



MEA CULPA - As the Newsletter editor for the Superiorland Emmaus Community I must apologize to all for taking so long getting this newsletter out in a timely manner. I have many wonderful and creative excuses but not one decent explanation that I can find. I AM SORRY. (Jim Baker)

Welcome to our new community Brothers and Sisters of Walks #80 & 81

See the pictures on pages 2, 3 & 4

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

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Is there a new conference room in the future for the Superiorland Emmaus Community? See the Community Lay Director article starting on [page 5](#).



Superiorland Emmaus Men's Walk #80

Camp Michigamme September 14-17, 2017



Left to right - Down Front - Chuck Yeager, Brian Johnson

Row 1 - David McCartney, Marvin LaGrew, Mark Frustaglio, Pete Corkin,
Matt Dunham, Tim Goman, Sam Johnson, Jim Baker

Row 2 - Mike Deatruck, Chuck Ryall, Kip Dollar, Mark Plichta, Joe DeHut,
Dale Eltman

Row 3 - Dennis Goldsworthy, Ryne Hocking, Dustin Lewis, James Clay,
Gary Deatruck, Dave Rasmussen

Row 4 - Todd Peltola, Bill Irving, Tommy Wilson, Mitchell Paris, Daniel Frank

Row 5 - Don Johnson, Gary VanderWest, Doug Hodges, Dan Beauchamp,
Joe Pelkola, Riley Quinn, Ross Michaels, Randy Yelle, John Henry,

Row 6 - John Quinn, Ron Fike, Fred Baij, Happy Wahmhoff,

Row 7 - Brian Veale, Carl Wick, Peter LeMoine, Jim Myers, Larry Cleveland

Row 8 - Gary Lubinski, Carl Crenshaw, B.J. Ash

Missing from Picture - Scott Ritsema



Right to Left

Row 1

Jill Paris, Marcia Waters, Lisa Ann Reed, Emily Miller, Sonora Byrd, Erica Thomas, Lauren Paris, Jeannette Buteyn, Becky Stroube, Terria Aleo

Row 2

Mary Lou Stefanski, Catherine Stephenson, Rhea McIntosh, Dorothy Wilson, Christina Lawrence, Carrie Richards, Diane Pernsteiner, Annie Yeager, Jill Cleveland, Kimberly Sims, Mary Zanon

Row 3

Jana Alumbaugh, Emily Ritsema, Pastor Renee Grochowski, Judy Anderson, Trina Johnson, Sara Wiedenhofer, Mary Erva, Pastor Chris Bergquist, Francine Cerne

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Row 1

Eva Goodreau, Kristy Clay, Geriann Bialkowski, Mary Brownell, Shirley Johnson

Row 2

Paula Ross, Karen Kelley, Amanda Melka, Chris Corkin, Ruth Baker, Ruth Morris, Barb Powers

Row 3

Martha Obmann, Deb Jezek, Barb Merlo, Stephanie Booth, Deb Gransinger, Marlene Deatrick, Kelly Ash, Nancy Machalk

Row 4

Anita Quinn, Carol Geiger, Amber Mitchell, Tamara Frank, Theresa Prisk, Aurellia Riley, Jane Rasmussen, Shay Rutherford, Julie Johnston, Mary Lou Vinson, Katelyn Kelley

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GREETINGS FROM THE COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTOR

Greetings Superiorland Emmaus community! There is exciting news I would like to share, not nearly as magnificent as “HE is risen”, but still exciting for us yoopers. We all know how special our Emmaus Walk was and the way the Holy Spirit worked in our lives to bring us where we are today. I believe the Holy Spirit was planting seeds in the hearts and minds of the auxiliary team too this past September. Several board members felt moved to a vision of getting a new Emmaus Conference room built that will both help Emmaus and Camp Michigamme thrive for years to come. When the Superiorland Emmaus Board met for our October meeting, several of us shared the same vision and asked how we can fulfil that vision - De colores!

At our January 13, meeting every board member present unanimously supported donating some seed funds for this project. And let me state we realize the Emmaus community is not in the business of fund raising or donating money to specific projects. As the most recent and only previous Emmaus donation of significant size was really a redirect of long dormant Chrysalis funds, held by Emmaus, with the request coming from former Chrysalis board members. The Chrysalis request asked to put these funds to use to directly benefit the area youth with heat for the Hampton Chapel (also at Camp Michigamme) and the request was granted.

Our current donation is also very unique as it will directly benefit the Emmaus community with a value far greater than the actual monetary donation, which at a minimum, will be \$5,000.00. Here is how our community will benefit:

1. Under our covenant with the Upper Room the Superiorland Emmaus Community has a mandate to annually purchase D&O insurance which has been quoted from \$500 to \$1,200 annually. Fortunately, when Camp Michigamme is our host facility we are covered under their policy at no additional cost. This camp coverage meets the Upper Room insurance requirement to their satisfaction!
2. With our financial support Camp Michigamme is willing to reserve our current pricing and select September weekends for Emmaus Community for the next 20 years!

3. The facility will offer storage for Emmaus materials inside a building, nearly eliminating mouse damage.
4. We have input on the facilities design and location that will benefit the Emmaus Community!

Other advantage Camp Michigamme offers over hosting an Emmaus weekend in a church includes: a.) Ideal setting among nature. b.) Walk participants, conference and auxiliary crews get to sleep in real beds. c.) All camp participants can enjoy daily showers. d.) Facilities are ideal to accommodate groups such as Emmaus and community needs. e.) Modern and spacious kitchen facilities lend themselves to ease and cost savings in made from scratch cooking.

In addition to providing some of the seed money, we will be looking for able bodies to come together for various construction phases on the new building. This may actually grow our community as Christian volunteers work in teams for a common purpose. Of course if an area church want to host an Emmaus event, every spring is open and available thus creating additional walk opportunities!

Please pray for this to be a huge success and kindly consider giving some of your time, talents or gifts to this project. FYI - Alan Larsen has agreed to be the treasurer for this project fund raising efforts. Please contact Alan by phone at 906-231-1000, by email at alarsen40@alphacomm.net , or by mail at Alan Larsen, 21646 Petticoat Lake Road, Michigamme MI 49861

Grace, Peace & Blessings,
Gary Lubinski
Emmaus Board Chairman



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January 2018

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Facility Setup/Teardown Committee

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(Vacant)

Gospel Reading: *Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18* 1 "Beware of practicing your piety before men in order to be seen by them; for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven. 2 "Thus, when you give alms, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be praised by men. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. 3 But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, 4 so that your alms may be in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. 5 "And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by men. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. 6 But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. 16 "And when you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by men. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. 17 But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, 18 that your fasting may not be seen by men but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

Meditation: Are you hungry for God and do you thirst for his holiness? God wants to set our hearts ablaze with the fire of his Holy Spirit that we may share in his holiness and radiate the joy of the Gospel to those around us. St. Augustine of Hippo tells us that there are two kinds of people and two kinds of love: "One is holy, the other is selfish. One is subject to God; the other endeavors to equal Him." We are what we love. God wants to free our hearts from all that would keep us captive to selfishness and sin. "Rend your hearts and not your garments" says the prophet Joel (Joel 2:12). The Holy Spirit is ever ready to transform our hearts and to lead us further in God's way of truth and holiness.

EDITORIAL

Do you know how an Emmaus Team is put together?

Does the Spiritual Director climb up a mountain and have God hand them a tablet with a list of names?

Does the Lay Director throw everyone's name into a hat and then pick them out one by one?

Have you ever said or heard someone else say "I'd love to work on Team, but no one ever called me."?

No, you have to volunteer to be on an Emmaus Team!

There is a small group of individuals made up of Board members and other community members, called the Team Selection Committee, who are working together right now to call and build a group that will become the next Superiorland Emmaus Team. This is easier said than done, this group, with prayer and discernment, will take a stack of [Team Volunteer Forms](#) and first divide them into those who are volunteering for the first time and those who have worked on a Team in the past. The new volunteer will be called first and asked to work on the Auxiliary Team. You must work at least once on the Auxiliary Team before you can be a part of a Conference Room Team. Then they will call on those volunteers who have worked on a Team before to build the rest of the Team. Sounds simple, right?Yeah! Right!

The Team Selection Committee no matter how good they are, are not mind readers!

Did you see that word VOLUNTEER several times above? Do you know what it means? No, it's not just somebody who works without being paid. It means somebody who has freely **offered** to serve.

How do you offer to serve on an Emmaus Team? Fill out and send in a [Team Volunteer Form](#).

Where do you get a [Team Volunteer Form](#)? Every new community member should have gotten one in their "packets" at the end of their Walk. They are available at the table where you sign in at the Candle Light Gathering. And they are always available at the superiorlandemmaus.org website.

The dates for the next Walks are set, and to again be held at Camp Michigamme.

Men's Walk #82 September 13-16 and Women's Walk #83 September 20-23.

Overnighters for Community Gathering and Team building will be in July 13-14 and August 17-18.

Be sure and read the Community Lay Director article starting on page 5 of this newsletter for some exciting news about a possible new conference room.

Remember all of that Agape Love that you received on your Walk to Emmaus. Be a part of giving that same kind of Agape Love to the next group of Pilgrims by sending in your [Team Volunteer Form](#) today.

God Loves You & So Do I - Jim Baker - newsletter editor

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Obituary of Someone Else

I know that all of you were saddened to learn this week of the death of one of our Communities most valuable members -- Someone Else.

Someone's passing created a vacancy that will be difficult to fill. Else has been with us for many years, and for every one of those years, Someone did far more than the normal person's share of the work. Whenever leadership was mentioned, this wonderful person was looked to for inspiration as well as results. Someone Else can work with that group. Whenever there was a job to do, Agape to be made, or a meeting to attend, one name was on everyone's lips, "Let Someone Else do it." It was common knowledge that Someone Else was always there when something needed to be done. Everyone just assumed that Someone Else would be there.

Someone Else was a wonderful person, sometimes appearing super-human, but a person can only do so much. Were the truth known, everyone expected too much of Someone Else. Now Someone Else is gone. We wonder what we are going to do. Someone Else left a wonderful example to follow, but who is going to follow it? Who is going to do the things Someone Else did? Remember, we can't depend on Someone Else anymore.

- Author Unknown -

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.