

**Many have  
been called.**



**And a few have  
even responded.**

**But no one called me to be on Team, you say? Then ask yourself this;  
Has your phone number *changed* since your Walk? Or last worked a Walk?  
Do you have a answering machine or message box set-up on your cell phone?**

**If you think this may be the case then go to the [Superiorland website](#) go to the Board of Directors page and call Jane, Marlene, Jim, Kip or Sara and we will see that your volunteering is noted and your contact information is updated.**

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## **SPONSORSHIP**

**One of the best Agape gifts you can give is to sponsor someone to an Emmaus Walk.**

**It can be one of the most rewarding things you can and also one of the toughest to do. It requires prayer, discernment, commitment and time which makes it really easy to say "Let someone else do it." ask yourself, would you have ever gone to your Emmaus Walk if someone had not taken the time and effort to sponsor you? Now it is your turn, call it 'making disciples', 'spreading the word' or even 'paying it forward' whatever, but now is the time to make that commitment, you cannot wait until the last minute.**

**More sponsorship help can be found on page 4 of this newsletter.**

## **Greetings sisters and brothers in Christ!**

**As the Community Lay Director, I wanted to update you with a few things that are happening within our community.**

**At our last board meeting, we had a board member whose term(s) ended (Thank you Marcia Waters for your time serving on our board) and we also had a community member accept our invitation to come aboard. Please join me in welcoming Jeanette Buteyn. She will be filling the role of treasurer. We are still in need of one additional board member. We will need three additional board members for 2024 as there are three term(s) that will end. I would ask that you prayerfully ask God if you are who He has in mind to serve within the Superiorland Emmaus Community. Our next board meeting is scheduled on May 6th at 11:00am. Meeting Woodland UMC in Michigamme. I would invite anyone that is considering it to join us and see what it is that we do. (It's not hard ☐)**

**Team Select is currently working on finalizing the teams for 2023. If you are interested in serving in either the conference room or on auxiliary, please reach out to Sara Wiedenhoefer, Marlene Deatrack, Gary Lubinski or Mike Moore. You can find their contact information under the Board of Director tab on the Superiorland Emmaus website. Simply "tap" on their name and the contact information will appear.**

**Our community seems to be having an issue with "getting the word out" to members with announcements of upcoming gatherings, candlelight, prayer vigils etc. We are attempting to find a solution. If you are reading this newsletter, you have already signed up. I feel that we have failed to make it known that a person must "subscribe" on the website to receive email notifications. If you could share that information in your fourth day, in your church and to any Emmaus sister or brother that you know, we may have better success in pulling our community together.**

**We will be updating the Fourth Day Reunions tab on our website as well. If you know of any new groups, please contact me at [taylortrioo3@gmail.com](mailto:taylortrioo3@gmail.com) or (906)235-8626 (talk or text).**

**NOW is the time to be praying for the 2023 walks. Pray for Team Select. Pray for servant's hearts. Pray for pilgrim's hearts.**

**I love our community and want to see it re-emerge stronger and more life affirming than ever!**

**Together in Christ,**

**Jane**

## **TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE!**

If that caught your eye, my objective was made. Haha! Seriously though, while the conference room teams have been formed, there are still roles to be filled on the auxiliary teams. IF you are interested in serving on an auxiliary team this coming fall, please contact Sara Wiedenhoefer at [sarawied28@gmail.com](mailto:sarawied28@gmail.com) or Gary Lubinski at [gary@glubinski.com](mailto:gary@glubinski.com). You can also find them under the Board of Directors heading on our Superiorland Emmaus website found at <https://www.superiorlandemmaus.org>.

Speaking of time....now is also the time to be praying for and inviting perspective pilgrims. The application forms for pilgrims as well as the forms to sponsor a pilgrim or volunteer to serve can all be found under the FORMS heading on our website. If you are unable to print a form, please contact Jane Taylor at [taylortrioo3@gmail.com](mailto:taylortrioo3@gmail.com) for assistance.

And lastly, now is also the time to keep the next walk and our community in prayer, We have had to overcome a lot of obstacles to get our community back up and running. I believe that with God's help, our community can be a blessing for many years to come!

DeColores! Jane

# Greeting, brothers and sisters in Christ!

It is hard to believe that the summer months are rushing towards us so quickly. Like many if you, my calendar is filling up. This is one of the reasons I keep track of things not just on my phone but also in a day planner, and hopefully they match!

One thing that has been on my calendar is the two weeks of the Emmaus Walks in September. I like to put them into my calendar at the beginning of the year, because this way I don't accidentally plan other things during these weekends.

Both weekends? You may be wondering why I mark off both. It's to remind me that even if I am not serving on a walk, there are ways that I can be active with the weekend. Sponsoring pilgrims, signing up for time on the prayer vigil, making agape or writing letters, and of course making sure that Saturday night is free to meet with the community to show the pilgrims the love of Jesus.

If you are serving on a walk this year, I thank you, and know that I pray for you constantly. If you are not serving, please look at your calendar and prayerfully consider ways you can still be a part of these exciting weekends for the pilgrims. Remember, these walks are meant to bring renewed and strengthened leaders back into your communities and churches, as well as growing the Emmaus community.

I used this visual recently, and I pray it strikes a chord in your heart. In Ephesians, Paul wrote about putting on the full armor of God. I explained that one of the ways the shield works is like this: in ancient times, armies would take their shields and link them together, forming a solid wall for protection. The more shields, the stronger the defenses. This is why when we come together, it is a chance for us to link our shields of faith together – for our defense as well as that of the world around us.

Until we get the chance to meet face to face, link your shields together every chance to get. And may you be listening for the voice of the Good Shepherd calling you into new pastures.

God loves you, and so do I.

Rev Vicky Prewitt Spiritual Director, Superiorland Emmaus

# **SPONSORSHIP**

**Below is a sample letter that was penned by our Community Spiritual Director.**

**Pastor Vicki has suggested that she will use it to invite ( and SPONSOR ) someone to our next Walks this September. She invites you all to use it also, to invite someone you have been praying for to the Walks as well. Read it over, even if you have already been talking to someone about the Walk to Emmaus it is a very clear and concise set of talking points you can use in your conversations with them.**

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Coming up in September, the Superiorland Emmaus community will be hosting new pilgrims for a special weekend retreat. The Emmaus walks actually involve little walking – but they can give Christian leaders a good direction to go in to strengthen their faith journey.

The weekend begins Thursday night and concludes later Sunday afternoon. During that time pilgrims will hear 15 talks about God, Jesus, the Holy Spirit, faith, and faith development. Time is set aside for discussion, prayer, worship, and fellowship,

While developed by the United Methodist Church, this weekend is open to all Christians, as the theology that is discussed is common to all Christians. This is an opportunity to meet other Christians and learn about them and their faith journey, while developing ideas on how the church universal can be spread to our individual communities.

I recognize you as a leader in the church, and I would like to invite you to prayerfully consider taking part in this year's walks. As those taking part as pilgrims are sponsored, I would also like to be your sponsor for this event. If you have any questions or concerns about it, please let me know and I will tell you more about it.

This year's walks will again be held at Camp Michigamme. The men's walk will be held September 14-17, and the women's walk is September 21-24. If you are ready to walk to Emmaus in your spirit, fill out the paperwork enclosed and give it back to me. I will take care of the rest!

God loves you, and so do I!

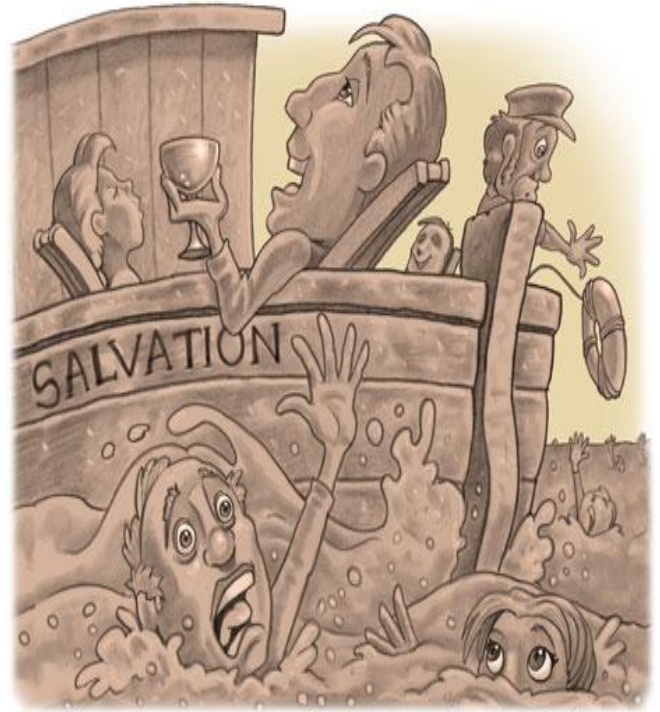
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**THIS IS REALLY GOOD!**

## S.O.S.

*A sinking cruise ship only had time to send a S.O.S. before it went down. Thousands of passengers floated in the water and clung to the hope of being rescued. Then, when all seemed lost, a charter boat sailed into view. Soon its skipper and crew were throwing down lifelines and hoisting people safely onto the deck. However, time was running out and there were still so many who needed to be saved.*

*The skipper turned around and called out to those who had been rescued to lend a hand, but few bothered. Most were too busy getting themselves comfortable on the deckchairs – now that they were saved they only wanted to continue their cruise.*



**Once we are saved, do we relax or help rescue those that still need saving?**

When we believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and are rescued from eternal damnation, it's natural to have a tremendous sense of relief. However, once saved, we have the option of making ourselves comfortable and continuing our cruise through life - or we can get off our deckchairs and lend a hand with the rescue mission of those still in deadly peril of eternal damnation.

These days, with mounting criticism against Christianity, it's so much easier to hide our beliefs and cruise through life. But now we are saved, if our main concern is comfort and avoiding conflict, on reaching our Heavenly destination we won't be punished for inaction, but we should keep in mind that we won't be rewarded, either.

God has given us an amazing opportunity to be part of the biggest rescue mission in eternity. Maybe it's time to get off our deckchairs and lend a hand, or more importantly 'bend a knee' in prayer for our missionaries, evangelists and teachers of the Word. **Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest truly is plentiful, but the labourers are few. Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into His harvest."** Matthew 9:37-38



**Remember, when you point a finger at someone else and say let them do it, you are pointing three fingers back at yourself.**



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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](mailto:mindseye@up.net)) or talk to any of the Board members you see or may know listed on this page.

Thank you



**REMEMBER**  
**Candidates are not recruited**  
(they are invited)  
**Candidates are not drafted**  
(they are not forced)  
**Candidates are SPONSORED**

**Jesus said “Go out, seek and make disciples”, not wait for them to come to you.**

**Follow God’s command and be a sponsor now.**

**Greetings brothers and sisters in Christ!**

**If you are receiving this newsletter, you are aware that we have a website! I recently accepted the role of Fourth Day chairperson and decided to attempt to confirm all current fourth day groups listed on it. I was not too surprised to learn that a lot of them were no longer active. The groups that are posted are now current and are open to new people attending. IF you are meeting with a group and are open to new attendees, please send information to [webmaster@superiorlandemmaus.org](mailto:webmaster@superiorlandemmaus.org) (you will find it at the top of the page under the Fourth Day Reunion heading on the website).**

**DeColores!**  
**Jane Taylor**

**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](http://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 ( [mindseye@up.net](mailto:mindseye@up.net) ) well in advance. 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.**