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A Note from the CSD

Greetings!

I have struggled a little in how to start out a letter to all of the Community. We have a wide range of people and experiences represented in the 6500 or so people that have gone on the El Shaddai Walks through the years, but we do have one thing in common. We have all been personally touched and changed by the experience of walking side-by-side with our Lord on our journey. So, if you will allow me, I think that I will plagiarize from Luke as he addresses Theophilus at the beginnings of both Luke and Acts.

Theophilus may have actually been an individual to whom Luke was writing, but I think that maybe it was a way of addressing his beloved community of believers. Take the name "Theophilus" and break it in half and you get Theo (God) and Philus (Brotherly love) = Family in the Love of God. I like that! And that is who we are!

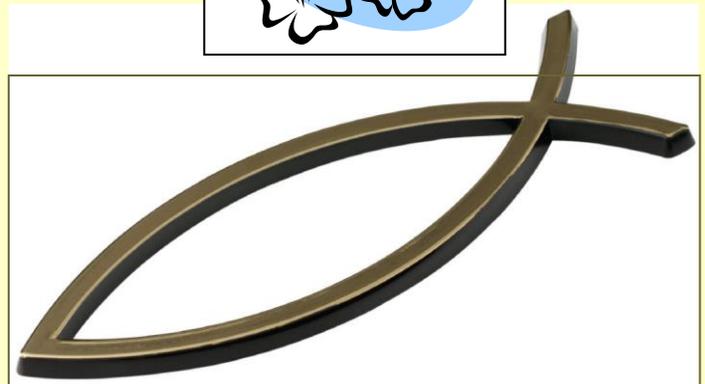
So....Theophilus, I am extremely happy to be called to serve in the capacity of Community Spiritual Director! We have a great tradition and legacy that has gone before us and I am privileged to follow in the steps of some really strong leaders.

At the same time, I am humbled and honored to help lead our community in continuing the good work that has been done in reaching out to the world with the hope and grace given us by our eternal Lord.

DeColores!

Pastor Bob Kumpf

ElShaddai Emmaus Walk # 16



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Decolores from the Community Lay Director

By: Kathy Deal

The year 2014 started off with new expectations, changes, and challenges for the El Shaddai Emmaus Board of Directors and for me personally. Where to begin?

New Expectations. It was my honor and privilege to accept Marc Emmerke's nomination to serve as your new Community Lay Director, and I am so thankful to serve God in this manner with our amazing board. I've served on countless walks and flights over the last 20 years in many different positions alongside of many outstanding folks. I've expressed to our board that one of my early agenda items is to strengthen a loving relationship with Chrysalis leadership and to increase our presence in the Wabash Valley.

Changes. We welcome Cathie Browne, Bernie Gibson and Donna Voll to the El Shaddai Emmaus Board. Our board is filled with a tremendous amount of seasoned former weekend lay directors who have been active in Emmaus for many years. They have such a heart for this community and look forward to a very good year leading together. Our community will be spiritually led by Community Spiritual Director, Bob Kumpf. Bob is not stranger to Emmaus and Chrysalis as he has served in every lay and clergy role except for music team. He has jumped right in and been such a big blessing to all of us.

Challenges. Our winter walks under the loving and capable leadership of husband-wife, Nick and Linda Agresta, have been simply amazing. Due to the extreme severity of this winter, Merom endured some major mechanical problems posing challenges to our winter walk teams, but as we always know, God provides just what we need when we need it. We try not to elevate team

members according to our canon, but I must publicly thank Assistant Head Cha Aaron Fox and cha Bob Rost for the above and beyond the call work they did to keep heat and water going for the Men's Walk. God truly used these two men in wondrous ways. Thanks to their guidance, Merom leadership worked with industrial level contractors to make the necessary repairs so we could go ahead and have the women's walk. I praise God for all of His protection and guidance as the board and community prayed for help.

New expectations, changes and challenges me us already in January! I seek the Lord for His guidance and sincerely covet your prayers for wisdom as we serve the Lord together in new ways. One way you can do this is to let me know if you'd like to join our community agape committee. Our walks and flights really need our help in preparing simple agape for beds, dining room tables, and sacks. We would like to make this a fun group that could even be fashioned like a reunion group. Please contact me right away (kathyideal@frontier.com) or FB me if you want to join this very fun group.

In closing, we look forward with great anticipation (I know we say we can't anticipate, but you know we all do!) to what God will do at our spring and falls walks in 2014. Our spring lay directors, Bernie Gibson and Gayla Theimann, have prepared their teams very well. Thank you to these two amazing servants for Christ! We pray for blessings and safety over the teams and pilgrims. See you at the gatherings, send-offs, candlelights, and closings at the Emmaus Walks and West Central Indiana Chrysalis Boy's Flight!

God loves you and so do I!

Decolores,
Kathy

WHAT EMMAUS MEANS TO ME.....

LOVE! I could stop right there. I went on Walk 15 in the fall of 1993 at the Clay City Free Methodist Campgrounds. I came with four other women in my church and before send-off even started, I was already running around making new friends. The other ladies in my church wanted me to sit down with them, but I was excited about everything God was preparing for us. (Sure sounds like me, doesn't it?) I was actively involved in ministries since I gave me heart to Christ in 1984 as a young bride, but I was approaching God as someone that I had to work very hard to please. I came to Walk 15 as a very tired young Christian wife, mother, daughter, sister, friend, and teacher who gave her best because she felt she had to prove her worth. Sad but true! Past hurts and hidden anger had been stuffed down and my heart was hardened protecting those hurts. The talks were a life-line for me revealing truth to me while my Table of Ruth formed a strong bond under the loving guidance of Table Leader Rhea Hood. I became a born again Christian as I surrendered my years of pain with the loving guidance of the spiritual director and my table leader. What a beautiful spiritual healing! I can still see my candlelight in my mind filled with so much love and smiling faces in the old Tabernacle. It was truly heaven and God was smiling through each dear face.

What does Emmaus mean to me? The words "love, freedom, courage, new, and growth" sum it up well. Over my 20 years of involvement in El Shaddai Emmaus and West Central Indiana Chrysalis communities, I have sponsored many wonderful pilgrims (2 of which became Weekend Lay Directors! – talk about being a proud mama!), served on countless teams in all kinds of positions, and was blessed to be called to be the winter walk lay director at Merom in March 2000 for Walk 68. So many strong Christians, along with my husband, Jim, and my local minister, Tim Russell, have taught me God's Word and have helped me to grow. I feel so undeserving of all that God has blessed me with in the last 20 years, but I am a grateful member of this community, and I want to give back as much as I can to be God's hands and feet so others can experience the freedom I've enjoyed through Christ. As I serve in my second time as your Community Lay Director, I will lead with both my head and heart. A head seeking to be obedient to God's word, and a heart that is warm and well used. Warning: Watch out for this joyous blonde who likes to hug everyone...and I mean *everyone!*

Decolores!
Kathy Deal

AND ALSO TO ME....

My name is Dave Beil and I am humbled and honored to have been selected as the Assistant Community Lay Director for the 2014 year. Just a short bit about my growth in the Emmaus community. I was a pilgrim on Walk #85. It was a special time for me in my walk with the Lord, but it was made even more powerful as this walk was just two weeks removed from the horrible acts of September 11, 2001. God was so real and present on my walk not only thru the presence of the Holy Spirit, but in the faces and hearts of all the team members and community that make the weekend. It lit a spiritual fire in my and showed me what a true relationship with our Savior was. It changed my life. I went back to my church with a new and complete understanding of what it is to be the Hands and Feet of Christ and have worked in any capacity asked to be a disciple of Jesus in my church and community. That fire continues to burn in me today.

After my walk, I had to experience working a walk, so I worked my first walk right away, Walk #88 as a CHA. WOW, even more powerful than my walk as a pilgrim. I kept working, just asking to be used where God wanted me to be used and served in many different positions on teams. I was sooo unworthy and humbled to be asked to serve as Lay Director on Walk #131 in September of 2007. In spite of my flaws, God did what only God can do, he used that walk as well to change lives. It is awesome to watch God take humble and obedient servants and empower them to carry out His work. We serve such an Awesome God! In closing, remember that God does not call the qualified, he qualifies the called. So stay involved, first and foremost in your church and community, but please continue to participate in Emmaus and give back to others the experience God uses to so change lives for the good.

Decolores
Dave Beil

FALL WALKS:

Men's Walk 170 (September 25-28, 2014)
Lay Director - Pat Kileen

Women's Walk 171 (October 2-5, 2014)
Lay Director - Jeannie Robbins

Fall Walks will be held at Free Methodist
Campground at Clay City, Indiana

2014 Board of Directors



Kathy Deal -	Community Lay Director
Dave Beil -	Community Assistant Lay Director Transportation & Music
Pastor Bob Kumpf -	Community Spiritual Director
Larry Swan -	Assistant Spiritual Director
Rick Wetnight -	Assistant Spiritual Director
Brenda Utterback -	Treasurer
Donna Voll -	Assistant Treasurer & Newsletter List Coordinator
Jill Hannah -	Secretary
Scott Hayes -	Registration and Team Selection
Cathie Brown -	Team Selection
Bernie Gibson -	Memorial Fund
Tim Jarvis -	Gatherings Coordinator & Sponsorship
Jim Lumsdon -	Agape
Scott Jones -	Reunion Group Coordinator & Chrysalis Liaison
Gary Francis -	Maintenance



Memorial Fund

Contact the Memorial Fund Chairperson, Bernie Gibson, if an Emmaus member passes away so that we may send the family an acknowledgement and a Bible. We need the following information:

1. The deceased Emmaus member's name
2. What walk they attended
3. The surviving spouse or child's name
4. Appropriate address

Anyone interested in donating to the Memorial Fund to honor a deceased member, or donate as led by the Lord, may do so.

Contact:

Bernie Gibson
4733 N. Main St.
Terre Haute, IN 47805
6bernieg@gmail.com



Please support Chrysalis with agape and your presence at candlelight!

Spring Flights are:

Girls Flight #75 (March 2-9, 2014) Jennifer Flater, L.D.

Boys Flight #76 (April 25-27, 2014) Billy Fisher, L.D.

Applications are being taken for fall Chrysalis Team Members

Applications for team and caterpillars can be found at
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**Men's Walk #168, Clay City, Indiana
April 24-27, 2014**

Team

Lay Director

Bernie Gibson *

Asst. Lay Directors

Hank Kidwell *
Todd Swearingen *
Jay Coffman *

Board Rep.

Dave Beil

Spiritual Director

Dan Willis *

Clergy

Mike Baker *
Larry Snider *
Alan Lewis *

Music

Rudy Nichols – head
Mike Morgan
Jack Templeton
Bill Webb

Table Leaders

Jim Hardesty *
Rick Jenkins *
Aaron Rugenstein *
Joe Shell *
Bob Tidd
Keith Walters *

Asst. Table Leaders

Leroy Barnhill *
Ervin Buse
Bobby Grizzel
Mark Kaiser
Scott Lough
John Myers

Chas

Brian Conner-Head
Scot Williams-Assist. Head
Doug Beder
Run Buddle
Don Eyler
Greg Ewing
Bob Fagg
Beau Froderman
Alan Hannah
Ralph Heshelman
Jason Keith

Larry Koertg
Mark Kroc
Fritz Oehler
Jim Palmer
Forrest Raines
Ron Readinger
Todd Sevier
Aaron Shipley
William Solesky
Steve Ward

Team Continued:

Bob Burton-head
Ron Bayles
Gary Brassard
Tim Donna
Ron Dowell
Bob Flesher
Jim Heck
Randy Hill
Clyde Hosterman
Keith Kester

Kitchen

Adam Large
Dave Lindsey
Glenn McClain
Buzz Page
Kim Smith
Walt Temeer
David Waite
Chuck Waters
Carl Hamamd

PILGRIMS

Pilgrim

Casey Archer
Terry Bryan
Kevin Cross
Brad Duncan
Scott Gerger
Scott Hastings
Bob Jones
Billy Langman
Hayden Lewis
Robbie Lewis
David Lucas
Bill Skelton
John Tidd
Danny Wright
Aaron Zimmerman

Sponsor

Jerry Nelson
Jerry/Dena Pastorius
Becky Williams
Merrick Herakovich
Larry Swan
Jason Barns
Monica Shipley
Marah Lough
Allan Lewis
Marcia Lough
Scott Langley
Tom Jackson
Donna Tidd
Mike/Vickie Brooks
Ricky Adkins

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**Women's Walk #169, Clay City, Indiana
May 1-4, 2014**

Team

Lay Director

Gayla Thiemann *

Asst. Lay Directors

Amber Fox *

Hether Messmer *

Lynn Padgett *

Board Rep.

Kathy Deal

Spiritual Director

Gary Scroggins *

Clergy

Bill Coker *

Toni Cooksey *

Bob Kumpf *

Don Ransford *

Music

Nancy Nichols- Head

Alyssa Rissler – Co-Head

Julie Ames

Pam Miller

Cindy McKinney

Table Leaders

Ettie Evans

Arletta Kellar

Laura Kennedy *

Brenda Reed *

Jennifer Smith *

Fran Tucker *

Asst. Table Leaders

Lori Brown *

Sherri Hughes

Phyllis Mogan

Emily Myers *

Amy Reynolds

Renee Rolison

Chas

Cathy Louderback, Head

Joyce Fatch, Co-Head

Claudia Allen

Karen Anderson

Jennifer Cox

Jacque Ellis

Amy Hardey

Jennifer Hawkins

Raina Heckelsberg

Sue Jarvis

Donna Kaufman

Lisa Kehrt

Mia Killeen

Christine Knight

Courtney Lash

Jeanne Lash

Julie Pell

Kari Pell

Aimee Phipps

Yvette Setzer

Lova Standeford

Rita Steed

Cheryl Stevens

Laura Williams

Kitchen

Cathy Mullinix, Head

Carol Allen, Co-Head

Bonnie Callahan

Tracey Dunn

Mary Lou Britton

Nancy Frederick

Sally Grindle

Joan Heshelmann

Rita Marlow

Jill Mishler

Sandra Newport

Emily Pair

Melissa Reintjes

Helen Schafer

Valerie Smith

Marsha Steivenart

Kim Stevenson

Jeri Sutherland

Patty Walters

Becky Williams

Deb Wolfe

Maxine Lifford

Pilgrims

Pilgrim

Jani Buddle (Gray)

Missy Burton (Wichman)

Shauna Crawley (Callahan)

Laura Cross (Correll)

Edna Denewett

Andrea Duncan (Harvey)

Sarah Fagg (Pence)

Crystal Hastings (Gillin)

Brandy Hodge (Silotto)

Cheryl Hunter (Miller)

Michele Johnson (McQueen)

Rene' Jolliffe (Rothrock)

Nancy Jones (Burkel)

Sandy King (Leahy)

Connie Langman (Bradborn)

Connie Lutes (Morrow)

Dawn Rankin (Ammerman)

Pat Sipes (Cooley)

Lana Skelton (Batchelor)

Brook Snider (Cooper)

Melissa Sosebee (Whitecotten)

Shirley Stinnett (Curtis)

Shirley Stricklin (Talley)

Beth Trueblood (McCalister)

Margie Warner (Saldivar)

Yuana Wright (Silver)

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E. Burton & J. Berryhill

David Callahan

Crystal Flath

Vickie Hogan (Standeford's)

Robin Herakovich

Bob Fagg

Marcia Lough

Amber Maffioli

Cindy Buskirk

Lee & Mary Hargis

Jerry Standeford

Aaron Shipley

Barb Stipp

Scott Lough

Katie Anderson

Emma Hinds

Nancy Cox

Carol Brown

Janet Allsup

J. Cooksey & S. Lawrence

John Stinnett

Jan McCain

Travis Trueblood

Bob Frederick

Mike & Vickie Brooks

(note: maiden name in parenthesis)

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WHAT EMMAUS MEANS TO US.....

Sixteen years ago this April, I went on Spring Walk #54 at Clay City. In looking back I can see how God has caused me to grow in my faith and service to him – I attribute a lot of that to my Emmaus experience. Before my Walk fear was a major factor in my life. I knew I had accepted Jesus but could not get the head knowledge into my heart. It was through Emmaus that I truly learned about the gift of God’s abundant grace (**God’s Riches At Christ’s Expense**). Then in the fall of 2008, I was given the honor of serving as Lay Director for Walk #139. There is not enough room in this Newsletter to share all of God’s blessings! I am thankful for the opportunity to serve the El Shaddai Emmaus Community.

Love and Decolores,
Brenda Utterback, Treasurer.

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Hello Community,

My pilgrim walk was at Clay City, May 3-6, 2001, Walk 82, Table of Mary. When asked the question at the closing Sunday evening, “What are you going to do with it?” I didn’t really know at the time. God didn’t provide me with all the answers in those precious 72 hours, but He did plant many, many seeds.

Since my walk I married and became a pastor’s wife. We have in our ministry been able to introduce the Walk to Emmaus to two different churches. Many treasured friendships have been cultivated by attending gatherings and working walks. And friends we have made through Emmaus have rejoiced with us during the best times of our lives and cried with us during some of the worst times of our lives.

I have been blessed with a more meaningful relationship with God. In the winter of 2011, I was humbled and honored to serve as lay director for Walk #153. And humbled and honored again this past fall upon being elected to the El Shaddai board of directors. Dear friends I will do my best to serve God and this community as it has served me and my family beyond measure over the years.

In Christ’s Love
Donna Voll

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Pilgrims will receive a free copy in the mail the year that they attended their walk. The ICHTHUS is printed 3 times per year. You can also sign up for the mailing list at the monthly gatherings. Hope to see you there!

WHO SHOULD GO TO EMMAUS?

The spring and fall walks are fast approaching. We are looking for the Emmaus Community to sponsor pilgrims for these upcoming walks. The question comes up “who should we sponsor?” Below you will find some suggestions:

1. The pilgrim should be in church and already have excepted Christ as their Savior. The walk is not intended to bring people to Christ but to make them closer to Christ.
2. The pilgrim should be someone who is eager to grow in Christ.
3. Leaders in their church
4. Behind the scenes people in their church. Look for someone who attends regularly but are not in a leadership roll. Examples are people who prepare communion, the person who does the bulletin boards, custodial duties and gardening services. These are just a few examples I can think of.

In the next newsletter I will discuss the “Role of the Sponsor”.

I hope to see all of you at the next walks. Hopefully this will be with a pilgrim from your church.

Blessings to all!

Tim Jarvis – Sponsorship Chair

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WHAT HAPPENS ON THE EMMAUS WEEKEND?

You will enjoy three days of singing, learning, laughing, worshiping, reflecting, praying and participating in small groups. Discussions center around fifteen talks given by laity and clergy. These talks present the theme of God's grace, how that grace comes alive in the Christian community and how it is expressed in the world. You'll also discover how grace is real in your life, how you live a life of grace, and how you bring that grace to others.

GATHERING SCHEDULE

April 18: Christ Community Church (Brazil)

May 16: Hulman Street Wesleyan Church (Terre Haute)

Spring Walk Reunion Gathering

June 20: Berea Christian Church (Brazil)

July 18: Sullivan First Christian Church (Sullivan)

August 15: Grace Chapel (Brazil)

Sept. 19: Victory Baptist Church (Clinton)

Oct. 17: Calvary Temple (Terre Haute) –

Spring Walk Reunion Gathering

Nov. 21: Mount Pleasant UMC (Terre Haute) – Election for Board

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