

Brrrrrrr.....

Spring seems so far away

But the Spring

Superiorland Emmaus Walks

are only a few weeks away.



Men's Walk #75 April 9-12

Woman's Walk #76 April 23-26

There is still time, in fact, it is time to get your
Candidates and Sponsor applications in now!

Candidate Application on [page two](#)

Sponsor Application on [page three](#)

Information on gathering times for the community can be found on [page five](#).

SUPERIORLAND EMMAUS COMMUNITY
SPRING 2015 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 Grace UMC in Marquette. I understand that the cost for the Emmaus weekend is **\$65.00**, and my pre-registration deposit of **\$15.00** 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
SRING 2015 WALKS AT
Grace UMC in Marquette
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**
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PRAY FOR YOUR CANDIDATE!

72-Hour Prayer Vigil

I want to talk about our external prayer vigil. Typically, the local Emmaus community will provide prayer support for the entire Walk, the pilgrims, and the team by organizing and filling a 72-Hour Prayer Vigil. You can select as many half-hour time slots as desired. There is a link on the Superiorland Emmaus web site for easy access to signup. A wall chart is posted in the conference room on Friday afternoon of the Walk, following the talk on Justifying Grace. This chart gives pilgrims a tangible sign of the loving support of many on their behalf, especially when they see the names of persons who have pledged to interrupt their schedules to get up at various hours of the night to pray for them. And it is good, but....

As a community, we have failed to complete this mission for the last two walks! After numerous email reminders and even personal calls, many time slots remained empty for both the men and women. The pilgrims did not readily see this failing as I took all those open slots. Yes, my prayer life can use a stimulus now and then, however any perceptive pilgrim would figure it out. It breaks my heart to see our community support wane (don't get me started on attendance at our gatherings). The prayer vigil is important - please participate.

Jerry Barnhart, Prayer Vigil Coordinator

About Sponsorship

Each time you sponsor a pilgrim, it would be a good thing to re-read the section in the Day Four book, "The Pilgrim's Continued Journey." Here is an excerpt...

"... Emmaus is designed to spiritually renew church members who, in turn, can Christianize their environments. The church is a vital part of this renewal effort. If strong church members are recruited to attend Emmaus Walks, the Emmaus community will provide authentic spiritual renewal.

"The overriding purpose of Emmaus is to Christianize environments such as homes, businesses, friendships, and churches. As people have an opportunity to consider the reorientation of their priorities, to experience the grace of God in a loving community, to be wooed by the Holy Spirit to be disciples, and to participate in a supportive group following the weekend, it is only natural that they will want to change the most important things in their lives according to this new experience of love." - end quote, Page 51, Day Four Booklet.

In other words, some discernment of who to sponsor is critical to the success of a walk experience. Before you "choose" someone, first, PRAY about who the Spirit would lead you to sponsor. Then...once you have a name...consider the following:

1. Are they active church members? The walk is intended to build up leaders, not to rescue people from situations. If they are already active in committee or other leadership roles, then they are good candidates.
2. If they are not active in a church, then your mission is to witness to them what Christ can do for them (not the Walk), tell them what the Bible says, and how to pray. Help them to find a church. Once they have given themselves to Christ, and start to get active at their church, then they are good potential pilgrim candidates.
3. Remember...Keep praying...When you feel led to someone, then invite them in person, explain the sponsor's role, have the sign up form filled out, give them your sponsor commitment letter, and pray pray pray. And...Answer their questions, remember...there are no secrets at Emmaus!

For more information see pages 54 & 55 in the Day Four Booklet.

Blessings, Pastor Ron

Important times to remember

Men's Walk #75

Thursday April 9th - 6:00pm Community gathering and Candidates arrive. 7:00pm Candidates called out and sponsors time to follow.

Saturday April 11th - 8:30pm Community gathering for communion and fellowship, with candlelight at approximately 9:45pm.

Sunday April 12th - 4:30pm Community gathering for communion, fellowship and to welcome our new community brothers.

Women's Walk #76

Thursday April 23rd - 6:00pm Community gathering and Candidates arrive. 7:00pm Candidates called out and sponsors time to follow.

Saturday April 25th - 8:30pm Community gathering for communion and fellowship, with candlelight at approximately 9:45pm.

Sunday April 26th - 4:30pm Community gathering for communion, fellowship and to welcome our new community sisters.

Potluck/gatherings

July 18, 2015

1pm-ish (after noon board meeting)

Wesley United Methodist Church, Ishpeming

September 28, 2015

1pm-ish (after noon board meeting)

L'Anse United Methodist Church, L'Anse

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Donations Needed

Agape

Agape is no longer placed on the conference room tables but is still placed in the dining room and sleeping area. Only 35 pieces are needed for each area. Only pilgrims and table leaders/assistants receive agape gifts.

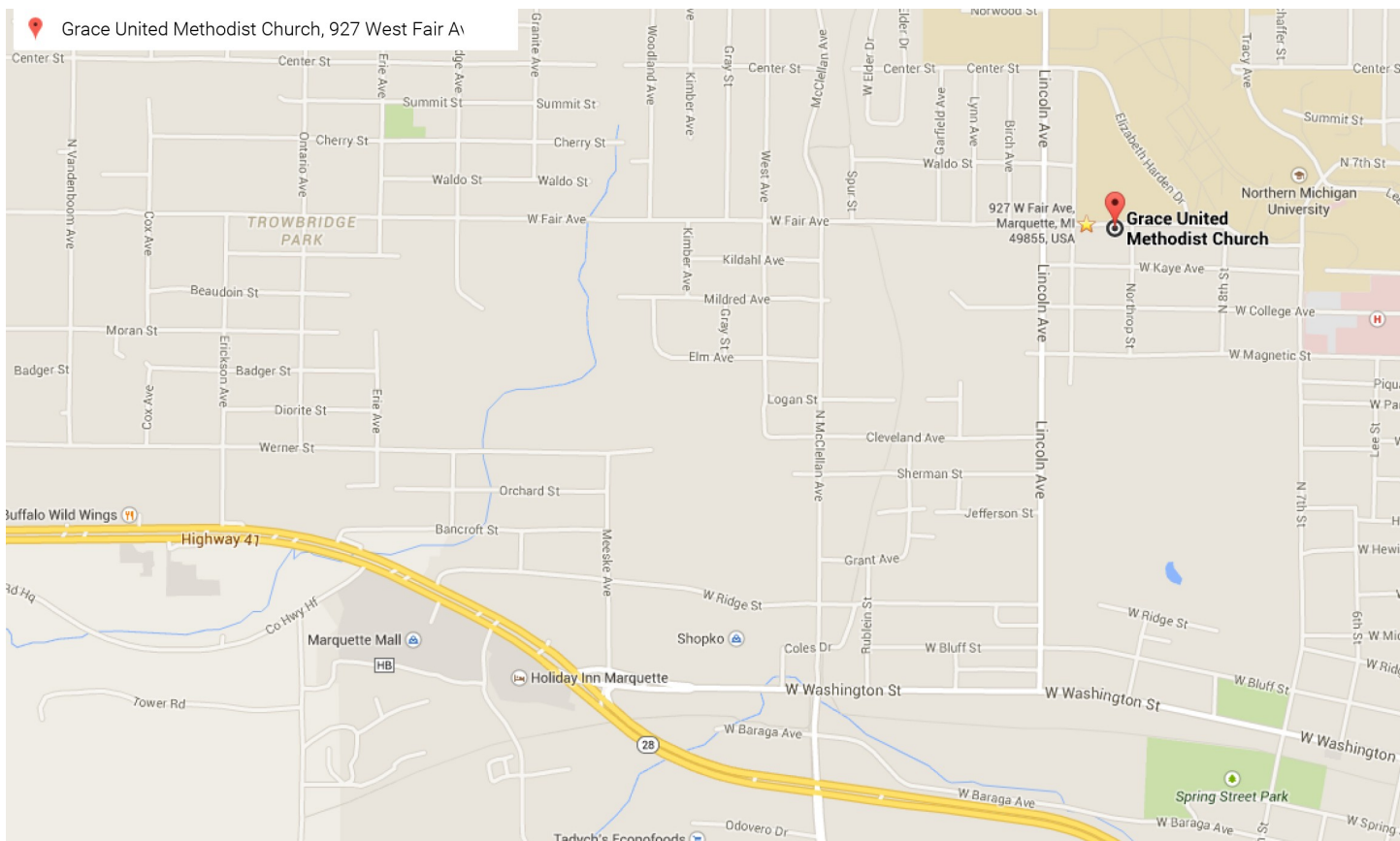
Snacks

Men's Walk - The guys will eat anything that's not nailed down, especially if their wives are not looking (truth). So snack donations are always welcome. All we ask is, if you donate a home-made snack please include a list of ingredients (just in case).

Women's Walk - The gals prefer to purchase their snacks so would prefer monetary donations.

General Expenses

We always try to keep our expenses as low as possible but there are always ongoing needs for the preparation and execution of the Walks, so if you would like to make a monetary donation for general expenses just go to the [Superiorland Emmaus Website](http://SuperiorlandEmmausWebsite) for more information.



[CLICK HERE](#) for Google Maps Driving Directions

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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and
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