



**It's not a puzzle
It's a Pot luck
and Community
Gathering.**

**When:
Saturday April 14,
12:30pm**

**Where:
Woodland UMC.
Michigamme**

**Come Join with your
Emmaus Community for
fellowship and to find
what exciting things are
happening.**

**Dates to Remember
And Mark on your Calendar**

**Board Meeting April 14 starting at 11am
Community Gathering April 14 starting
at 12:30pm**

**Overnights at Woodland UMC:
July 13/14 and August 17/18, starting at
6pm**

**Men's Walk #82: September 13-16
Women's Walk #83: September 20-23**

GREETINGS FROM THE COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTOR

I hope to see you at our upcoming community gathering and pot luck on April 14th at Woodland Church. The Emmaus board is scheduled to start our meeting at 11:00 am that Saturday, and all are welcome and encouraged to attend. The community gathering and potluck will be immediately following, and I expect that starting time to be approximately 12:30. Please know that we have a board vacancy that needs to be filled. If anyone is interested, please alert myself or anyone of our board members of your interest to serve! Husbands and wives of existing board members are most welcome on our board too!

We expect Kip Dollar to bring his wonderful model of the Agape Wigwam building he was moved to build to help this facilitate our building project forward. Many of us feel we have been guided by the Holy Spirit to see this project come to fruition, and it has been an awesome movement in our community. Of course this project will be discussed at our meeting, and some of the items to be reported on are as follows:

The Emmaus community's desire and excitement to get a building erected in 2018 has not adequately addressed all of the community concerns regarding the scope of this project, type of building and the final funding needs of the project. It was recently affirmed that the concepts of the Agape Wigwam building is going to be a joint decision of the Camp Michigamme Building and Grounds Committee, the Agape Wigwam team (including both Emmaus and Camp board members); the decision will come from a joint meeting that includes a representative of UP Engineers and Architects (UPEA). The UPEA will be involved to answer questions and concerns from a position of knowledge and fact. We will be looking at three options for our new building, a single story structure, a two story structure, and a single story structure on top of a walk out basement.

All parties involved with this project want to see us maximize our donations to get the best possible value for the new Agape Wigwam building. If the building is completed in 2018 that would be wonderful, if it's completed in 2019 that's okay too. We need to let the Holy Spirit guide us to make the correct decisions, so please pray for this process and outcome. With God with us, what can stand in our way? Thank you my friends for your trust and support.

Grace, peace and God's Bless to you for all. *Gary Labinski*

PS – Have you contacted anyone about reintroducing them to your Lord and Savior by inviting them to our September walks? Remember the purpose of Emmaus is to build up our Christian brothers and sisters for church leadership.

Dear Emmaus Community;

By now, most of you have heard the exciting news about the new building that will be going up at Camp Michigamme. If not...you have now! I won't go into all of the details, I will leave that to other folks. However, there IS something I would like for all you to begin right away.

But first, read this Scripture:

Psalm 127: 1-2

**Unless the Lord builds the house,
those who build it labor in vain.
Unless the Lord watches over the city,
the watchman stays awake in vain.
2 It is in vain that you rise up early
and go late to rest,
eating the bread of anxious toil;
for he gives to his beloved sleep.**

It is my firm belief that this building was God's idea, as it was no "coincidence" how many of the men working the last walk were discussing the idea of a better conference room, and "...wouldn't it be nice if we all got together and..." was being excitedly talked about in independent conversations all over the camp simultaneously! This was definitely a "God thing." I am appreciative of how the community recognized this, and how our Board jumped all over this, and got the ball rolling immediately.

But, we have to work together to keep this a God thing. And that is where you, the community, comes in. For the LORD to build our new house, it will be important that all of us engage in continuous prayer...for the building...for the funds...for the safety of all the workers and bystanders involved, and of course, for all of the pilgrims who will draw closer to God in that building, and for all of the children who will be encountering the risen Lord there for the very first time.

This is a truly special happening, and this project will be a huge blessing for all concerned. It all starts and ends with prayer. True, we also will be needing time and talents and resources. But everyone should be on board for the prayer. Our rewards will be many: the blessing of helping God do something new at the camp, the joy of serving God and others, and the knowledge that God is right there with us, so our work will not be in vain. And, as the Bible reminds us, we will all be able to get a good night's sleep for a job well done!

De Colores!

Rev. Ron Fike

Community Spiritual Director

SUPERIORLAND EMMAUS

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Gospel Reading: *John 5:1-16* -After this there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Hebrew called Bethzatha, which has five porticoes. In these lay a multitude of invalids, blind, lame, paralyzed.5 One man was there, who had been ill for thirty-eight years. When Jesus saw him and knew that he had been lying there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be healed?" The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no man to put me into the pool when the water is troubled, and while I am going another steps down before me." Jesus said to him, "Rise, take up your pallet, and walk." And at once the man was healed, and he took up his pallet and walked. Now that day was the Sabbath. So the Jews said to the man who was cured, "It is the Sabbath, it is not lawful for you to carry your pallet." But he answered them, "The man who healed me said to me, `Take up your pallet, and walk.'" They asked him, "Who is the man who said to you, `Take up your pallet, and walk'?" Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had withdrawn, as there was a crowd in the place. Afterward, Jesus found him in the temple, and said to him, "See, you are well! Sin no more, that nothing worse befall you." The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had healed him. And this was why the Jews persecuted Jesus, because he did this on the Sabbath.

Meditation: *Do you want the Lord Jesus to make you whole?* The lame man that Jesus stopped to speak with had been paralyzed for more than 38 years. He felt helpless because he had no friends to help him bathe in the purifying waters of the pool. Despite his many years of unanswered prayer, he still waited by the pool in the hope that help might come his way. Jesus offered this incurable man not only the prospect of help but total healing as well. Jesus first awakened faith in the paralyzed man when he put a probing question to him, "Do you really want to be healed?" This question awakened a new spark of faith in him. Jesus then ordered him to "get up and walk!" Now the lame man had to put his new found faith into action. He decided to take the Lord Jesus at his word and immediately stood up and began to walk freely.

Hey Girls!



Do you play the Guitar?



Do you play the Piano or Key Board?



How about the Tuba?



OK, maybe not the Tuba.



Awww....

We need Musicians for the Women's Walk.
If you play the Guitar, Mandolin or portable Key Board, please consider volunteering your gifts and talents for the September Women's Walk.

Contact Barb Merlo at 906-346-6153 or merlomom@charter.net to volunteer and/or for further information.

DO YOU LOVE TO COOK??

The Team Selection Committee is looking for a woman to lead the women's kitchen team during the fall walk at Camp Michigamme.

Menu's, recipes and shopping lists are all provided along with helpful hints for a rewarding weekend experience.





Keryx Prison Ministry

Every six months, on the 3rd weekends of April and October, a Keryx weekend is held in the Trustee Division of Marquette Branch Prison. A team of 25 Christian men go into the prison to bring the Good News of God's love and forgiveness beginning on Thursday afternoon and closing on Sunday afternoon. The Keryx weekend is patterned after Cursillo and Emmaus Walk weekends but has been adapted for the prison environment. The team is selected from men who have experienced a Cusillo, Emmaus Walk or Via de Cristo weekend and have applied for volunteer status and gone through an orientation for prison volunteers. In addition, women who have the similar experience and training can participate in the serenade and closing portions of a Keryx.

Anyone who would like to participate in the Keryx program may contact a member of the team or the Keryx Board president, Jim Hayward, at 906-475-7582 or by email at jshayward647@gmail.com.

SPECIAL EDITORS NOTE: This newsletter is for the use of the Superiorland Emmaus Community. It is not just a place for dates, times & places, the website does a good job of that (www.superiorlandemmaus.org). 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 me, Jim Baker, at (mindseye@up.net) well in advance. 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.