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Welcome to the Pilgrims of Walks #71 and #72

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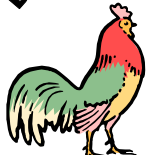
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*The purpose of the WALK
TO EMMAUS is the renewal
of the Church as the body
of the risen Christ through
the renewal of church
members as faithful and
committed
disciples of
Jesus
Christ!*

DeColores!



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Men's Walk #73 October 20-23
Women's Walk #74 November 3-6
at Old School Center, Farmington
Be a blessing to all on these Walks.
Pray about who to Sponsor this fall.

Driving Instructions to

Old School Center in Farmington:

From Peoria: Take Rt. 116 to Farmington. Turn left at the 2nd gas station and go one block, turning right. The school will be on your left. Turn left into the parking lot. Take the West entrance into the building.



ILLINOIS HEARTLAND EMMAUS

From the Community Lay Director:

I want to thank all of you for your willingness to serve this year. We have already had four great walks and hope to finish the year with two more. The two remaining walks will be held at the Old School Center in Farmington on Oct. 20-23 for Men's Walk #73 – Lay Director Jim Boswell and Spiritual Director Leonard Thomas, and on Nov. 3-6 for Women's Walk #74 – Lay Director Kathy Deatherage and Spiritual Director Dana Jumper.

A couple of years ago we realized that we were not supporting those pilgrims that had gone on walks in Peoria but lived too far west to participate in regular events. We decided to look for a location that could bring the weekends closer to them. The Old School Center was found and last year we tried three weekends there, one was a rescheduled walk. The environment offers a lot of positives. It is a much quieter environment in which to experience the walk. Most of the weekend is conducted on one floor including sleeping. There is an elevator. The facility has a more intimate chapel for all daily devotion services including the dying moments. There have been challenges: kitchen and clean up is smaller than we are used to, the location seems to be a drawback for getting sufficient behind-the-scenes help. For those of you that helped out last year THANK YOU.

In addition to the two Emmaus Walks this fall there will also be a Chrysalis Flight #27 held at East Bay Camp, Lake Bloomington on Nov. 11-13. A few years back we adopted the Sonrise Chrysalis group previously under the Bloomington-Normal Walk to Emmaus community. We have struggled in our support of these youth. For those of you unfamiliar with Chrysalis, it is a weekend for High School Sophomore through Seniors that is similar to Walk to Emmaus (more energized). This year we need to come along side Chrysalis and support them with Caterpillars (their name for pilgrims), help with meal service (at East Bay the meal is prepared by staff, we serve and help setup and cleanup the dining area), Candlelight and Closing. This maybe the last flight held at East Bay Camp for awhile, next spring the flights will be held at Eagle Crest Camp in Washburn. There will be additional needs there because the meals will need to be prepared as well.

We need your help for all three events. First pray, second pray, and third pray. Then go out and sponsor

someone for the Walks/Flight. For those of you who experienced Farmington last year, you all know how special this facility is and how great your weekend was. For those of you who have experienced a Chrysalis Flight, you know what your weekend did for you. Anyone can sponsor someone, first pray that God will show you who you need to sponsor. Then go to our web site for an application www.ilheartlandemmaus.com. There is also a link to the Sonrise Chrysalis website where you can find information on sponsoring caterpillars.

Continue to pray for your candidate (caterpillar), collect Agape letters, get them to the Walk/Flight, stay for the Sponsors' hour, attend the Candlelight and Closing, and support the candidate's family on the weekend. May we have three glorious weekends this fall.

May God continue to bless you all in all your Fourth Days.

DeColores

John Sittler

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New Members for the Board of Directors

As you know, each year, members are presented to the community for election to the Board of Directors. Each year five people are placed on the Board of Directors to replace the five people that have completed their three-year term. Thank you to all who offered names for nomination. The election of Board members is a community effort. This year we have four people who have been nominated and have agreed to serve. Those people are: **Leslie Gerdt, Barb Swanson, Jeff Puckett, and Julie Mooberry**. These people will assume their responsibilities in January, 2012.

Because there are only four people who have accepted, there is no need for an election. Julie, Jeff, Barb and Leslie will be elected by acclamation at the next Board of Directors meeting.

Pam Miller

Asst. Comm. Lay
Director

**Help is needed
at each Walk
See p. 6 for
Committee
Chairs to call
to volunteer
your time.
You will be
blessed.**



**Summer Men’s Walk #71 — Held July 21-24, 2011
Ed Perchel, Lay Director
Summer Women’s Walk #72 — Held August 4-7
Judy Zipfel, Lay Director**

Men	Responsibility	Women
Ed Perchel	Lay Director, Perseverance	Judy Zipfel
Jack Becker	Assistant Lay Director, Priorities	Pam Miller
	Assistant Lay Director	Judy Baumgartner
	Assistant Lay Director, 4th Day	Judy Bush
Bob Clark	Musician	Lisa Voyles
Bruce Prueter	Musician	Violet Beck
Dave Meyer	Board Advisor	Dawn Yates
Chuck Dixon	Asst. Board Advisor	
Jeff Dunbar	Team Tech	Mary Griffin
Keith Ferguson	Spiritual Dir., Means of Grace	Ken Sloan-Couch
Bill Allen	Prevenient Grace	Joseph Richards
	Obstacles to Grace	Amy Holman
Bob Mushrush	Sanctifying Grace	Christy Phillips
Ted Mitchell	Justifying Grace	John Hauck
Jim O’Malley	Priesthood of All Believers	Marg Wendle
Jay Zimmerman	Life in Piety	Kristy Gorenz
Tom Dresten	Growth Through Study	Carrie Inman
Kevin Rodriguez	Christian Action	Julie Pucket
Brian Loma	Discipleship	Leslie Gerdt
Ken Dawson	Changing Our World	Barb Swanson
Art Inman	Body of Christ	Darlene Roodhouse
Bill Buselmeier	Table Leaders	Lisle Applegate
Jesse Davis		Pat Schmidt
Sam Miller		Penny Griffith
Tony Jones		Jeannette Kassing
James Diener		Nancy Krigbaum
Tom McKibben		Deanna Kalmer
Don Brubaker	Agape Chapel	Lois Simmons
Shawn Warner		Carol Hobin
Tom Newby		Lynne Sheperd
Millard Day		Jane Rytter
Paul Gill		



Important Notice
If you have an e-mail account and are not receiving the Emmaus Newsletter or e-mail updates from Valerie, please send your e-mail address to vkruzan@aol.com. E-mail updates are sent out when events are changed, as reminders of upcoming events, to give notice of deadlines, etc. You don’t want to miss this information.

✓✓✓ Sponsor a Pilgrim for the Upcoming Walks
Attend Candlelight Saturday, Oct 22 and Nov 5
8:30 p.m.— Old School Center, Farmington
Attend Closing Sunday, Oct 23 and Nov 6
5:00 p.m.— Old School Center, Farmington
Another opportunity for great fellowship.

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

From Our Community Spiritual Director —

We recently completed two more walks this summer. It was exciting to see how the weekend touched the pilgrims. Each of us is usually put in touch with the glow that we experienced on our initial walk as we listen to the pilgrims. As the pilgrims stated what they intended to do in their Fourth Day, I resolved to renew my commitment to quiet time with the Lord. I have recently begun using the devotional book, "Walking Side by Side: Devotions for Pilgrims" by Joanne Bultemeier and Cherie Jones. This Upper Room book helps us in our spiritual Fourth Day walk and has three devotions for each of the fifteen talks given on an Emmaus Weekend. The third devotion on Priorities utilized I Peter 4: 9-10, "Be hospitable to one another without complaining. Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received."

In this devotional we are reminded of the Middle Eastern "rules" of hospitality where even your enemy must be granted protection, food, and rest. We are invited to think about our experience on the Emmaus weekend. We were extended hospitality as pilgrims. Now as a community we consciously extend hospitality to new pilgrims. But how are we at serving as hosts beyond our Emmaus weekends? In our homes, in our church and community, we too, must live out I Peter 4: 9-10.

As you extend hospitality and invite/sponsor new pilgrims to our 72-hour weekends, don't forget your pastor. He or she may have a busy schedule but that is all the more reason to invite your pastor. He/she may need the renewal time this weekend offers. As you and I set our priorities for the months ahead, may we include offering hospitality as a vital part of our Christian walk.

DeColores!
Keith Ferguson
 Community Spiritual Director

We Live By Faith

A man's daughter had asked the local minister to come and pray with her father. When the minister arrived, he found the man lying in bed with his head propped up on two pillows. An empty chair sat beside his bed. The minister assumed that the old fellow had been informed of his visit.

"I guess you were expecting me," he said.

"No who are you?" said the father.

"I'm the new minister at your church," he replied. "When I saw the empty chair, I figured you knew I was going to show up."

"O yeah, the chair," said the bedridden man.

"Would you mind closing the door?" Puzzled, the minister shut the door.

"I have never told anyone this, not even my daughter," said the man. "But all of my life I have never known how to pray. At church I used to hear the pastor talk about prayer, but it went right over my head. I abandoned any attempt at prayer," the old man continued, "until one day about four years ago my best friend said to me, 'Joe, prayer is just a simple matter of having a conversation with Jesus. Here is what I suggest:

Sit down in a chair; place an empty chair in front of you, and in faith see Jesus on the chair. It's not spooky because He promised 'I'll be with you always.' Then just speak to Him in the same way you're doing with me right now.'"

So, I tried it and I've liked it so much that I do it a couple of hours every day. I'm careful though. If my daughter saw me talking to an empty chair, she'd either have a nervous breakdown or send me off to the funny farm."

The minister was deeply moved by the story and encouraged the old man to continue on the journey. Then he prayed with him, anointed him with oil, and returned to the church. Two nights later the daughter called to tell the minister that her daddy had died that afternoon.

"Did he die in peace?" he asked.

"Yes, when I left the house about two o'clock, he called me over to his bedside, told me he loved me and kissed me on the cheek. When I got back from the store an hour later, I found him dead. But there was something strange about his death. Apparently, just before Daddy died, he leaned over and rested his head on the chair beside the bed. What do you make of that?"

The minister wiped a tear from his eye and said, "I wish we could all go like that."

We live by faith not by sight — 2 Corinthians 5:7

— Author Unknown





The next SonRise Chrysalis Flight #27 (sophomores through seniors in high school) will be held at East Bay Camp Nov 11-13, 2011.

SonRise Chrysalis will be beginning a new journey in the spring, and we would really love for everyone to be a part of it. Our move to Eagle Crest Salvation Army Camp outside of Washburn, IL will require the support of the community. We covet your prayers, your presence, your gifts, and your service as we continue the ministries that God has called us to.

Before relocating, we have our fall weekend, November 11-13, at East Bay Camp on Lake Bloomington outside of Hudson, IL. Kevin Daugherty and Pat Brown are our Lay Directors. Please keep them and their teams in your prayers. Further information and registration and sponsor forms can be found on our website, www.sonrisechrysalis.org.

Many people might not understand what Chrysalis is: to put it simply, the youth version of Walk to Emmaus. What you may be asking is "what can Chrysalis do for our youth?" The point of our ministry is to strengthen youth in their leadership skills and in their relationship with Jesus Christ to send them back to their families, schools, churches, communities, and the world so they can share what they have learned. We have seen countless people go into the ministry after high school or college. Some of our Chrysalis youth are now clergy, campus ministry leaders, youth group leaders, praise band leaders, or involved with missions. Others are helping out in their local churches. I, for one, would like to think that their Chrysalis experience played a part in their decisions.

I went through my Flight nearly nine years ago and am still in contact with some of the people that I met there. Many people have made lifelong friends through Chrysalis. Some even met their future spouse through the movement. It can really make a difference in the lives of youth. Please consider who you might sponsor to attend one of our weekends.

Along with providing an environment to strengthen youth, we also provide a place for adults and youth to work together to make our weekends happen. The Chrysalis board is looking for several new members. We are seeing quite a turn over at the end of the year. If you are actively involved in your Fourth Day community and would like to be actively involved in SonRise Chrysalis, we are looking for youth, young adults, and adults to fill open spots on our board. The forms and further information can be found on our website and you will need someone to nominate you if you are interested in serving in this way.

Please keep us in your prayers and feel free to help us out in any way. Our weekends require set-up, tear-down, meal preparation and serving, agape, help with Outpost (our on-site support team for the weekend – more information can be found on our website), team service, financial support, and many prayers. We can't do this without help – we rely on God, and He relies on us. How is God calling you to help with this movement for our youth, who are our present and our future?

Fly with Christ! and De Colores!

Beth Hauck

SonRise Chrysalis Community Lay Director,

Attend the Chrysalis Candlelight on Saturday, Nov 12, at 8 p.m. and Closing on Sunday, Nov. 13, at 5 p.m. at East Bay Camp north of Bloomington off I39, Exit 8, North Road, and follow signs.

2011 Committee Chairpersons for Heartland Emmaus

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

World Wide Agape: Ron Zipfel 243-8930
Secure and send Agape letters for Walks around the world

Agape Work Room: Dawn Yates 309-744-5104
Collect Agape letters and items for local team and pilgrims, prepare envelopes and Agape bags

Facility Set-Up and Breakdown (clean up):
Dave Myers 309-258-8003
Oversee preparation of Spalding Renewal Center and clean up after the Walk

Fundraising: Leonard Thomas 686-0543
Raising supplemental income for the Community so Pilgrim fees can stay as they are

Gatherings: John Utt 321-8003
Secure host churches and hosts

Group Reunion/Follow-up
John Sitler 444-8616
Maintain list of current reunion groups; promote careful and responsible sponsorship

Kitchen and food service: Dewey Yates 744-5104
Secure volunteers to help in kitchen; overall responsibility for food service. Help always needed

Music/Entertainment: Leonard Thomas 686-0543
Secure musicians for Community events

Promotion (Publicity): John Sitler 444-8616; Pam Miller, 274-5100; John Utt 258-8003
Publicizing Community events.

Sponsors' Hour: Ron Zipfel 243-8930
Coordinate and lead the service, make sure team and pilgrim lists are available, etc.

Supplies: John Utt 321-8003;
Chuck Dixon 444-9461
Purchase supplies for each Walk, maintain the master list, keep an inventory, maintain the supply room.

Supplies (clothing): JoAnn Utt 321-8003

72-Hour Prayer Vigil & Security:
JoAnn Cooper 965-2391
Secure Community members and others to commit to pray for the team and pilgrims for each Walk.

Registration: Joanne Utt 321-8003
Registration of Pilgrims at the Walks. Collect applications, make nametags, etc.

E-Mail Publicity: Val Kruzan 745-3321
Send out e-mail notices to the Community

Team Selection: Men: Don Brubaker 712-8877
Women: Val Kruzan 745-3321

Newsletter: Lu-Ann Frederick 444-8784
Gather articles for newsletter by deadline date, see to the printing and mailing, encourage reading of newsletter and update of e-mail addresses

Emmaus Webmaster: Steve Jackson 673-4642

Closing: John Sitler, Leonard Thomas

Historian: Dana Jumper 815-796-4423

Sister Community Liaison: John Sitler
Keep in touch with other Emmaus Communities in our area and with Cursillio Community

Sponsorship Development: John Utt,
Alan Newhall 277-7019

Candlelight and Apostolic Hour: Keith Ferguson
862-4727

Team Orientation and Intentional Team Training: Val Kruzan 745-3321,
Joanne Utt 321-8003

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Get Acquainted with the Walk Lay Directors:

My name is Jim Boswell, Lay Director for Walk #73. I live in Mapleton and attend Glasford United Methodist Church. I am retired from Caterpillar.

My wife and I have five children 16 grandchildren, and 15 great-grandchildren to keep us busy..

My initial Walk was held at First United Methodist Church in downtown Peoria as Walk #112 (CIE). I have served on ten Walks since then.

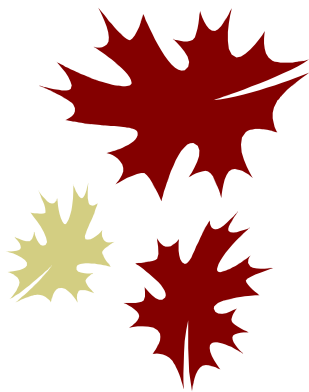
I am actively involved in my church having served on the Pastor-Parish Committee, as trustee, and on several other committees.

My name is Kathy Deatherage, Lay Director for Walk #74. I live in Washington and attend Crossroads United Methodist Church. My initial Walk was held at First United Methodist Church in downtown Peoria Walk #113 (CIE). I have served on many teams throughout the years and enjoy "gutbucket."

I have four children (19, 19, 21, and 26) and have been married to my husband Scott for 28 years. We have a daughter who is a freshman at ICC, a daughter who works in Peoria, and a daughter who just got married on September 3 and is a cosmetologist. Our son is a senior at ISU. We have had 21 foster children over the years.

I am actively involved in my church serving on the newcomer team, learn team, donut ministry, columbarium team and am currently trying to start a special needs ministry. I look forward to serving the Lord as Lay Director for Walk #74. I pray God will guide us through the weekend and that we remember His grace will always surprise us, overwhelm us, and leave us breathless.

Sponsor a Pilgrim this fall
Forms are online
www.ilheartlandemmaus.com



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Chrysalis Liaison: Board Liaison to IHEC is John Hauck 444-4727; Chuck Dixon 444-9461

Computer Steward: Val Kruzan

Nominating: Pam Miller 274-5100

Publicize nominations for board members, collect nominations and administer balloting procedures

Candlelight and Apostolic Hour: Keith Ferguson 862-4727

Community Database: Dave Myers 258-8003

Upcoming Gatherings (Clip and Save)

September 17, 2011 — 7:00 p.m.

Roanoke United Methodist Church
401 Church St., Roanoke

Hosts: Barb and Chuck Steenrod, 923-6711:



October 15, 2011— 7:00 p.m.

Wesley United Methodist Church
502 Front Street, Bloomington

Hosts: Rev. Keith Ferguson 309-827-8046

November 19, 2011 — 7:00 p.m.

Evangelical United Methodist Church
401 Walnut, Washington
444-3228

December 18, 2010 — 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; 309-444-2369

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Chrysalis Flight #27 Nov. 11-14

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2011 Walk to Emmaus Schedule

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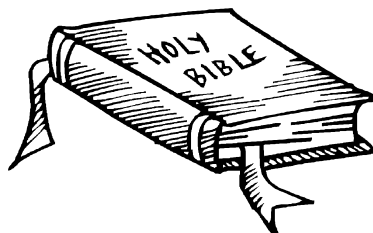
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Sonrise Chrysalis Flights
(Weekend for Teens and Young Adults)

www.SonRiseChrysalis.org
East Bay Camp, Bloomington, IL
Flight #27 — Nov. 11-13, 2011
For high school students

Eagle Crest Salvation Army Camp
Outside of Washburn, IL
2012

Flight for Guys #28 — Mar 16-18
Flight for Gals #29 — Mar 23-25



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Men #236 — October 13-16, 2011
Women #237 — October 27-30, 2011

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Flight for Gals #46 — Nov. 18-20
For high school students

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and the Pilgrim will
be blessed forever.**