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New Pilgrims in Heartland Community Walks 85 and 86

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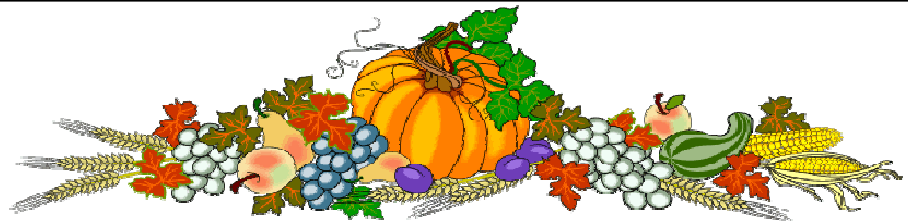
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The purpose of the WALK TO EMMAUS is the renewal of the Church as the body of the risen Christ through the renewal of church members as faithful and committed disciples of Jesus Christ!



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Men's Walk #87 Nov. 10-13, 2016

Women's Walk #88 Nov. 17-20

at Spalding Renewal Center, Peoria

We need at least 10 pilgrims to have the Walks.

Pray about who to sponsor.

Deadline for Men's Walk is Sept. 24

Deadline for Women's Walk is October 1.



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From the Community Lay Director:

Greetings to the Emmaus Community,

2016 is off to a great start! We had an awesome Day of Reflection in March where all who participated were able to re-experience their original Walks. We heard excellent talks and shared communion along with a wonderful meal. Thanks to Crossroad UMC for hosting and to Nikki Hudson for the great food.

We had two of the best Walks ever in July (#85 and #86) led by Dave Stone and Lois Simmons. Thank you to everyone who served on the teams and to the community for your continued support. The board is excited to see the newest members in the Emmaus Community become active within Emmaus and within their own churches.

The board is already busy preparing for the fall Walk weekends (#87 and #88) that are just around the corner. We need the entire community to pray about who to invite and to sponsor for the upcoming Walks. We should choose people that are already active in a church and that would make good leaders within the church. Have Emmaus brochures in hand to share with others as you talk to them. Be sure to keep an application and pen nearby as well. The deadline for having 10 Pilgrims registered for both walks is September 24th(men) and October 1st (women) to allow team formation to begin in October.

Marvin Ennis has accepted the position of the men's Weekend Lay Director and Debbie Nielsen has accepted as the women's Weekend Lay Director. If you are called to serve on their teams, please prayerfully consider saying yes!

Thank you again to the Community for your continued support. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

DeColores,

Jeanne

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**Help is needed
at each Walk.
Call to volunteer to cook
and/or serve meals.
For help with
security, agape,
72-hour prayer vigil,
setup or cleanup.
See contacts on pages
4 and 5 of the
May newsletter.
You will be blessed
for your service.**

Give the Lay
Directors your
prayer support
and encourage your
friends to attend
a Walk to Emmaus



**Give the gift of an
Emmaus Walk. You
and the Pilgrim will
be blessed forever.**



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Help Wanted

Was your walk at least 12 months ago? Illinois Heartland Emmaus is looking for men and women to serve as the Team Tech on upcoming walks. The Team Tech supports the team and week-end with their computer skills during talks, music, and whenever projection is needed. PowerPoint experience is needed, and Excel experience is helpful. If you are interested in serving in this role, please contact

Dale Mooberry
(309-369-2881) or
Jeanne Sweet
(309-472-2034).

Team lists for the Walks held in July 2016 Men's #85 and Women's #86

Men	Responsibility	Women
David Stone	Lay Director, Perseverance	Lois Simmons
Joel Carter	Assistant Lay Director, Priorities	Tanya Taber
Stu McKneight	Assistant Lay Director	Earlene Campbell
Bill Booher	Assistant Lay Director, 4th Day	Pam Miller
Tony Griffin	Musician	Faith Herout
Tim Lee	Musician	Nancy White
	Musician	Tony Griffin
Tom Newby	Board Advisor	Nancy Booher
Art Inman	Asst. Board Advisor	Kim Herout
Jeff Dunbar	Team Tech	
	Team Tech in Training	
Gary Motta	Spiritual Dir., Means of Grace	Christy Phillips
Danny Cox	Prevenient Grace	Danira Parra
Dan Perry	Obstacles to Grace	Amy Holman
Paul Walles	Sanctifying Grace	Christy Phillips
Paul Wier	Justifying Grace	Dave Bultemeier
Bill Walter	Priesthood of All Believers	Sandy Jeffries
Louis Milot	Life in Piety	Vickie Field
Gary Johnson	Growth Through Study	LuAnne Diener
Jay Zimmerman	Christian Action	Connie Duffy
John Utt	Discipleship	Karen Newby
David Mueller	Changing Our World	Patrice Espinosa,
Bill Holman	Body of Christ	Barb Steenrod
Bob Barrick	Table Leaders	Judy Godbey-Abel
Ed Winkler		Melody Powell
Don Brubaker		Sandy Hoffman
Tom Dresden		Lucy Baksai
Mike Tewksberry		Susan Mowers
Steve Gustafson	Agape Chapel	Cindy Smith
Chuck Dixon		Teres Browner
Clyde Campbell		Dawn Yates
Don Shuford		
Tom Boyd		

✓✓✓ Sponsor a Pilgrim for the Upcoming Walks
Attend Candlelight Saturday

8:30 p.m.— Spalding Renewal Center

Attend Closing Sunday

5:00 p.m.— Spalding Renewal Center

Another opportunity for great fellowship.

Pray for the teams and pilgrims before and during the Walks.



From the Community Spiritual Director:

Honio the Circle Drawer, a Jewish scholar around 1 BC, knew how to pray. He prayed for 3 years for rain inside a circle he had drawn. He prayed until it rained! One writing about Honi described Honi's praying as "praying through, not just for ..."

Both the Lay Directors and the Spiritual Directors for this past set of Walks exercised Honi's teaching and practice of praying. They prayed for wisdom and direction before making every call to gather a team. They acted on the prompting of the Holy Spirit by making the call. They exercised perseverance waiting and praying for God's will to be fulfilled in the response they received following all those calls. They never gave up but persisted in calling yet another name, as God directed them. They were confident that God would provide, God's will would be done. Then, they continued to pray right through the weekend and the evidence that God's will was being fulfilled.

How about you? Are you praying for the next set of Walks? Have you circled November 11th through 13th and November 17th through 20th on your calendar with a red marker? Have you continued to pray for that man, woman, couple God has lifted up to you as a possible pilgrim? When is it that you will act on that urging? How will you follow through (Pray through) that selection process? Time is quickly passing. You need to act on your prayers – soon!

Those dates on your calendar give you a number of opportunities to "Pray through" not just "for." Be serious about setting aside time to support those Walks. The "Team" for a Walk is not limited to those who are physically there the whole weekend. The Team includes those who are praying for those weekends right now, that God will pick out the Conference team, that God will guide the Board in supporting and providing the leadership for those weekends. The Team includes those who will set aside time on those weekends to be a part of the Prayer Vigil, to be a part of Security, to help in the Kitchen, to provide entertainment (Saturday night), to attend worship opportunities on Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday to provide a visible experience of God's love. Saturday night the Walk Spiritual

Upcoming Gatherings (Clip and Save)

Saturday, September 17, 2016

Eureka Christian Church

Contact: Jim and Mary Hinrichsen
309-645-2579

Saturday, October 15, 2016—7 p.m.

New Life Christian Church
Morton, IL.



November Walks

December — to be announced

Director says in his description of the community's demonstration of support, that it is "to move you closer to the realization of God's love for you." Those words are addressed to both the assembled community and to Team and Pilgrims. Both the community and those attending the weekend express to each other appreciation for God's love, "Jesus, Jesus, can I tell you how I feel, You have given me your Spirit, I love you so."

Every Walk weekend is more than a retreat, it is an experience of God's love. It is a time of renewal and recommitment to our faith walk. It is for the whole community to stir us to greater work, IN OUR LOCAL CHURCH, and preparing others IN OUR LOCAL CHURCH to being about the work of God. What is God calling you to? Each night of the Walk a closing worship is lead – it is called an "examination of conscience". Pause for a moment now for an "examination of conscience". I got a message when I did that. Join me praying "through" this next set of Walks, to the glory of God.

Yours, and more importantly, Christ's

Ken Sloan-Couch

Community Spiritual Director



Meet the Lay Director for Men's Walk #87

What an honor it is to be asked to do the task of a Walk Lay Director. My name is Marvin Ennis and I have humbly accepted this task. Having served on several teams as Table Leader and Agape Chapel Leader, I have given talks and been an Assistant Lay Director. When not serving on a team, I have worked security, been part of a prayer vigil and helped in the kitchen. For the last two years, I have been a member of the Illinois Heartland Emmaus Board.

My wife Linda and I attend First United Methodist Church located in downtown Peoria. Linda has been my prayer partner and gives me her full support as I peruse the walks when God has called me to be a team member. Together we have three children and six grandchildren. All of which live outside of Illinois, so we have the opportunity to travel and visit with them.

I took my walk in 1993, it was walk # 77. Millard Day was my sponsor. I remember it being so cold and the snow was falling, yet Millard came to pick me up and drove me to this "Event"...my walk to Emmaus. Much to my surprise, he was there for the Candlelight Service and then picked me up after the Closing, in spite of flying snow and treacherous roads. What an amazing thing to me, as my walk was held at the Villa Maria in Springfield and not in Peoria.

I sometimes wonder where I would be today in my Spiritual Journey? What would I be doing had not God put me on Millard's heart? Where would I be if Millard had brushed off God's nudging to sponsor me?

Emmaus has taught me to be a better servant, a better husband, Father and Grandfather. I have learned to be a leader. Believe me, the old me would rather be the follower. Before my walk, I was the guy who will go and do. Yet, by God's grace I have changed. Now I am capable of following and leading as God directs. My walk has truly impacted my life as well as those many other people in my life.

I tell you this not to brag on myself or on Millard, whom I am so grateful for his obedience and faithfulness in being a servant for God. Hopefully you will open your hearts and minds to the possibilities of who God is calling you to sponsor. Might it be a friend? How about a husband and wife you have come to know? Or, could it be the person you barely know at all? Yet, God has placed one or all of these people on your heart.

DeColores

Marvin Ennis

Meet the Lay Director for Women's Walk #88

My name is Debbie Nielsen and I am honored to be chosen as the lay director for Walk # 88. My pilgrim walk was # 24 in 2003. I have served in many capacities with the Emmaus community since then and have enjoyed being part of this wonderful community.

I am excited to begin assembling this team and planning for the pilgrims God is preparing for this weekend!

I live in Bonfield, Illinois with my husband Mel, where he has been appointed to minister to three United Methodist churches. We have been here for five years now. As you can imagine this keeps us very busy, but also it is a great blessing. I am also employed as a Nurse Practitioner with general surgeons in Pontiac Illinois. We have two grown children, Sarah and Michael, who are married and living out of state, so I enjoy spending my spare time traveling and visiting them.

I ask you to begin praying for this team and the pilgrims who are being called. Pray that this weekend will be all that God intends for each one of us and that we can be the vessels he calls us to be!

DeColores,

Debbie Nielsen



P-pray

U-until

S-something

H-happens

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2017 Walk to Emmaus Schedule

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Spalding Renewal Center, Peoria
Men #89 — May 4-7, 2017
Women #90 — June 1-4, 2017

Men #91 — Nov 2-5, 2017
Women #92 — Nov 16-19, 2017

Central Illinois Emmaus
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Camp Warren, Decatur
Men #262 — Feb 23-26, 2017
Women #263 — March 9-12, 2017

Men #264 — Aug 24-27, 2017
Women #265 — Sept 7-10, 2017



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