

## UPPER ROOM LEADERSHIP TRAINING WORKSHOP

Dates for the Upper Room Training

**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.

**Clergy training is noon to 5 p.m. Friday May 30<sup>th</sup>. A community potluck dinner is planned at 5:00 p.m. Friday evening. Saturday is an all day training session for board members and general community. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. There is no cost for this event. All sessions will be at Lake Superior Christian Church.**

**Upper Room (Emmaus) Training at Lake Superior Christian Church**

**Noon-5pm Friday, May 30**

**All day 9am-4pm Saturday, May 31**

**Lake Superior Christian Church**

**393 State Highway M-553**

**Marquette, Michigan 4985**

**The church is located on the west side of M-553, between the Marquette Mtn. Ski hill and the cross roads of County Road 480 and State Highway M-553 within the Township of Sands.**

**This is the first time this training has been offered in the U.P. Please take advantage of this opportunity to learn more about the Emmaus program and board/team responsibilities. The Superiorland Emmanus Chairman has set a deadline to submit applications as May 16th. If sufficient numbers are lacking, this event will be canceled.**

### Contact

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You do not have to attend this training in order to work on an Emmaus walk.

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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 4<sup>th</sup> 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

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***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:***

***[mindseye@up.net](mailto:mindseye@up.net)***

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

## Emmaus Walks Team Selection.

The Team Selection Committee will be meeting to continue 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](http://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](mailto: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  
West Michigan #5, Petoskey, MI

## 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:

Kreg Kelley  
325 West Harris  
Hancock MI 49930

or credit card donations can be made on the

[Superiorland Emmaus website](http://www.superiorlandemmaus.org)

by clicking the "donation" link.

[whoever@changedmymindagain.com](mailto:whoever@changedmymindagain.com)

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](mailto: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.

**If you have not received a recent newsletter or think you may have missed one, you will always find the latest newsletter on the [Superiorland Emmaus website](http://www.superiorlandemmaus.org).**

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## **2015 Spring Walks:**

Men's Walk April 16-19, 2015 (Lay Director: TBD)

Women's Walk April 23-26, 2015 (Lay Director, Charlene DeBetes)

Place: Grace United Methodist Church, Marquette, MI

**Team selection is scheduled to begin October 2014.  
Details in future newsletters**



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## Next walks will be at Grace United Methodist, Norway Michigan

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

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

### Team selection has begun for the above Walks.

If you still 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](mailto: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](http://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.

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## NEW BOARD MEMBERS NEEDED

Four (4) board members will be retiring from the board effective December 31, 2014. Our board is required to have 15 active members. It is the board's responsibility to see that the Walk to Emmaus guidelines are followed and that walks are run smoothly. The board meets four (4) times a year and generally meetings last 1-1 ½ hours.

Since it is an Emmaus meeting,  
often food is available to sustain us.

Please consider serving on the Board of Directors and enjoy the experience. There will be a ballot in the October newsletter to submit your name or nominate someone who has a desire to work for the Lord through the Superiorland Emmaus Board of Directors.

If you have an interest in serving, please submit your name to Barb Merlo, Board Secretary to get your name on the ballot.  
(Barb Merlo, 165 N. Marshall Dr., Gwinn, MI 49841  
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# **SUPERIORLAND EMMAUS COMMUNITY**

## **FALL 2014 WALKS AT**

### **Grace UMC in Norway**

#### **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 (906) 346-6153  
165 North Marshall Drive merlomom@charter.net  
Gwinn, MI 49841**

**[PLEASE READ SPONSOR GUIDELINES \(FOLLOW THIS LINK\)](#)**

**PRAY FOR YOUR CANDIDATE!**

**SUPERIORLAND EMMAUS COMMUNITY**  
**FALL 2014 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 Camp Michigamme. 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.

Applicant's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

Please give this completed reservation request and your deposit **to your sponsor**.

Make checks payable to: **Superiorland Emmaus Community**. (Please do not send cash.)