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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!



Men's Walk #63 Feb. 4-7, 2010 Women's Walk #64 March 4-7 Spalding Renewal Center

Get applications in NOW!

Volunteer to Help — Set-up, Kitchen,
Clean-up, Agape, Prayer Vigil, Security
Attend Candlelight and/or Closing



Welcome to the New Pilgrims of Walks 61 & 62

Bart Allen	Jennifer Everett	Rachel Norwood
Lisle Applegate	John Farmer	Dale Pittenger
Tomi Linn Ault	Jean Gewin	Kevin Rodriguez
Jim Bateman	John Gewin	Kristin Ross
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Sharon Craghead	Arlene McNaught	Jennifer Thompson
Jason Duke	Dan Meister	Laura Thompson
Benjamin Etnier	Carrie Mitchell	Marcia Weiss
Jody Evans	Marcia Nelson	Rae Jean Wilbanks

Sponsorship

In order for the Illinois Heartland Emmaus Community to continue growing, we need people who are called to sponsor pilgrims as they continue their faith journey with God. Someone was called to sponsor you – and you are called to sponsor others. Very shortly, sponsorship guidelines will be posted on our website to help you become an effective sponsor. We are called by God to be servants, to help each other and support each other. There is no greater calling than to be God's hands and feet. So, begin praying about who God is calling you to sponsor as a pilgrim on the Walk to Emmaus.



ILLINOIS HEARTLAND EMMAUS

From the Community Lay Director:

Walks #61 and #62 are certainly near the top of my list of blessings for this year. The Lord showered his blessings on the pilgrims as his spirit was conveyed through the talks and love of team members. Leonard Thomas relates that to being SOAKED in the Spirit. That is ALWAYS the case during a Walk weekend. Congratulations to all our new Pilgrims and welcome to the community!

Of course, one cannot reflect on the pilgrims without also giving thanks for the team and the many Emmaus community members who shared their agape love so freely. As the song says “Surely the spirit of the Lord is in this place.”

Proverbs 20:26 reminds us that, “Where there is no wood the fire goes out”. With that in mind, teams for Walks #63 and #64 are already well under way to assure the fire of Emmaus continues to burn brightly. Team development during the holidays is particularly challenging so let’s all keep them high on our prayer lists.

New ‘wood’ in the form of pilgrims is also needed to fuel the flame of discipleship, so the time is now to finalize registrations for those prospective pilgrims you have been recruiting recently. The core group of 10 registrations is needed by December 27 for Walk #63 and by January 25 for Walk #64. The gratifying response to Walks #61 and #62 suggests the vineyard is ripe and ready for harvest!

This is a busy time for the Illinois Heartland Walk to Emmaus Board of Directors. In addition to preparing for the three sets of walks in 2010, we are in the midst of applying for incorporation as a not-for-profit corporation in the State of Illinois and for Federal 501(c)3 status.

At this time too we welcome board members – Bill Carr, LuAnn Frederick, Joanne Utt, Dawn Yates and Dewey Yates. Also, Valerie Kruzan and Pam Miller are assuming the remaining terms of members who found it necessary to resign mid-term. Welcome to all of our new members and thanks to all who continue their faithful service. Our board retreat will be the evening of January 8 and all day January 9 at the Old School in Farmington. We look forward to a time of planning,

training, and fellowship as we chart the course for Illinois Heartland Emmaus in 2010 and beyond. We pray for the Lord’s guidance in all we do and solicit your prayers as well.

We also extend our heartfelt thanks to those whose terms are ending: Nancy Booher, Roger Kassing, Larry Krigbaum, Nancy Krigbaum and David Stone. All these folks serve IHE faithfully in many capacities – both on and off the board. As you see them, please take a moment to extend your personal thanks for their service to the Lord. We give thanks as well to Laurie Bouton, Nikki Hudson and Jeanne Sweet who, though no longer on the board, continue in service to the Emmaus community.

Lastly, I give thanks for our Emmaus community. During this year as Community Lay Director, I have come to appreciate the depth of commitment and support of the community more than ever. Thank You. Blessings to you, your families, and your churches as we prepare, once again, to welcome our Savior into our world and our hearts.

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Report on Email Communications

It’s time to let you know how well you are doing in answering your emails from the Illinois Heartland Emmaus Community. Folks . . . it’s not good! 950 emails are sent monthly, sometimes more, and only about 400 are being answered. Remember, if we have an email for you, you do not receive the paper copy of the newsletter through the mail. That means—you are missing out on what’s happening in the Emmaus community. I let you know when it has been posted on our website.

Sending email notices has saved the IHEC a ton of money, which is good for you, since we haven’t had to let you know of any price increases for walks, nor have we asked for donations to support the community (other than offerings at gatherings, closings, etc.) Saving money is what life is all about these days, and your Board of Directors wants to continue our stewardship efforts with our email communications. So, please! Open your “Emmaus and Chrysalis” emails and stay in touch with us.

From Our Community Spiritual

Director:

Someone recently sent me an email from God—well, of course it wasn't from God but it certainly contained some good, godly advice. So, I'm going to give you this "message from God," and show how it is true to God's character and to the Word of God. Here's the message to you from God:

"This is God. Today I will be handling all of your problems for you. I do not need your help. So, have a nice day.

I love you.

P.S. And remember, if life happens to deliver a situation to you that you cannot handle, do not attempt to resolve it yourself! Kindly put it in the SFGTD (something for God to do) box. I will get to it in my time. All situations will be resolved, but in my time, not yours. Once the matter is placed into the box, do not hold onto it by worrying about it. Instead, focus on all the wonderful things that are present in your life now."

Think of that first statement: "Today I will be handling all of your problems for you. I do not need your help." Does that mean you and I don't have to do anything at all about the difficult situations in our lives? No, of course not. But we have to learn what it means to "cast all our anxiety on him because he cares for us" (2 Peter 5:7).

Do you find it difficult to release your cares and concerns to the Lord? It's one of the areas where I struggle most, to determine what I'm supposed to do, and when I'm supposed to let it go. But this much I've learned: the first and most important thing for me to do when I'm facing a difficult situation is to spend time in prayer about it, not to rush into action.

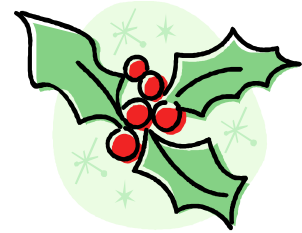
You remember the story in 2 Chronicles 20, where Jehoshaphat was facing a terrible problem, and he was alarmed about it. But his first move was to "inquire of the Lord," before he formulated a plan, before he made a move—he inquired of the Lord.

Once God gave him a plan, he did what the Lord told him to do. He led his army to the battle-

field with the instruction that "Take up your positions; stand firm and see the deliverance the Lord will give you." They had to show up at the battlefield, but they did not have to fight, because the battle was not theirs, but God's. That's what God means when he says, "I will be handling all of your problems for you." All he needs from you is obedience to follow his plan.

Are you there today—facing a difficult situation. Remember this message from God to you: "The battle is not yours, but God's" (2 Chronicles 20:15b).

Dick Jumper



WE NEED YOUR HELP!

The Illinois Heartland Emmaus Board has found it necessary to implement a fundraiser to supplement the funds that are necessary to perform the functions of our community. At this time, we are asking for a **\$10.00 donation from each member before the end of the year or ASAP**. The goal is to raise \$10,000 by January 15, 2010. Of course, you can give any amount that fits your budget. Please send your check to Illinois Heartland Emmaus, P.O. Box 362, Washington, IL 61571.

The main cause of our concern is the fact that the fees for the Spalding Center have been increased, yet again. Fees for a weekend are in excess of \$3000 and this amount does not include the food. Therefore, in order to continue to serve the pilgrims and spread the zealous joy of the Walks, we need your help. With the abundant strength of our entire community, if every person helps a little, the effects will be profound.

Thank you for your donation, time, and consideration. If you have questions regarding the fundraiser, please feel free to contact me directly at (309) 635-0064.

We hope you have a wonderful Holiday Season!

Yours in Christ,
Leonard Thomas
Fundraiser Chairperson



Kitchen Help Needed for Walks #63 and 64

We need both men and women (even though the graphic depicts a man) to help prepare and serve food for the team and Pilgrims. Call Nancy Stone 309-692-8955 to volunteer for this agape. Remember how important this



Upcoming Gatherings (Clip and Save)

December 19, 2009

6:00 p.m.

Annual Potluck

Note change in time.
Worship at 7:00 p.m.

Crossroads United Methodist Church

1420 N. Main, Washington

Hosts:

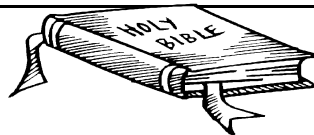
George and Laurie Bouton
309-444-2381

2010 Gatherings to be announced



Men's Walk #63 — February 4-7, 2010 Steve Jackson, Lay Director Women's Walk #64 — March 4-7, 2010 Holly Kirby, Lay Director

Men	Responsibility	Women
Steve Jackson	Lay Director, Perseverance	Holly Kirby
Wayne Miller	Assistant Lay Director, Priorities	Melinda Husinga
Joel Carter	Assistant Lay Director	Pam Miller
John Utt	Assistant Lay Director, 4th Day	Pat Brown
Tony Griffin	Musician	
	Assistant Musician	
Bill Carr	Board Advisor	Edith Thomas
Dewey Yates	Asst. Board Advisor	
Rob Roy	Spiritual Dir., Means of Grace	Pat Gareau
Walter Wilkins	Prevenient Grace	Jim Galbreath
Bob Baker	Obstacles to Grace	Phil Icenogle
Ron Little	Sanctifying Grace	Dick Jumper
Lon Alderman	Justifying Grace	Ken Sloan-Couch
Brian White	Priesthood of All Believers	
Mark Read	Life in Piety	
Jim Benson	Growth Through Study	Leslie Gerdt
Dale Mooberry	Christian Action	Andrea Payne
Ron Root	Discipleship	
Robert Sweet	Changing Our World	
Larry Trollope	Body of Christ	Kim Herout
Sean Salvador	Table Leaders	Julia Rayburn
Jeff Puckett		Amy Moehle
Graham Dillon		Patti Muir
Guy Goodman		
Josiah Garver		
Dave Hoffman		
Steve Gustafson	Agape Chapel	Julie Puckett
DJ Small		Juanaita Eblen
Wayne Wayman		Mary Penn
Todd Smith		
Bill Holman		



✓✓✓ Sponsor a Pilgrim

Attend Candlelight Saturday, Feb. 6 and March 6

8:30 p.m.— Spalding Renewal Center

Attend Closing Sunday, Feb. 7 and March 7

5:00 p.m.— Spalding Renewal Center

Another opportunity for great fellowship.

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

Get to Know the Lay Directors of Walks 63 and 64

Steve Jackson lives in rural Peoria County and is a member of Our Savior's Chapel in Peoria. He is married to Annette; they have a daughter Crista, and are blessed with four grandchildren.

Steve attended Cursillo #648 in January of 2001; he points out that was Super Bowl weekend. He has served both Cursillo and Walk to Emmaus and has been on a number of Emmaus teams.

He works at Caterpillar in IT and serves his church as a technical director, including all things electronic and computer related. He has served the Emmaus board of directors for two years and has long been the webmaster for Illinois Heartland (ilheartlandemmaus.com) and administers the membership database.

"I have received so much from God through Walk to Emmaus; God leads me to give back whatever I can to lead a new generation of pilgrims to His path."

The Men's Walk theme is John 15:9 – *As my Father has loved me, so have I loved you.* Steve recognizes this passage as a theme for the Emmaus movement in general.

Holly Kirby lives in Washington with her husband Ron and daughter Kyla(17). Mindy(23) lives in Peoria. All are members of Crossroads Church in Washington where their extended church family attends. Holly and Ron (mostly Ron) teach a Sunday school class and are involved in many church activities.

Holly's original walk was #64 in Springfield. She has served on walks in Springfield as well as Peoria.

Holly teaches at Eureka High School in the Special Education Department. She feels blessed to have encounters with students that manage to teach her a lot about life. When things get a bit overwhelming with many tasks to complete, Holly is reminded to "Be still and know that I am God." Psalms 46:10 (Walk #64 Theme).

Committees for Heartland Emmaus

Listed below are some of the Heartland Emmaus Community committees. You can use the talents God gave you to further His work. Call the Community Lay Director or a board member and volunteer to help do some of the behind-the-scenes things that make this Community a blessing to so many.

World Wide Agape: Secure and send Agape letters for Walks around the world

Agape Work Room: Collect Agape letters and items for local team and pilgrims, prepare envelopes and Agape bags

Facility Set-Up and Breakdown (clean up): Oversee preparation of Spalding Renewal Center and clean up after the Walk

Fundraising: Raising supplemental income for the Community so Pilgrim fees can stay as they are

Gatherings: Secure host churches and hosts

Group Reunion/Follow-up: Maintain list of current reunion groups; promote careful and responsible sponsorship

Kitchen: Secure volunteers to help in kitchen; overall responsibility for food service. Help always needed

Music/Entertainment: Secure musicians for Community events

Promotion (Publicity): Publicizing Community events.

Promotional Items: Purchasing Emmaus items for sale, making them available to the Community and on Walks, keeping inventory, etc.

Sponsors' Hour: Coordinate and lead the service, make sure team and pilgrim lists are available, etc.

Supplies: Purchase supplies for each Walk, maintain the master list, keep an inventory, maintain the supply room.

72-Hour Prayer Vigil & Security: Secure Community members and others to commit to pray for the team and pilgrims for each Walk.

In 2010 Walks 63 and 64 in February and March 2010 will be at Spalding Renewal Center. This summer Walks 65 and 66 will be held in Farmington. Walks 67 and 68 will be back at Spalding Renewal Center.



From the SonRise Chrysalis Community Lay Director:



Chrysalis Flight #24 was two weeks ago. At the closing I listened to the youth talk about what the weekend had meant to them and what they were going to do with it. I heard them talk about sharing the love of Jesus Christ with their friends and family. I listened as they talked about sharing this weekend with those around them. Isn't that the way we all felt after our first weekend? So, where are we now with that commitment we made to share the love of Jesus?

The "busy-ness" of the season in all around us. Churches all over the world are preparing cantatas and Christmas programs. For most of us, the Christmas lists are made, hopefully the shopping is at least started. Some of you may have your trees decorated and decorations up. The radio stations have started playing Christmas music. It seems there are so many details.

This is a great time to turn our thoughts toward sharing the love of Jesus as we celebrate his birth during the

Christmas Season. The reality is there is only one detail that is worthy of our thoughts . . . the birth of Jesus Christ . . . God's gift to us so that we may have eternal life. It seems so simple. Yet it can be hard to stay focused.

In the midst of everything going on around us, how then are we going to share the love of Jesus? This makes me think of all the ways I've seen people share the love of Jesus recently . . . the gifts others have given in the name of Christ. I have a friend who has enlisted a group of people to pray daily until January 31, 2010 for someone who is going through some major health issues. A couple guys I know spent two weekends and all of their days off at Thanksgiving time building a ramp and replacing a door so someone wheelchair-bound might be able to come home for Christmas. Our Sunday school class has invited some new people to join us for an Advent study. Our preschool kids at school are collecting nonperishable items for the food pantry. I make it a point to smile and wish every cashier a good day. I encourage you to take time to think of gifts you might share to celebrate Jesus birthday. Is there someone who needs an encouraging word? Is there

someone who needs a friend? Remember the saying: "Make a Friend, Be a Friend, Bring a Friend to Christ."? It is not too early to sponsor someone to Chrysalis Flight #25 in March. Is God calling you to send financial support to Chrysalis or Emmaus? What gift of love is Jesus asking you to give? Don't forget in your gift giving to set aside a couple of gifts "from Jesus."

Merry Christmas,

Janet

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Welcome to the Butterflies of Flight #24

Hannah Bauersfeld
Laini Bishop
Taylor Cremeens
Lena Grimes
Bailey Jones
Natalie Kreun
Melissa Leopard
Ally Morrison
Amanda Pestka
Maddie Riddle
Savannah Schaber
Claire Spychalla
Linda Thrasher
Halie Umstatt
Jesse Bateman
Andrew Jarrett
Dylan Jiles
Nolan Sammer
Spencer Smith
Darrian Tilley
Seth Ward
Jacob Wohlwend

**Chrysalis Flight #25
for High School students
March 26-28, 2010
Registration forms
are online at
www.sonrisechrysalis.org
Held at East Bay Camp,
Bloomington, IL**

Chrysalis Financial Support

God's plan is that those He saves live a life that is conformed to the image of Christ. A Chrysalis Flight is one means that God uses to change lives forever. Is God calling on you to help fund his kingdom?

(2 Cor 8:7-9 NIV) But just as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us—see that you also excel in this grace of giving. {8} I am not commanding you, but I want to test the sincerity of your love by comparing it with the earnestness of others. {9} For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.

We know that the current financial situation is difficult for many of us, but we do not want to aid spiritual stagnation of Christ when there are caterpillars waiting to change into butterflies.

Chrysalis funds are low and there is much work to do. Please prayerfully consider a donation to fund God's kingdom and change lives forever.

For our weekends, we generally need around \$150 per candidate and team member, and sometimes we have close to 100 people. Some of the cost is donated by team and sponsors, but we don't wish to have money as an obstacle for those whom God is calling to be there. Weekend costs include the costs at East Bay for meals and lodging, as well as some money to help pay for all of the supplies used that are purchased by the Board. —————>



Website and Facebook for Chrysalis

Visit www.sonrisechrysalis.org for all the latest Chrysalis news, forms, and information that may be needed. Also search for SonRise Chrysalis on Facebook and join the group. This site has the latest announcements and Chrysalis events posted.

Pray for Journey Weekends in Chrysalis

The Chrysalis Board is in the processes of praying about restarting Chrysalis Journey Weekends which are for young adults, ages 19-24. The Board is asking for your prayers as they transition into a planning period and try to get this ministry restarted. In the meantime, if you would like to sponsor someone in this age group, please consider sending him or her on a Walk to Emmaus.

Help Needed on Chrysalis Weekends

Need and contact person:

Overnight security from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. — Dennis Butler
309.825.8565

Greeters for Apostolic Hour & Closing — Dennis Butler
Set-up and Tear Down — Dennis Butler

Agape Chapel and/or attend Outpost — John Hauck 309.363.1901
Serve meals (need extra help now that Gals and Guys are in separate locations) — Brenda Foland 309.310.1195

72-Hour Prayer Vigil — Amy Haley 217.719.5130 or Emily Tjelle 309.826.1283

One can always bring agape or homemade goodies to East Bay Camp. *When coming to the Camp, please wear your Chrysalis or Emmaus name badge and cross.*

Work is under way for our Spring 2010 Flights at East Bay Camp, and we are still praying for the Journey (for young adults ages 19-24) weekends. We covet your continued prayer support as well! Please prayerfully consider making your tax deductible gift to:

SonRise Chrysalis Community
P.O. Box 1133
Bloomington, IL 61702-1133



Give the gift of an Emmaus or Chrysalis Weekend. You and the Pilgrim and/or Butterfly will be blessed forever.

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Men's Walk #63 Feb. 4-7

Women's Walk #64 March 4-7

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2010 Walk to Emmaus Schedule

Illinois Heartland Emmaus

Spalding Renewal Center, Peoria

www.ilheartlandemmaus.com

Men #63 — February 4-7, 2010

Women #64 — March 4-7, 2010

Men #65 — July 15-18

Women #66 — July 29-Aug 1

Men #67 — August 26-29

Women #68 — September 9-12

SonRise Chrysalis Flights

(Weekend for Teens and Young Adults)

East Bay Camp, Bloomington, IL

www.SonRiseChrysalis.org

Flight #25 — March 26-28, 2010

Flight #26 — Nov. 12-14, 2010

For high school students

Central Illinois Emmaus

*Lake Springfield Christian
Assembly Camp, Chatham, IL*

www.ciemmaus.com

Men #224 — February 25-28, 2010

Women #225 — March 11-14, 2010

Men #Q226 — July 8-11 (Quincy)

Women #Q227 — Aug. 12-15

Men #228 — October 14-17

Women #229 — October 28-31

Promiseland Chrysalis Flights for CIE

Green Pastures Christian Campground
www.promiselandchrysalis.com

Flight #43 — Feb. 13-15, 2010

High School Boys only

Flight #44 — July 30-Aug. 1

Co-ed High School students

Flight #45 — Nov. 19-21

High School Boys only

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May 1, 2010

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in 2010**

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