach the new Emmaus member how to be a good sponsor.