

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEW MEMBERS OF THE SUPERIORLAND EMMAUS BOARD OF DIRECTORS! Gary Lubinski, Marvin LaGrew, Pastor Ron Fike, Pastor Bruce Steinberg and Glenn Troupe.

Thank you and Thank God for you and your willingness to serve

Board meeting dates for 2015:

February 6, 7:00pm (during overnight) Grace UMC, Marquette March 14, 12 noon (immediately following overnight) Grace UMC, Marquette July 18, 12 noon – Pot Luck to follow at Wesley UMC, Ishpeming September 26, 12 noon – Pot Luck to follow at L'Anse UMC, L'Anse



SUPERIORLAND EMMAUS WALKS 2015

Men #75: Spring 2015 - April 9-12 (Lay Director: Randy Yelle)

Women #76: Spring 2015 - April 23-26 (Lay Director: Charlene DeBets)

Grace United Methodist Church, Marquette, MI

Overnights:

February 6/7 and March 13/14 at the church

Click <u>here</u> for more information, Candidate & Volunteer forms and to sign up for the Prayer Vigil.



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

UPCOMING WOMEN'S WALK April 23-26, 2015

Team selection for the women's walk #76 on April 23-26 is complete.

Although all auxiliary positions have been filled, past experience alerts us that last minute substitutions do occur.

If you would like to sign up for last minute "on call", please contact Marti Obmann at:

1-616-433-6784 or <u>snowtea48@gmail.com</u>.





WALK SUPPLIES NEEDED

We are always in need of basic supplies for each walk. Please consider a cash donation (send to Chuck Yeager, 565 Cooper Lake Rd., Ishpeming MI 49849 or donate through Superiorland Emmaus web site) and/or purchase the following supplies:

Kleenex, toilet paper, paper towel rolls, cleaning supplies, poster paper, colored markers/pencils, latex gloves, large clasp envelopes for mailroom, copy paper for mailroom, liquid soap, toiletries (headache tablets, rolaids, band-aids, personal hygiene products, comb, small tubes of tooth-paste, toothbrushes, etc.).

Purchased items can be brought to the overnights Feb 6-7/March 13-14 at Grace United Methodist Church, Fair St., Marquette. You can also contact Randy Yelle (346-4423) or Barb Merlo (346-6153) for drop-off information.

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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. The Team Selection Committee cannot contact you to work a walk if your home phone number has been disconnected when you went 'Cellular'. Changes to your e-mail address or phone number should be sent to Marti Obmann at:

snowtea48@gmail.com.

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

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.

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 for space and content and final approval by the Board of Directors.