

Superiorland Emmaus Community Newsletter



Walk to
Emmaus
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SPRING WALKS



Men #77: April 21-24 (Lay Director: Sam Johnson)
Women #78: April 28-May 1 (Lay Director: Deb Jezek)
Overnights: February 5-6, March 11-12
Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Harvey, MI



Want to work on Team for either
the Spring or Fall Walks?
Click on the HELP WANTED for
a volunteer application. (Pages 3 & 4)



A note from the Superiorland Emmaus Community Lay Director
(sometimes called the Chairman of the Board).
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Board of Directors
Information
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Pay special attention to
the note from
Sam Johnson

FALL WALKS



Men #79: dates tba (Lay Director: tba)
Women #80: dates tba (Lay Director: tba)
Overnights: not determined yet
Camp Michigamme

BREAKING NEWS

Tentative dates may have been set but still
needs final board approval but pencil in:

Women #81 - September 8-11, 2016

Men #82 - September 22-25, 2015



We've got dates and locations for the next Walks, notes from the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman of the Board. You've signed up to work on the Team. OK, what's missing? Candidates! But there is something else that we need first and this is most important;

We need Sponsors.

Someone who will prayerfully look at their Church family and if they see a potential leader who just needs that little extra push and will first pray for them and then sponsor them on a Walk to Emmaus.

See pages 8 thru 11 for Sponsor information

Hello to my Emmaus family from Gary Lubinski.

As you may know I was elected to be the Community Lay Director for the Emmaus board taking over for Randy Yelle this past January. I have big shoes to fill replacing Randy and the wonderful job he did. Therefore, I really need your help. The Emmaus board has 5 openings to fill for this coming 3 year cycle. Please remember, as one body, we each have special gifts bestowed upon us by our creator God that are needed for our one body to function in God's accord. Therefore, we need your talents! So please consider running in our November election for a board position!

The Emmaus community is holding two sets of walks this coming year. Prince of Peace Church in Harvey is holding our Spring walks. And we are finalizing the arrangements to hold the Fall walks at Camp Michigamme. I have special memories of Prince of Peace Church, as my walk, #44 was held there and Camp Michigamme just touches my soul and connects me to God in that special way only the great outdoors can. My walk changed my life and introduced me to so many great Christian men and women. I remain humble and thankful to the Emmaus community that made it possible! Therefore, I am excited for the 2016 pilgrims and the life changes that God will bring to their lives. So start praying now for the person(s) who you can sponsor for a 2016 walk.

One other important change for 2016 is that board decided to host the 2016 Fall women's walk first (prior to the men's walk) in the hopes of providing more advantageous weather for the women at Camp Michigamme. I know change can be uncomfortable for some, but let's give this change a fair chance and see how it works out for the glory of our Lord and Savior.

Grace and Peace,
Gary

Volunteer Form for the Spring 2016 Walks

Men 77: April 21-24 at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Harvey

Women 78: April 28-May 1 at Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Harvey

Name: _____ Date: _____

Address : _____ (City) _____ (State) _____ (Zip)

Home Phone : _____ Work: _____ Cell: _____ Email: _____

☐ I will be able to **commit to all three** days (Thursday evening 7:00 p.m. through closing on Sunday evening around 7:00 p.m.)

☐ I will only be able to commit to the following days and times: Day: _____ Times: _____

Day: _____ Times: _____

Are you currently active in a 4th day group? _____ If so, where? _____ Day _____ Time _____

☐ Check here if you are currently looking for a 4th day group.

I understand that the team cost for the Emmaus weekend will be \$75.00. If I am selected to be on the team, I understand that I will be required to make a pre-registration deposit of \$25.00, and that the remaining \$50.00 can be paid now or no later than the second team meeting. I understand that if I am only able to work part of the weekend the cost will be \$25.00/day or \$9.00/meal.

Use this form only to volunteer to work on the team. Do not assume you are on the team (conference room or auxiliary) until you are contacted.

Do not send any money until you have been notified that you have been selected to be on the team.

I give my hands and feet to God; let His will be done. Servant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

PLEASE MAIL OR SCAN/EMAIL BOTH PAGES OF THIS FORM TO:

Martha Obmann

Chair, 2016 Team Selection Committee

553 Maple Hills Dr

Gwin, MI 49841

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SUPERIORLAND EMMAUS WALK - TEAM VOLUNTEER FORM

Team Selection Guidelines

Progressive Servanthood (Conference Room)

The purpose of an established progression of responsibilities for Emmaus community members is twofold: Leadership training and spiritual development. A person's readiness to carry out his or her particular assignment effectively often depends on and is always enhanced by prior experience in another position. The progression of responsibilities starts with support roles (auxiliary area, set-up, kitchen, agape) and then moves into the conference room. Entry positions for the conference room team are either assistant table leader (and possibly speaker) or table leader (and possibly speaker). Experience in both positions is necessary before progressing to assistant lay director. Having served in one position does not automatically assure that the person will move to the next step in the progression.

Anonymous Positions of Servanthood (Auxiliary areas)

Emmaus leadership begins and ends with anonymous positions of servanthood, such as working in the kitchen, praying in the chapel, sorting letters in the mail room and cleaning bathrooms. This kind of sacrifice and servanthood is the heart of Emmaus and is where the development of Christian leadership begins. Those who seek "important jobs" probably need to be assigned more humble tasks for their own sake as well as for the good of the community. Those who first give of themselves wholeheartedly and joyfully to the humblest duties are probably the ones who eventually need to be with the pilgrims in the conference room, setting an example and sharing their spirit.

The following information is requested for team selection committee records
PLEASE, fill out to the best of your knowledge. Please print.

Have you ever worked on an Emmaus team before? _____ If yes, please check below all roles you have performed:

Conference Room

_____ Lay director	Names of talks: _____
_____ Asst. lay director	_____
_____ Table leader	_____
_____ Asst. table leader	_____
_____ Board representative	_____
_____ Spiritual director (clergy)	Talk(s): _____
_____ Music in conference room	_____
_____ Singing	Played an instrument _____
_____ Music for candlelight	
_____ Entertainment	

Auxiliary Area:

_____ Auxiliary Director	_____ Snacks
_____ Assistant Aux. Director	_____ Mail room
_____ Wednesday night set up	_____ Bathroom
_____ Sunday morning tear down	_____ Courier (Gopher)
_____ Sunday evening clean up	_____ Photographer
_____ Reception	_____ Prayer chapel
_____ Kitchen _____ as head cook	_____ Book/merchandise table
_____ Dining room	_____ Candlelight
_____ Dishwasher	_____ Set up the Prayer Vigil

_____ I would be interested in being an active member of the
Superiorland Emmaus Community board of directors

SUPERIORLAND EMMAUS COMMUNITY

Spring 2016 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 Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Harvey. I understand that the cost for the Emmaus weekend is **\$75.00**, and my pre-registration deposit of **\$25.00** 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

Spring 2016 WALKS AT

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Harvey

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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Gwinn, MI 49841

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PRAY FOR YOUR CANDIDATE!

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Greetings dear Brethren in Christ,

One of the few duties I've learned as Vice-chair of our governing board is to write this short plea to all members letting them know that there are five positions opening upon the board for the coming year. These will be three year commitments that are not very taxing. We have four meetings a year for the most part. Many board meeting follow with a gathering of fellow Emmaus alum. The board is open to all members. To our newest classes of Superiorland Emmaus alum – it also includes each of you.

My wife and most of my family went to watch "WAR ROOM" a few days ago. If you've seen it there is a scene where an adorable senior lady explains to a younger woman that God doesn't want us to go through life LUKE WARM. Like a good cup of coffee you want to savor each day hot. Our spiritual life has to be the same. So your board of directors would like to have a long list of applicants to choose from for these five positions. Please remember Christ is counting on you. We need new and experienced driven board members to fulfill them. I will gladly accept all members for consideration.

My phone number is (906)-631-8519. Or E-mail is buckandfish@chartermi.net or send a post card to me at 451 Oak St. Ishpeming, mi 49849.

Please take the time to consider how much we need your services in Christ.

With loving appreciation and praying heartily for your time,

Stephen (Sam) Johnson----Table of Joshua- Memorial Methodist Church—Gladstone

Your always present in my prayers and heart.

Sponsorship

Suggestions and Checklist for Sponsors

Here are a few suggestions for recruitment that should increase your effectiveness, and help you properly interpret Emmaus, and sharing God's grace as a sponsor.

1. When you are talking to a married person, we suggest you talk with both husband and wife. We want both husband and wife to make the decision together. Their applications should be turned in together.
2. Remember, the Walk to Emmaus is not for everyone. These three days cannot rectify every problem marriage, enthuse every disenchanted church member, care disturbed person, or make saits of sinners. The Walk to Emmaus is designed to change environments through Christian leaders. Pilgrims should at least know where the path is, if they are not already walking it. We don't need just any candidates, we need the best.
3. Feel free to share with a potential applicant what Emmaus meant for you as fully as will help, realizing that all explanations will fall short. It's not that we are not allowed to tell what went on, but that it is difficult to explain. We want their experience to be fresh, especially for candlelight and agape letters, which will hopefully be surprises.
4. Don't assume the person you are sponsoring will experience the same things you did. Each of us is at a different place on our spiritual journey. For some, the Emmaus experience will be a mountaintop, a new beginning. For others, it will be strengthening for the journey they are already on. We must not pre-judge our candidates or set them up with unhelpful expectations.
5. To assure the applicant you are personally interested in their attending, make plans to bring them to the Emmaus site for send-off. Your bringing them, helping them with suitcases and registration, and sharing in the send-off and sponsor's hour is a form of prayer and sacrifice.
6. During the weekend, you and your family become a substitute for the pilgrim. Leave your phone number with their spouse. Do something special for them during the weekend, like giving them a few hours during the day for personal time. Share a meal with them. Let the pilgrim's spouse know that you love and care for them.
7. You have responsibilities to the pilgrim. Pray for him/her during the weekend. Write him/her letters of prayer and sacrifice and make sure others do likewise, especially those closest to them. Support your pilgrim with your presence at candlelight and closing.
8. After the Walk, stay in contact and support the pilgrim you sponsor during their Fourth Day. Be responsible for getting them to the Forth Day meeting following their Walk. Take them to at least their first gathering. Help them become involved in a group reunion as soon as possible.

Checklist for Sponsor Responsibilities

Before the Walk

- Spend concentrated time in prayer in an effort to discern whom God wants you to sponsor. Continue to pray for both you and the pilgrim God has laid on your heart.
- Make an appointment to meet the potential pilgrim. (Couples are encouraged to attend the same set of walks. The registrar can assist in filling this request.)
- Give the potential pilgrim an application and be prepared to explain everything on it.
- Obtain the application, assuring the information is complete.
- Submit the application along with the sponsor's form and partial fee to the registrar.
- Pray for your pilgrim and their family.
- Begin preparations to request the personal agape letters for your pilgrim.
- Meet with your pilgrim in an informal setting and discuss further the Walk to Emmaus and the weekend. Offer guidance about what to pack, provide positive encouragement and reassurance, and encourage the discussion of any fears or apprehension the pilgrim may be experiencing.

During the Walk

- Take your pilgrim to the Walk site and assist with check-in.
- If possible, bring a snack to be used during the weekend. Perhaps one you know your pilgrim would enjoy.
- Spend as much time as possible in prayer for your pilgrim. Be part of the 72-hour prayer vigil. When your pilgrim sees your name on the 72-hour prayer vigil chart It provides a special lift.
- Attend sponsor's hour and have a brief prayer prepared to share for your pilgrim.
- Have 8-14 pieces of agape from family members and close friends to the agape room by Saturday night.

- Check on your pilgrim's family and/or household to provide necessary assistance.
- Attend Saturday candlelight service and Communion.
- Attend the closing and take your pilgrim home. They will appreciate someone who understands their excitement and/or silence.

After the Walk

- Pray for your pilgrim. Allow them time to digest as well as discuss what they discovered on the weekend.
- Take your pilgrim to the Post-Walk Fourth Day Gathering.
- Invite and take them to their first gathering.
- Assist your pilgrim in joining a reunion group.
- Inform your pilgrim of upcoming candlelight, closing and training meetings.
- Teach the new Emmaus member how to be a good sponsor.

SPONSOR COMMITMENT LETTER TO MY PILGRIM

It is an honor and my privilege to be able to share God's grace with you by sponsoring you on A Walk to Emmaus. Please know that you are being prayed for by the entire Emmaus of Southeast Michigan Community from the preparation/waiting time of confirmation by the Registrar; through the actual 76-hours of the Walk; and beyond. You are special to God...to me...and to the Community at large.

As your Sponsor, I am committed to do the following:

- † Give you a copy of "What is Emmaus?" and answer any questions you may have
- † Give you an application, explain everything on the application, and answer any questions you have about it.
- † Notify you when the Registrar confirms your Application
- † Remind you of the "Walk" dates and the Community Training Day/Reunion/Gathering date
- † Offer guidance as what to pack
- † Provide positive encouragement and reassurance
- † Prepare you for a 76-hour Emmaus Walk experience:
 - † I will drive you to and from the Walk.
 - † I will make sure you have eaten dinner the Thursday night of the Walk.
 - † I will check you in at the registration table & help you get your name tag.
 - † I will assist you getting settled in your room.
 - † I will return with you to the Community Reception Area for fellowship & snacks.
 - † I will remain with you, introducing you to others, until it is time to leave.
 - † I will pray for you continuously.
- † I will help you, as needed; Pick up mail; Take out trash; Check on pets or plants; Check on your family and assist them with any needs they may have, etc.
- † Pick you up at the closing of the weekend and make sure you have dinner on the way home
- † Help you stay connected with Christ and other Christians through a Reunion Group
- † Introduce you to others in the Community
- † Help you learn about Emmaus
- † Show you the many opportunities you will have to serve in the Emmaus Community
- † Explain and model progressive servant hood
- † And encourage you to become *renewed* in your involvement at your local church

Please allow me to do these things for you, as I seek to serve Jesus Christ: 1 Peter 4:10: "Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms." May you have a spirit of cooperation; acceptance; and feel God's richest blessings as you prepare yourself for your Walk to Emmaus.

Sponsor: _____

Date: _____

Pilgrim Acceptance: _____

Date: _____