

Superiorland Emmaus Community Newsletter



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Praise the Lord



Welcome New Community Members

Walk #78 and #79

Come join in a Community Welcome Gathering

12:30pm October 8th, 2016

Camp Michigamme Grace Hall

*** POTLUCK ***

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NEXT WALKS

Men #80: September 14-17 tentative (Lay Director: tbd)

Women #81: September 21-24 tentative (Lay Director: tbd)

Both Walks to be held at Camp Michigamme

(All Times and Dates are subject to change if circumstances require)



Superiorland Emmaus Walk #78

Community Spiritual Director Reflection

Having just been up on the mountain with God during Walk 78, I return home and find that the world is totally unaware of the greatness of God. All of the things that *were* going on are *still* going on. All of the politics, the name-calling, the violence, the hatred, the bigotry, the wickedness, the separation...is still going on.

I have no doubt that everyone in our wonderful Superiorland Emmaus Community knows exactly what I am talking about. But remember Talk #11, “Changing Our World?” We know that we are not powerless in the situation we find ourselves in. First, we start with ourselves, and then we each do our part in changing our world.

You know, it is a LOT of fun to be up on that mountain. It is a lot of fun to be up there with your arms around other believers as you share a taste of what the world *could* be like if we were all in God’s will. But the world is not like that yet. Let’s be frank, our own home churches are not even there yet! And the purpose of Emmaus is not to build up a group of people who get together once or twice a year to share such an experience. A walk is simply *one* tool that God uses to help motivate and equip people who may have “thought they were good Christians.” After a walk is over...God sends them back to their home churches to plug themselves in, and to work hard to find their own niche from which they can work to change the world.

All of which leads us towards becoming a sponsor. Let me be clear: sponsoring is absolutely critical to the functioning of this community. Without sponsors, there are no pilgrims. Without pilgrims, there are no walks. Without walks, we are not performing the very function for which we were created: to build up, motivate, and help to equip powerful Christian leaders for our churches! This is the role of the Emmaus Community, and this is how we can do our part to help Change Our World.

- Is there someone at your church who seems “ready” or “hungry” for more? SPONSOR THEM!
- Has your pastor been on a walk? SPONSOR THEM!
- Is there someone at your church who seems “clueless?” SPONSOR THEM!
- Is there someone who has asked you for advice about how to be more in tune with God in spite of the pressures we face? SPONSOR THEM!
- Is there someone at your church whom you have never been able to get along with, no matter how hard you tried? SPONSOR THEM!

Listen, I hear you; I know they don’t usually say “yes” right away. Some perhaps never will. But don’t forget how hard your own beloved sponsor worked, and for so long (in many cases several years), to invite YOU! Dear people, it comes with the territory! And I am certain that you now thank God for your sponsor every day! So get to work. It is the work of all of us to build up this community...all across the entire U.P., in such a way, that when people call this “God’s Country,” we all will be able to experience how true that can be!

De Colores!
Pastor Ron



Superiorland Emmaus Walk #78

Back row (l – r): Tim Goman, Pete LeMoine, Don Schlientz, Chuck Williams, Chuck Ryall, Riley Quinn, Mike Deatrick, Ron Fike, Dave Rasmussen, Aaron Larsen, Mike Moore, Steve Buteyn, Jim Myers, B. J. Ash

Middle row: Matt Dunham, Carl Crenshaw, Steve Ellis, Chuck Johnson, Marvin LaGrew, Brien Johnson, Mark Frustaglio, Jerry Goodreau

Front row: Pete Corkin, Jason Alumbaugh, Ross Michaels, Curtis Miller, Shane Bailey, Sam Johnson

God is good... All the time... All the time... God is good!

I have spent many days contemplating the weekend of Walk 78. I was simply humbled by the incredible crew that made the weekend a possibility. Each participant, Auxiliary, Conference Room team, and pilgrims came with a willingness to serve or/and participate wholeheartedly throughout the 72 hours. I know God guided us and prayer carried us.

De Colores.

**Sam Johnson
Lay Director Walk #78**



Auxiliary Team Walk #78

Back row (l – r): Joe Dehut, John Ulrich, Fred Baij, Joe Pelkola, Happy Wahmhoff, David McCartney, Randy Yelle,
Tom Michaels

Middle row: Alan Larsen, John Quinn, Mark Plichta, Chuck Yeager, Gary Lubinski, Carl Wick, Dale Eltman

Front row: Jim Baker Missing: Scott Ritsima

Walk 78 went out a hitch, good food, fine location, all our needs were met, no issues. CampMichigamme is a fine Camp with a fairly central location here in the U.P.

Remember the gathering October 08, 2016, and walks 80 & 81 in September 2017 That will all be at Camp Michigamme also.

Speaking of that, mark you calendars now, start to make plans. Become a sponsor first. If you have been praying and thinking of someone who could really grow with a Walk to Emmaus, talk to them now. With a whole year they are more likely to say that they will think about it and you will have time to encourage and remind them. Waiting until the last minute is always harder.

After you have started to work on your candidate fill out the form and volunteer to be on the Team.

New community members are required to work at least one Walk as an Auxiliary Team member before working as part of a Conference Room Team. So fill out that Volunteer form you received in your packet and send it in as soon as possible and join in the Joy, the Fun , the Fellowship of Servant hood.

De Colores - Randy Yelle -Auxiliary Director Walk #78



When A.L.D. Mark says meet me at the cross he does not want you to miss it!
That beautiful Cross just outside Hampton Chapel.



The sauce is always sweeter with a little music added.
The music guys practicing while the kitchen crew sings along.

Some pictures from the Men's Walk #78



The warm glow of a fellowship fire greeted each morning.



And of course.....
Never forget....



When A.L.D. B.J. said he took his Walk south of the Bridge, he didn't say how far south!



Jacy, Roger and Scott and their Blues Praise Band "*Through The Night*" kept us anything but blue!

Women's Emmaus Walk #79

Camp Michigamme

I did a Bible Study today with one of the pilgrims on Walk #79. One of the other ladies at the Bible Study asked what the Emmaus weekend was all about, and her reply was, "It was an intense Spiritual Growth Journey."

The Emmaus Walk weekends are not only intense Spiritual Growth Journeys for the pilgrims, they are the same for the workers, both lay and clergy.

Whenever I work a walk, I am re-fueled and re-fired! How about you?

Sharing the worship with old friends and new; praying with and for one another; hearing the testimonies of the speakers as they tell their stories of healing and restoration; and being loved and loving, because you are reminded over and over again of God's love and grace: these are the things of abundant life in Jesus Christ!

Women's Emmaus Walk #79 was very successful. Camp Michigamme was a great venue for a fall walk. It got a bit muddy at times, but into every life some rain must fall, so we muddled on. Having the opportunity to take showers when there was time, instead of transporting people to other places for showers, was a plus. Lay Director Barb Merlo and her ALDs kept everyone on track and there was no time when the pilgrims felt rushed or overwhelmed by the schedule.

Having the giving of the Emmaus crosses down by the Three Crosses on a sunny Sunday afternoon, was the highlight of the weekend. What better place to remind them that Jesus is counting on them, then by a lake!

Thank you to Pastor Renee Grochowski for the giving of her time and spiritual gifts, as my assistant spiritual director. Thank you to Barb and the Board for asking me to be re-fueled and re-fired by being the Spiritual Director of the intense Spiritual Growth Journey, Walk #79.

God loves you and so do I,
De Colores!

Pastor Rosemary DeHut

Superiorland Emmaus Women's Walk # 79

September 15 – 18, 2016



Names listed left to right:

Row 1: Christina Arceci, Kelly Ash, Michele Napier, Rebecca Wilder, Pastor Rosemary DeHut, Kimberly Sims

Row 2: Jan Stone, Jane Romback, Georgia Mazurowski, Linda Johnson, Pam Olgren, Sue Johnson, Karen Lorens, Pastor Renee Grochowski, Barb Merlo

Row 3: Marlain Birdi, Kim Spranger, Aurellia Riley, Irma Powers, Penny Niemi, Jane Rasmussen, Nancy Rife, Tamara Frank, Kaitlyn Hietala, Megan Hocking, Amy Luedeman, Geriann Bialkowski

Row 4: Mary Zanoni, Eli Schut, Sara Wiedenhofer, Trina Johnson, Katelyn Kelley, Karen Kelley, Stephanie Booth, Anita Quinn, Vicky Prewitt

Women's Walk #79 was awesome!

Two young ladies kneeled at the Camp Michigamme altar and gave their lives to our Lord. Wildly, crazy, wonderful ladies sang, reflected and laughed so hard the tears ran down our cheeks. The first day at camp we were all cleansed from God's rain; the second day only a few showers and the last day was glorious with sunshine and warmth. We were also blessed with a beautiful campfire in Grace Hall (don't worry, a fake one). God is good all the time, all the time God is good.

Praise God!

Barb Merlo, Lay Director Walk #79

Superiorland Emmaus Women's Walk # 79

Auxiliary Team

September 15 – 18, 2016



Names listed left to right:

Row 1: Carolyn Anderson, Deb Jezek, Mary Brownell, Kathy Korpi

Row 2: Marcia Waters, Ann Yeager, Marlene Deatrick, Ruth Morris, Nancy Larson, Catherine Stephenson, Eva Goodreau, Paula Ross, Eileen Bonette

Row 3: Marla Jensen, Shay Rutherford, Colleen Vultaggio, Judy Anderson, Carmen Schindel, Jane Taylor, Chris Corkin, Emily Ritsema

PRAYER CHAPEL



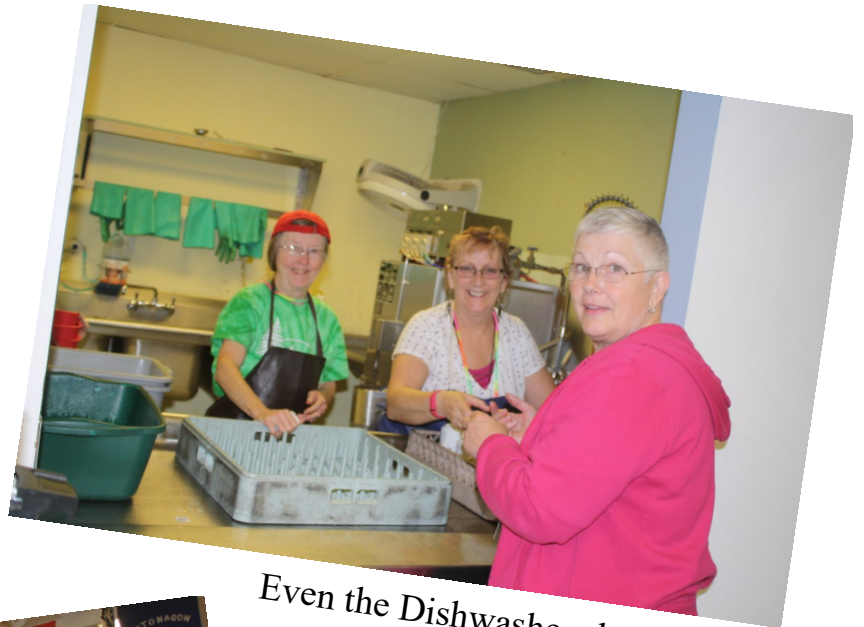
Names listed left to right:

Carol Tembruell, Mary Lou Vinson, Ruth Baker



Some pictures from the Women's Walk #79

Too many cooks spoil the broth?
Not this time!
Everyone Agreed that
The Food was wonderful.



Even the Dishwashers had fun!



Many hands make for light work and good fellowship.

Things to do and dates to remember

WHEN

WHAT

WHERE

- | WHEN | WHAT | WHERE |
|--|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> October 8th 2016 | Superiorland Emmaus Community Gathering | Camp Michigamme Grace Hall |
| <input type="checkbox"/> October 13-16, 2016 | Keryx Weekends (Keryx Ministries website) | Marquette Branch Prison Alger Correctional Facility |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Right Now | Sponsor a Pilgrim (click here for Sponsor Forms) | Next Walk |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Right Now | Volunteer for Team (Click here for Volunteer Forms) | Next Walk |
| <input type="checkbox"/> To be determined | Team Building Over-Nighters | Camp Michigamme or Woodland U.M.C. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> September 14-17, 2017 | Superiorland Emmaus Men's Walk #80 | Camp Michigamme |
| <input type="checkbox"/> September 21-24, 2017 | Superiorland Emmaus Women's Walk #81 | Camp Michigamme |

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Read - Luke 6:12-16

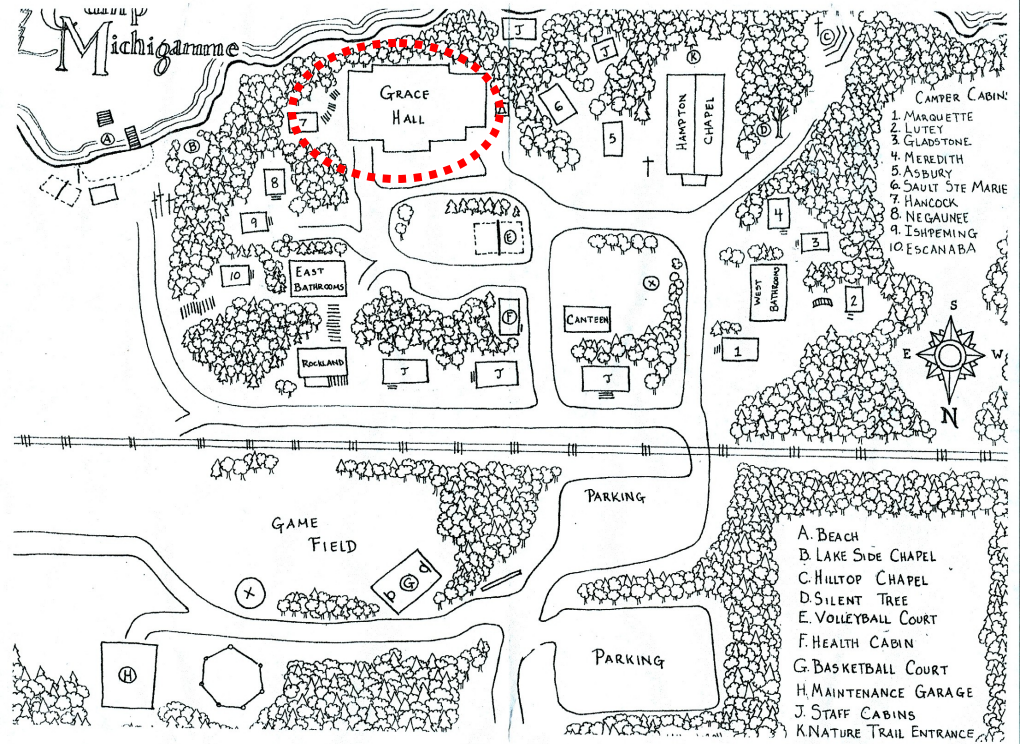
Meditation: What is God's call on your life? When Jesus began his mission he chose twelve men to be his friends and apostles. In the choice of the twelve, we see a characteristic feature of God's work - Jesus chose very ordinary people. They were non-professionals who had no wealth or position. They were chosen from the common people who did ordinary things, had no special education, and no social advantages. Jesus wanted ordinary people who could take an assignment and do it extraordinarily well. He chose these people, not for what they were, but for what they would become under his direction and power. When the Lord calls us to serve, we must not shrug back because we think that we have little or nothing to offer. The Lord takes what ordinary people, like us, can offer and uses it for greatness in his kingdom. Is there anything holding you back from giving yourself wholeheartedly to God?

Don Schwager (www.dailyscripture.net)

**Come to the
Superiorland
Emmaus
Community
Gathering.**

**Saturday
October 8th**

**Camp
Michigamme
Grace Hall**



Gathering time is 12:30pm,

It's POT-LUCK!

Is there any other kind?

Come, Celebrate in Christian Fellowship.

Greet our new members.

Greet our old members,

**greet our young and our not so old and those
who don't think they are old.....**

Oh who cares,

just come, join in the Gathering!

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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 (minds-eye@up.net) well in advance of the next quarter. The next tentative publication of the newsletter will be the first week of October 2016. 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.