



Like many of you the Pandemic kind of took over my life. Where and when you could go anyplace. What you could do even if you got there. It was easier to just retreat to the Lay-Z-Boy and hide. After binge watching "Law and Order" for the second time (all 22 seasons!) I realized that I had lost touch with my Emmaus Community, we had not even had a real Emmaus Newsletter in over a year. Well.....

THE SUPERIORLAND EMMAUS COMMUNITY IS ALIVE AND WELL!

Yes the Walk's were canceled last year but it is a new year.

Yes many of our Churches and Fourth Day groups were shut down but then first there was virtual meeting and now most are reopening and meeting in person again.

Yes we are still wearing masks and social distancing but that too will change.

And Yes, there is still a call to Love and to Pray for each other and continue to spread God's Word to all. Flip your Emmaus cross over and remember the words on the back;

"Christ is counting on you"

OK, with that in mind the next few pages of this newsletter contains information on some things that have happened and are happening right now in your Superiorland Emmaus Community.

BRIEF NOTES

Superiorland Emmaus Board of Directors: The Board has not really met for almost a year in the classical sense. What business could and had to be done was mostly by virtual means. However the Board did have a meeting Friday January 8th in Baraga with 8 in attendance physically and 5 virtually plus 4 guests. Much of the work and discussion at this meeting centered around the number of Board members whose terms of office have or soon will expire and the status of future gatherings and Walks. Below are some highlights.

Board of Directors: As of this writing we have 11 Board members plus a Spiritual Director (see page 4 for details) but we have a need for 4 additional volunteer Board members right now and we will need 5 new volunteers for next year as terms expire. So if you have the desire and the call to serve your Emmaus Community please contact **anyone** on the Board right now to volunteer. Next scheduled Board meeting is May 21st, 2021 at the Woodland UM Church in Michigamme at 6:30pm.

Gatherings: This of course may be affected by the ongoing pandemic. Right now we are tentatively planning Community Gathering and educational program for June 5th, 2021 at Camp Michigamme, starting times to be determined later. Right now Camp Michigamme is planning on being open this year for their summer programs of which several dates on the calendar are for our Emmaus Community.

Fall Walks: This is the one many of you are asking about and again the ongoing pandemic will have a great deal of influence in this. Will there be Walks this year? That is a resounding MAYBE! As of this writing we are keeping the dates for the Walks on the Camp Michigamme calendar and they are; Men's Walk September 15-19, 2021 and Women's Walk September 23-26, 2021. The Teams that had already been in place for the canceled 2020 Walks are still mostly in place but on hold. However there have been several Team members, due to COVID and other health concerns that have had to drop from the Teams. So we will always continue to need volunteers for the Teams.

Future Walks: What about Walks at other times or other locations? This question comes up all of the time and the simple answer has always been YES! Go ahead, pick up the ball and run with it. Sounds simple right? This community has spent a lot of time and effort to get a good stable site for Walks for the next twenty years in the Agape Wigwam building and Camp Michigamme. But yes, Walks could be held in other locations and times but a lot more than just suggesting "Hey lets have a Walk at fill in the blank Church on fill in the blank date." and expect someone else to check it out and do all the work. We have many willing and talented people in our community who are willing to help/work/plan a Walk but a few things have to be done before the Board and Community approves and goes to work. Consider these:

Where: Is the church/venue big enough? Not just a conference room or dining room but sleeping rooms, mail rooms, prayer chapels, A kitchen big enough and legally allowed to prepare and serve the required number of meals, etc.

When: Is there two weekends (preferably in a row) available?

Willing: Is the church/venue willing to host this group of happy, noisy, constantly moving people that will disrupt their daily routine for days at a time?

Cost: How much to rent the church/venue for the Walks and who will bear the liability costs?

Answer these questions satisfactorily first and the Community will be willing. But remember again what is written on the back of your Emmaus cross "Christ is counting on You" not somebody else.

Greetings dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

I pray that this note finds you well under the protection of our Father.

I have been given the honor of being the current lay director and board president of our Superiorland Emmaus community. While I do consider it an enormous honor to have been nominated for the position, I must confess that I accepted with some fear. This past year has been a very trying time for us all. There have been so many stressors that have caused so much divisiveness, sadly even among Christian brothers and sisters. I pray that we can come together as one body.

I ask that we all heed Jesus' words; Jesus replied, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and all your soul and with all your mind". This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: "Love your neighbor as yourself." All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments. Matthew 22:37-40 (Need more inspiring words written on love? Read 1 Corinthians 13)

I ask that you would all please keep me, the members of the board, the future members of the board (we have a few board spots open, please prayerfully consider coming on) and the entire community in prayer. Prayers that we as a board are able to discern His will regarding the upcoming walks, that they could be held safely, would bear much fruit and that our community would grow.

AND WHAT HAPPENED THEN?

WELL, IN WHOVILLE THEY SAY- THAT THE GRINCH'S SMALL HEART GREW THREE SIZES THAT DAY.

AND THEN-

THE TRUE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS CAME THROUGH, AND THE GRINCH FOUND THE STRENGTH OF *10* GRINCHES, PLUS TWO!

Dr. Seuss

Prayers that our hearts continue to grow!

May God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord shower you with his kindness, mercy and peace. 2 Timothy 2:2

Love in Christ,
Jane Taylor

Dear Emmaus Community Friends,

It has been a fast 6 years that I have served as the Superiorland Emmaus Communities lay director and board president. I want to pass along my heartfelt thanks to all of my Christian brothers and sisters that have helped me and our community grow in our mission to serve our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. It is such a blessing to work with and to share with each of you our time, talents and passions as Fishers of Men and Women alike.

It seems our world and way of life as Christian's is coming under attack from new and unimaginable directions each day. We see things small and minute as a virus to enormously large and bloated as our government attacking our values, way of life and life itself each and every day. I am thankful we live in a Monarchy where God is on the throne. When we leave here and go to our Lord these problems of today will be gone forever!

I so enjoy working the walks, seeing and feeling the Holy Spirit alive and awakening souls, it touches me in such a way as if the hand of God is hugging my soul. I am also proud that our community stepped up and built the Agape Wigwam building for young Christian campers and for the Emmaus Community needs. There were several Christian brothers and sisters that gave their hearts and souls to this project and I will be forever grateful for their commitment.

As the past president I will be an advisor to our new lay director and board president Jane Taylor. I am so delighted Jane stepped forward as I have seen her servant heart at work in both the Emmaus and Keryx communities. We are under our best possible leadership as I truly believe our Lord picked her for this role at this time. I look forward to being a humble servant to the community in any way I can be of help and I look forward to when we all meet again.

May God's Grace, Peace and Love overflow your lives, Gary

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EMMAUS BOARD CONT.

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Directors seats - Please see
HELP WANTED
below.

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HELP WANTED

Have you ever used the phrase “They Should” before asking a question or making your ideas know? Well now is your chance to become a part of “They”.

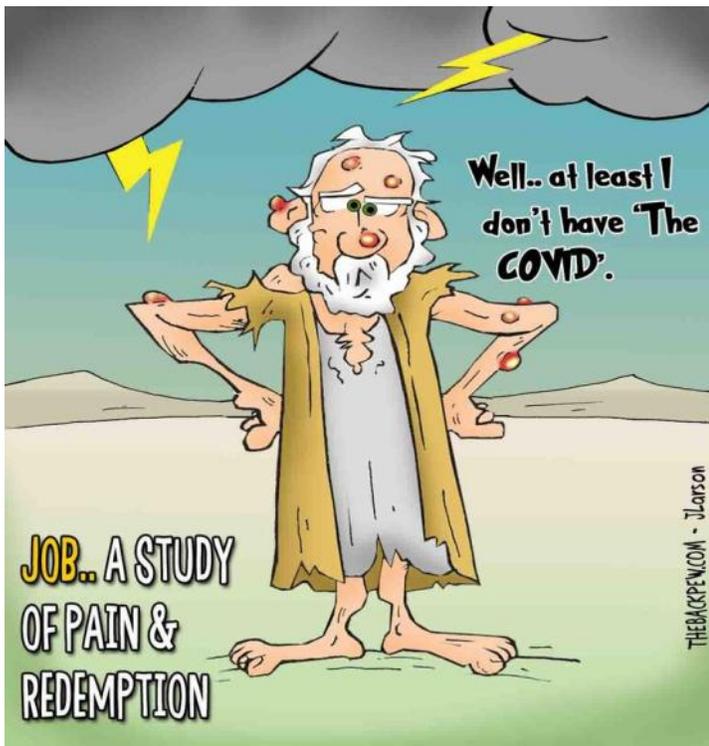
The Superiorland Emmaus Board of Directors have several vacancies and are in need of new volunteer members right now. As you can also see in the listing of the board members on this page several terms of office are ending this year. So we need new volunteer members for our Board who want to help and make a difference in your Superiorland Emmaus Community.

If you are interested please contact me, Jim Baker, Nominations Chair at (mindseye@up.net) or talk to any of the Board members you see or may know listed on this page.

Thank you

A LITTLE HUMOR

Old Testament lesson

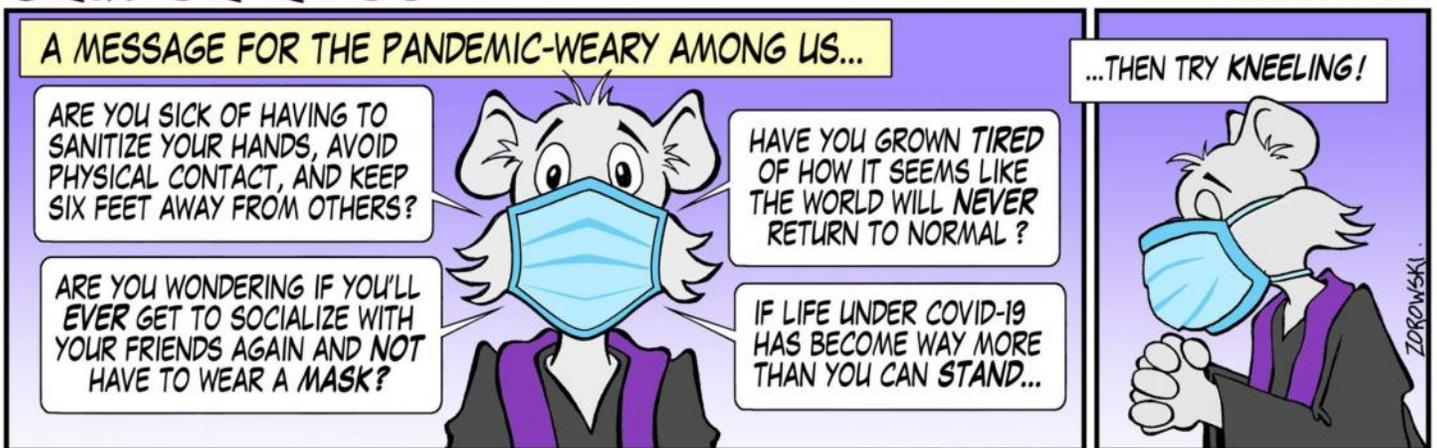


New Testament Lesson



Church Mice

Karl Zorowski



SPECIAL EDITORS NOTE: This newsletter is for the use of the Superiorland Emmaus Community. It is not just place for dates, times & places, the website does a good job of that (www.superiorlandemmaus.org). If you have a story or any information, or announcements for the Community please send them to the newsletter editor (mindseye@up.net) well in advance of the next quarter. The next tentative publication of the newsletter has not been determined yet but should be before the June Gathering. As always 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.

GLY & SDI - Jim (newsletter editor)