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Superiorland
Emmaus Community



From Our Community Lay Director, Randy Yelle - Superiorland Emmaus

I would like to start off by thanking all who made the 2011 spring walks to Emmaus a success.

We have a couple openings on the Board. I would like to remind any members who are willing to step forward and serve as a board member that one of the first requirements is the commitment to attend all board meetings; this is very important.

A few months ago our Pastor at LSCC reminded me of a story I had heard a few years ago when I was in my teens. I would like to share it with you.

There was a tightrope walker, overseas, who would tie his cable between tall buildings or deep gorges and walk the tightrope across and back. After doing this for some time, he chose to spice up his act. He added a blindfold and then, after a time, he added a wheelbarrow. While blindfolded, he would push his wheelbarrow across and back on the cable high above the ground.

A businessman in the States heard about this act and, seeing an opportunity to make some money, contacted the tightrope walker and brought him to the United States to perform his act. A cable was stretched high above Niagara Falls and a large crowd gathered below. The businessman introduced the performer, who took his wheelbarrow and walked blindfolded across and back.

The performer then turned to the businessman and asked him, "Do you believe that I can do this?"

The businessman responded with "yes" and the performer repeated, "No, really, do you believe that I can push this wheelbarrow across and back while blindfolded?"

The businessman, a little confused, looked at him and repeated "Yes, I do."

Again the performer repeated, "You do not understand. Do you really believe that I can perform the deed?"

The businessman, getting a little upset, stated, "I saw you do it. Yes, I know you can." The performer then set up his wheelbarrow, put on his blindfold, and stated, "Get into the wheelbarrow."

I don't know if he got into the wheelbarrow, but it did make me wonder – are we ready to get into God's wheelbarrow?

In the upcoming year, you may receive a call asking if you will be a part of the teams for the coming walks in September of 2012 and 2013. Please reply with a **"YES."**

May the grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, be with all God's people. (Rev. 21:22). God loves you and so do I.

The next Board Meeting will be Saturday, December 3, 2011,
10:00 a.m. at Country Grill, Ishpeming.



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**Superiorland Emmaus Community
Bylaw Change Ballot**

Current wording:

Section 2. Terms of Office

- c) Board members may not be re-elected to consecutive terms;
- d) Board members shall assume office on January 1, following the years in which they are elected and shall continue in office until December 31 of the final year of their term;

New Wording:

Section 2. Terms of Office

- c) Board members may *serve two consecutive terms prior to taking a required twelve (12) month break;*
- d) Board members shall assume office *at the first meeting following the year in which they are elected (normally in January), the incumbent Board member shall remain serving until his/her replacement is seated (not to exceed 72 months) and shall continue in office until December 31 of the year of their term;*

I vote:

_____ **FOR** this change

_____ **AGAINST** this change

The outcome will be decided by a simple majority of the returned ballots.

Please return this ballot via US Mail by

**October 31, 2011 to: Barb Merlo
165 North Marshall Drive
Gwinn, MI 49841**

BOARD MEMBER BALLOT

There will be two (2) board positions vacant beginning January 1, 2012. Please send your ballots to the Board Secretary, Barb Merlo, 165 N. Marshall Dr., Gwinn, MI 49841 or e-mail to merlo-mom@charter.net. Ballots are due no later than November 5, 2011.

___ Yes ___ No – Kathy Jo Doney
(3 year term)

___ Yes - (3 year term) (Write-in Candidate) _____

**TEAM SELECTION COMMITTEE
REPORT**

We will begin selecting team members for both September 2012 walks in January 2012. Several volunteer forms have already been received. If you wish to be considered to serve on the next team, please submit your volunteer forms (2) to Barb Merlo. Volunteer forms are available to download from www.superiorlandemmaus.org. It is important to fill in both forms so that your service record is up to date. Don't delay, send them today!

**Men's Walk – September 13-16, 2012
at Memorial Methodist Church,
Gladstone, MI**

Lay Director – Mark Plichta

**Women's Walk–September 20-23, 2012
at Memorial Methodist Church,
Gladstone, MI**

Lay Director – Judy Fladung

From the Registrar...

Just a quick note from the registrar...We experienced some issues at the last 2 walks getting registration fees paid for by Auxiliary members and team. With that, we have decided to set a deadline for payment of registration fees. Team and auxiliary fees **MUST** be paid **IN FULL** by the 2nd overnight. The only money that will be accepted on Thursday of the walks will be for pilgrims. Payments can be sent to: Michelle Ford-Thompson

248 S. Johnson Lake Drive
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If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at fordthompson@charter.net or 906-346-6002.

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