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EMMAUS is the renewal of the
Church as the body of the
risen Christ through the
renewal of
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disciples of
Jesus Christ!*



**Gathering — Saturday, Sept 16—7 pm
Bushnell United Methodist Church
348 N. Crafford St. Bushnell, IL
Contact: Amy Holman (309)335-1705**

**Men's Walk #91 Nov. 2-5, 2017
Women's Walk #92 Nov. 16-19, 2017
at Spalding Renewal Center, Peoria
We need at least 10 pilgrims
to have the Walks.
Pray about who to
sponsor.**





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From the Community Lay Director

There are several items of good news to report to the community. Men's Walk #91 for the first weekend in November is forming and well on its way. Lay director Joel Carter has most of his team in place and the schedule for team meetings has been established. If Joel calls you for one of the remaining areas of service on the team, do not hesitate to say, Yes! Remember, Joel has been moved by the Holy Spirit to call you to service. So you should be open to the Holy Spirit to say yes.

Laurie Estenson of Crossroads UM Church in Washington has signed for Lay Director of Women's Walk #92. She has already begun team selection. So, when Laurie calls, answer yes for the Women's Walk. She has also been moved by the Holy Spirit to call you. Step up and say yes.

Dick Jumper has rejoined the Board as Community Spiritual Director for 2018. Dick is a longtime veteran of the Emmaus community as he served both on the Board and on many Walks in every possible capacity in support of Emmaus. And the Community owes a special thanks to Dave Bultemeier, who has filled in as Community Spiritual Director for the past year when we were unable to replace the very long serving outgoing Spiritual Director. Dave postponed his retirement from the Board and provided the community with service beyond the call of duty when our need was great.

We now have Lay Directors in place and teams being formed. But none of this will mean anything without deep Community support the form of sponsorship. Our Community's rules require at least 10 pilgrims before a walk can proceed. These 10 (or more!) must be confirmed—their applications in our hands at least 30 days before the weekend Walk is scheduled to begin. This means that they are not “praying about it” and may be moved to join us but that they have committed and have filled out and signed the application and have given it to us.

In this connection, I recently had a phone conversation with the National Lay Director of Emmaus. Having a conversation with the National Lay Director about the number of pilgrims on a weekend is like being sent to the principal's office when we are falling below our own minimum of 10, especially since the National rules say that 20 is the minimum. It is urgent that we sponsor pilgrims, not just to keep me out of the principal's office, but because what we have is so good that we must share it as a means of making God's grace known to our part of the World. Failure to meet the minimum requirements for the number of pilgrims may impede our ability to conduct walks in the future.

Now is the time to get your pilgrims committed to the walks, and to sign up yourself for kitchen, agape, prayer support, and all the other services which make the walk possible.

De colores! *Art Inman*

Help is needed
at each Walk.

1. Sign up at the Gatherings OR
2. call to volunteer to cook and/or serve meals, contact
Marvin Ennis
epgold2@att.net
309-922-5652

For help with security, agape, 72-hour prayer vigil, setup or cleanup, contact
Art Inman
contact info on page 1.

3. Also see page 4
to use
Sign Up Genius to sign up to help.

You will be blessed
for your service.

Meet the Lay Director for Men's Walk #91

Greetings to all from Joel Carter and the committed team for Walk 91. My walk was #27 and my wife Barb attended #28, both at the Spaulding Renewal Center in 2003. We have served on several teams and behind-the-scene roles since then. We have been married 33 years and have been blessed with three grown and married children and one granddaughter.

I have worked at Sentry Safety Supply in Peoria for 31 years and have had a fulfilling career there. We supply gloves, fall protection, and safety glasses across all industries helping employers comply with OSHA regulations and keep their workers safe. Barb is the strategic marketing director for OSF innovation. We worship at Northwoods Community Church in Peoria.

We look forward to all God is going to do in the lives of the pilgrims and teams on Walks #91 and #92. We welcome your participation in both Walks. While the teams are the most visible conduit of God's grace, the solid foundation for the weekends are the prayers of the people and the selfless behind-the-scene efforts of you all. So I encourage you to find a place to serve and do it well!

The scripture theme for Walk #91 is Hebrews 12:1-2: *Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith.* NIV

DeColores!

Joel Carter

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

Meet the Lay Director for Women's Walk #92

I'm Laurie Estenson the next Lay Director for the Women's Walk #92. More about me a little later. Let's shake things up a bit, shall we? The saying goes something like this, If you always do what you've always done, you'll always get what you've always got.>

When asked to write an article for the next newsletter, it was to tell you what I've been up to. I had to laugh because I'm thinking what's that mean? So I read the past newsletter to get an idea of what was needed. As I was reading I played the dreaded comparison game. Ugh! This game just isn't fun at all. Can anyone relate? Then I realized how hard I work on telling others not to compare yourself to anyone. Do you think Jesus sat around and compared himself to the disciples? And then it hit me, we will be embarking on a journey gathering a team of over 30 women and more as pilgrims sign up. We can play into this comparison trap all too often. My gifts aren't like hers, my hair isn't as long, my thighs aren't as skinny, my voice cracks when I speak, my faith isn't near as deep as hers and boy, I can't do what she does. Well, guess what? We aren't supposed to. Our confidence comes from Jesus and the more confident we are in Him, the more we won't play into the comparison game. I prayed a lot about the verse for the weekend and without a shadow of a doubt, it came from God.

Psalm 139:14 (I share two translations because they both speak to me.)

I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful. I know them full well. NIV

Thank you for making me so complex!

Your workmanship is marvelous-- how well I know it. NLT

Please join me in prayer as the team forms, (you may get the call!) the Community reaches out to sponsor pilgrim, and that each woman knows her confidence in Christ more deeply.

I went on walk #20 in July 2002. It changed my life forever. I've served on several teams and have been actively involved in this Community for

Sermons We See

by Edgar A. Guest 1929

I'd rather see a sermon
 Than hear one any day,
 I'd rather one should walk with me
 Than merely show the way.
 The eye's a better pupil
 And more willing than the ear;
 Fine counsel is confusing,
 But example's always clear;
 And the best of all the preachers
 Are the men (and women), who
 live their creeds,
 For to see the good in action
 Is what everybody needs.
 I can soon learn how to do it
 If you'll let me see it done.
 I can watch your hands in action,
 But your tongue too fast may run.
 And the lectures you deliver
 May be very wise and true,
 But I'd rather get my lesson
 By observing what you do,
 For I may misunderstand you
 And the high advice you give,
 But there's no misunderstanding
 How you act and how you live.



Upcoming Gatherings (Clip and Save)

Saturday, September 16—7 p.m.

Bushnell United Methodist Church
 348 N. Crafford St, Bushnell
 Amy Holman 309-335-1705

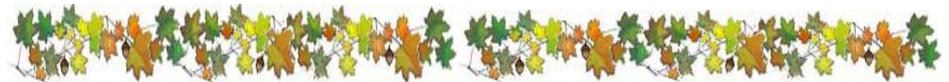
Saturday, October 21 — 7 p..m.

New Life Christian Church
 401 W. Edgewood Dr., Morton
 John and Joanne Utt 309-241-8725

**No Gathering in November —
Walk Weekends**

Saturday, December 2 — 7 p.m.

East Peoria First UMC
 154 E. Washington St., East Peoria
 Jamie Webb 309-620-1816



Use Sign Up Genius To Sign Up To Help On Emmaus Weekends

Sign Up Genius is a free online tool that allows many people to conveniently access event signups via the internet. The Illinois Heartland Emmaus Board has determined that this tool will be useful in allowing people to sign up to volunteer on the Men's and Women's weekends. You can sign up for Prayer Vigil, Security, Set Up for Sendoff, Snacks/Desserts, Kitchen Help, etc. You can access the signups for both of the November weekends by inputting this URL in the address bar of the internet browser you use:

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From the Community Spiritual Director:

John 14:27 - (Jesus said) "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid."

Not so long ago, I read about a woman who had driven about 50 miles to visit an old friend.

They had a wonderful time. Unfortunately, when it was time to go home, she found her keys were locked in the car, and there was nobody around who could help her. Finally, the lady called her husband. She prepared herself for some husbandly observations like "What were you thinking?" and "Women drivers!" She did hear those, but she also heard him say, "You stay put"—as if she had an option—"and I'll come on out and bring you my set of keys."

As she stood by the side of her locked car, she continued to talk with her sympathetic friend.

During the course of their sharing, her friend tried one of the back doors and found it to be open. Her friend commented: "If your husband was going to be upset with you for having to make the drive out here because you locked your keys in your car, just how angry is he going to be when he finds he made the trip for no reason at all?"

To which the lady replied, "I don't think he'll be upset," **and she locked the door and shut it.**

It would be a wonderful thing if we could take care of all our worries by pushing a button and slamming a door. Unfortunately, most of our worries don't seem to be so easily solved.

Think about it.

When you share your worries with a friend, they usually say something sympathetic like "Hey, hang in there. This is going to be all right. Things will work out just fine. You're worrying about nothing." Occasionally they will say, "Hey, things could be worse, you know" and then they tell of somebody who had things worse than Job.

In contrast, I would like you to hear the Savior say, "Peace." Coming from Jesus, that would be everything. That would be everything because His life was given to put some weight into those words. Because of the forgiveness He has won, we are given a firm, powerful hope. We ARE given peace!

On a personal note—I have been asked to serve as your Community Spiritual Director and have

accepted. I look forward in visiting with each one of you at upcoming Gatherings and Walks. The Community is in dire need of updating its database. Please see other parts of this newsletter for more information.

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Pastor Dick Jumper



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years. I attend Crossroads United Methodist Church, where I serve as Prayer Team Coordinator, reside in Washington, and have an amazing son. Life is full with a supportive family and friends who have walked quite a journey with me. I am truly humbled to be the next Lay Director for Illinois Heartland Emmaus.

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Laurie Estenson



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2017-2018 Walk to Emmaus Schedule

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Spalding Renewal Center, Peoria
Men #91 — Nov 2-5, 2017
Women #92 — Nov 16-19, 2017

2018 Walks

Men #93—April 26-29, 2018
Women #94—May 3-6, 2018
Men #95—Sept 13-16, 2018
Women # 96 —Oct 4-7, 2018

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