

Superiorland Emmaus community

In the past few years, the participation in our gathering has been quite low. For example, the meeting this past January 11, 2014, in Ishpeming, there were only two of the local community members who attended other than the spouses of the Superiorland Emmaus Board members.

This lack of interest is quiet disheartening to me. The gatherings provide great opportunity to fellowship with new, as well as established members, and meet members that otherwise you may never see.

If there is anything that your Board of Directors can do that you believe would enhance the participation in the gathering, please contact one of your Superiorland Emmaus Board Members.

God bless and be with you and yours;
Randy Yelle - Superior Land Emmaus Chairman
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Gatherings

Did you know we have gatherings? Do you know what a gathering is? Or what it's for? It's okay if you don't know, many people don't. Do you remember the feeling you had at your walk when you saw the community gather at Candlelight or at the end of the weekend and all the support and love that was there? Do you remember all the music and food? Are you active in a weekly 4th day group and enjoy the support you get there? Well, our gatherings are supposed to be our only regular community-wide Emmaus meeting where we can share and pass on the tradition, vision, and common memory of our walks. It is also a place for education/information about upcoming walks and needs of the community. I will admit that I have been lax in helping to maintain these gatherings. Guidelines state we should try to do them monthly, but we all know that with our distances and commitments to jobs and families that doing a UP wide gathering monthly is not feasible. We have quarterly board meetings and we do a gathering afterwards. All are welcome to come to the board meetings and stay for the gathering. I would also like to encourage people in different regions to do a monthly gathering in your area to help stay connected with all that are from the Emmaus community there. I will be working on making our quarterly gatherings more of what they should and need to be for us all.

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Trina Johnson

Emmaus Walks Team Selection.

The Team Selection Committee will be meeting soon to begin the process of signing up volunteers for the Fall AND Spring Walks. The primary goal is to fill the Fall Walks (9/18 men, 9/25 women; Norway, MI), but if you cannot work those, we'll take names for the Spring Walks (4/16 men, 4/23 women; Marquette, MI). You may be called to serve on team, in which case, if you agree, you will be listed only as volunteering, not assigned to a specific role on team. Those assignments will be made on a later date. Part of this is due to the fact that we will strive to meet national Emmaus guidelines which specify that teams should be comprised of 1/3 newer personnel, 1/3 middling folks and 1/3 "experienced" people.

If you fall into the newer personnel category, you most likely will be assigned to the auxiliary team...another recommendation by national Emmaus. There is also a desire to grow team members by having them work their way up the "ladder" so to speak, starting with the lesser challenging roles and becoming leaders.

You can save the selection committee a LOT of work if you just go to the Superiorland Emmaus website: www.superiorlandemmaus.org and download the form, fill it out and send it to:

Wayne Price,
364 Little Lake Rd,
Marquette, MI, 49855.

Or, you can send it as an e-mail attachment to:

wprice@nmu.edu.

At this point, a number of people have already submitted volunteer forms. If you want to be considered for team, we encourage you to submit your form promptly. Please join us in offering others the opportunity to be truly blessed, to come to know Christ more fully, through serving Him on team. Bless God with a willing heart.

In His Name
Wayne Price
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Moved? Got a new cell phone? Changed your ISP? If you are feeling lonely and left out and no one ever calls you, this may be the reason.

DO WE HAVE YOUR CORRECT E-MAIL AND PHONE NUMBER?

The data base file is continually being updated. If you wish to continue receiving this newsletter, a current e-mail address is needed. Changes to your e-mail address should be sent to Marti Obmann at:

snowtea48@gmail.com.

Please put "Emmaus address change" in the heading or subject box.

The Team Selection Committee cannot contact you to work a walk if your home phone number has been disconnected when you went 'Cellular'. Please send phone number changes to Marti Obmann.

UPPER ROOM LEADERSHIP TRAINING WORKSHOP

Dates for the Upper Room Training are set for;

May 30 & 31, 2014

To be held at Lake Superior Christian Church. Arrangements are in place for the church to cook and serve meals during the training. All The Emmaus Community members are invited to attend. Additional information will be forth coming in a future newsletter or special notification.

The Friday night session is geared towards clergy and the Saturday session is geared towards team workers.

However, both sessions are open to all in the Community.

***This newsletter is the official newsletter of
the Superiorland Emmaus Community***

***Any Community member may submit
articles or items to this newsletter.***

Please submit them to:

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***All articles or items submitted are subject to
editing by the newsletter Editor and final
approval by the Board of Directors.***

UPcoming Walks

Time to get your team applications in!

2014 WALKS

Next walks will be at
Grace United Methodist, Norway Michigan

Men's Walk #73 September 18-21, 2014
Men's Lay Director: Scott Ritzema

Woman's Walk #74 September 25-28, 2014
Women's Lay Director: Ruth Morris

2015 walks

Confirmed dates:

Men: April 16-19, 2015,
Women: April 23-26, 2015,

Tentative location:
Grace United Methodist Church in Marquette.

DONATIONS NEEDED

A Walk to Emmaus takes a lot of STUFF! Between both the Men and Woman's Walk we use over 100 notebooks, thousands of napkins, table cloths, cups and paper plates. Not to mention pens, pencils, crayons, markers, poster board, tape, cleaning supplies, candles and reams of paper. And that's just the "Soft Goods". The community is continually upgrading or replacing "Reusable" items like mattresses, display easels, table decorations and storage tubs, to name just a few. The churches and camp that we have used for Walks have always been very generous in letting us use their equipment and facilities but if we break something we have to fix or replace it. Also keep in mind that the single biggest expense for any Walk is the cost of food for meals (at least 10) and snacks (lots of snacks). So donations are always welcome, both material and monetary, especially monetary.

(Editor's Note: I have been a part of the Superiorland Emmaus Community for nearly 20 years and during that time the candidate and team registration fee has only gone up \$10. At \$65 we have one of the lowest fees in the country. Good stewardship by teams and the board have kept and will continue to keep our expenses under control. But we can always use the assistance of material or monetary donations.)

If you are moved to make a donation, checks should be made out to Superiorland Emmaus and mailed to treasurer:

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or credit card donations can be made on the [Superiorland Emmaus website](#) by clicking the "donation" link.



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Men's Lay Director: Scott Ritzema

Woman's Walk #74 September 25-28, 2014
Women's Lay Director: Ruth Morris

Team selection begins in April for the above Walks.

If you want to be a part of the team you need to fill out and send a [Team volunteer form](#) as soon as possible or for more information visit the [Superiorland Emmaus website](#).

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Superiorland Emmaus Policy 2013-01

Adopted by Superiorland Emmaus Board of Directors October 2013.

•All persons who wish to work an Emmaus weekend, whether in the Conference Room or the Auxiliary shall embrace a lifestyle compatible with biblical teaching. Since the Christian community is made up entirely of sinners saved by grace, all Emmaus team members will be able to point to past sinful lifestyles, but we have been called to “put off” the practice of the old life and “put on” the new life offered by Jesus Christ (Ephesians 4:17-24). As an example, team members will be expected to practice a lifestyle of fidelity in marriage as defined by scripture (Genesis 2:18-25; Matthew 19:4-6 et.al.) or else to live in celibacy as single persons. We also celebrate the God who offers forgiving and restoring grace to Christian believers even when they’ve fallen into open sin. Full restoration to participation/leadership teams may require a period of discipline/spiritual formation as determined by the Superiorland Board.

•Superiorland Emmaus understands that some pilgrims arrive for a weekend without having ever encountered Jesus. Consequently, the expectations of pilgrims are very different than the expectations for team members. There are no pre-conditions for pilgrims except to treat others with respect and to cooperate with team leaders. We pray the Holy Spirit will use each weekend to help pilgrims experience God’s love in deeper ways and to hear God’s call to repentance and faith through Holy Scripture, the talks of lay people and clergy people and through the relationships pilgrims develop with team members and each other.

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Merchandise News


Did you miss out on getting a shirt or sweatshirt at the last walk? We have lots of t-shirts, long sleeve shirts, and hoodies available. You don’t have to wait for a walk to get one. Just contact me and I will work with you on getting it to you. Our current colors are gold, kiwi, chocolate, paprika, forest green, dark cherry red, antique orange, and antique cherry red. We also have sizes from M-XXXL. If I don’t have the size, style and/or color you want I can try to get it ordered and have it made. I currently have a small order that I have to put in and the more I get the better. Also, I am taking suggestions for other types of merchandise that people may want. Please feel free to contact me either through email at suzette498492219@yahoo.com or you can call me at (906) 458-4061.

We are looking at getting the items placed on our website with pictures and using PayPal for even easier access. DeColores!

Trina Johnson

TO DO LIST

(post somewhere and check off as completed)

1. _____ Pray. Pray for the upcoming Walks, the Candidates and the Team.
2. _____ Pray. Pray for that special person who has been on your heart that would help you, your church, your community and the word of God grow.
3. _____ Sponsor. Sponsor that person above, invite them to experience what you did.
4. _____ Pray some more. Go to www.superiorlandemmaus.org sign up for the prayer vigil and do it.
5. _____ Snacks (or a donation) for the upcoming Walks.
6. _____ Agape for the upcoming Walks.
7. _____ Candlelight.
8. _____  Attend the next Gathering.
9. _____ Become more active in your Church, the Emmaus Community and GOD's world.
10. _____ Above all else, continue to Pray.

**Next Superiorland Emmaus Board meeting - April 12, 2014,
10:00am, Grace United Methodist Church, Norway, Michigan.**

Next Superiorland Emmaus Gathering - Oops! There is not one scheduled! How come?

It seems that there has been such low attendance at the last few gatherings that there really has not been one.

OK, what are our excuses (or should I say lack of Priorities, remember that talk?)

1. Time. 2. Distance. 3. Weather. 4. Time of day. 5. Work. 6. That game on TV.

WHATEVER! (and I'm just as guilty) It's time to stop making excuses and start coming up with some ideas. Just like we have Team meetings and overnights to build a strong Team, we need to have community Gatherings to build a stronger Emmaus Community. Re-read Randy's letter at the very beginning of this newsletter and send him your ideas.

I'll start: How about having Gatherings on the same date and time but in several regional locations (ie; Eastern U.P., Copper Country, etc.) and sometime during the gatherings contact each other by cell phone (someone's got to have a cell phone at each location, right?) and pass on news, information, prayer requests, etc.? Time, distance and maybe even weather concerns are less of a problem. Yet there will still be a Community Gathering for fellowship and Glory to God.

What's your idea?

Jim Baker - newsletter editor