

FROM THE BREAD OF LIFE WALK TO EMMAUS



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A WORD FROM OUR COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTOR

Sisters and Brothers in
Christ, Greetings!

By the time you receive this issue of the Crumbs the walks will be here. Please remember to “pray without ceasing” for the pilgrims and their families, the team and all those working behind the scenes. The Lord has great things planned for these weekends, as with each one, and it is so exciting to be a part of it. I hope you will find time to come and help sometime on the weekend. Being part of the community gathering on Saturday and then to participate in Candlelight always brings back so many memories for me. On Saturday of my walk I was still wondering when I was going to get “it.” With a grateful heart, I am still “getting it” every fourth day with which I am blessed. Sunday afternoon closing is also a wonderful “re-igniter” for me. Hearing the pilgrims answer those two questions reminds me of what the walk is all about--making a difference in my world every day. Honestly some days the difference is hard to find as I think back over 24 hours.

It’s easy to think of all I could have done differently to have made a difference and my prayer is that I can do better next time in the same situation. During the walks it is fun to help with any work that needs done because we have a chance to get acquainted with new family or touch base with familiar family. The time passes so quickly every time.

Wheat State Camp is near Augusta and we will have cabins for servants to stay in for \$16 a night. You can just sign up when you arrive; no need for reservations. Babysitting will be available for Send off, Candlelight, and Closing. You can check in the kitchen or agape room for the child-care location if you are unable to attend Send off. Many times community members say they haven’t been asked to help. Please consider this your personal invitation: Please come when it works for you to help out and we will find a place where you can work. If you want to schedule a specific time, please call the board member listed as responsible for the area where

you want to serve and let them know. This is an opportunity for you to give back. It is your chance to be the hands and feet of Jesus to the pilgrims.

The role of a sponsor is a very important part of the pilgrims’ walks. I encourage you to review the duties if you are a sponsor. It can be helpful to ask someone else to co-sponsor with you. Even though the walks will be happening very soon after you receive this, it is not too late to ask someone with more experience if you are unsure of what a sponsor should do. Judy Grant has an article on page 2 of the newsletter that I encourage you to take note of.

Your participation in the Walks to Emmaus at the end of April is important to me and to you. Remember Christ is counting on you!

Serving Him with you,

Marsha Jarboe, Walk 72
Table of Esther

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Dates of Next Walks

- Men’s Walk: April 10th—13th
- Women’s Walk: April 17th-20th

Make plans now to attend Send-Off, Candlelight and Closing. For more information regarding those turn to page 4.

A WORD FROM OUR SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR

As I write this article I noticed that the National Weather Service has placed our area in a high wind advisory. And as often is the case in Kansas, the wind is kicking up its heels, blowing everything around that is not fastened down to the ground. I don't know about you, but as a resident of western Kansas, I can easily get tired of the wind. But that's the way it is out here.

When I think of the wind I think of Jesus when he was speaking to his disciples in John 3:8 where he says, "The wind blows wherever it wants". Jesus was likening the wind to that of his Spirit, reminding his followers that you cannot put the work of the Spirit in a box, nor can you limit the way the Spirit chooses to work in and through the lives of people.

This past week I returned from preaching in North Carolina and was blessed by meeting several persons who were active in the Walk to Emmaus in their area. Actually, I ended up meeting the community spiritual director, a pastor who was giving his talk on Prevenient Grace for the next walk, and a husband and wife whose lives had been impacted in a wonderful way by God when they participated in their walk. As I listened I thought of how wonderful it was to be a part of something that was much bigger than me, something that was touching lives in many parts of the country, not to mention the world. That something is the Walk to Emmaus.

I realize that God works in a variety of ways using a multiplicity of methods. Yet, for so many of us, God has become real to us through our experience in the walks in which we participated. Each of us experienced the presence of Christ in different ways and yet each of us has something in common as we share our stories with others. If you ask me, that is exciting.

I am grateful to God for the work of his Spirit that works in western Kansas, central Kansas, North Carolina, and throughout the world. Praise God that he is not limited in the ways he can work. Praise God for the ways he extends his grace to all people in a so many ways. And praise God that he saw fit for us to experience Him through something we call "The Walk to Emmaus". Indeed, "the wind blows wherever it wants".

Pastor Rick Just

Walk #57, Table of John

Pray for the Men's and Women's Teams

Men's Team: John Huffman, Carl Warner, Jim Vratil, Jamey Stapelton, Mark Smith, Jason Bryant, Eric Strickler, Lee Larson, Don Janssen, Chris McNeil, Nick Nickelson, Mike Puckett, Nate Matt, Kirk Hayden, Gary Bond, Dick Heggestad, Todd McCutcheon, Jim Jarboe, Stuart Reed, Bill Stapleton, Alan Harr, Frank DeFisher, Dennis Carter, Wayne Handle

Women's Team: Darla Daniels, Cheryl Heggestad, Diana Stapelton, Beth Strickler, Brenda Cristophel, Peggy Erickson, Joy McNeil, Mary Jean Swaggert, Karen Jantz, Rosanne Sullivan, Natalie Bryant, Nancy Schichtle, Dee Prouty, Kathy Wingert, Sara Campbell, Leigh Anne Stelter, Julie Hedrick, Fr. Terry Hedrick, Lisa Hazen, Jerry Vogt, Everett Jantz

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

An Emmaus member stopped me at the door of church Sunday. He asked what I was doing to make people in church aware of Emmaus and the upcoming walks. I told him I was doing all I could. He said it's not enough. He hadn't heard anyone talk about Emmaus or the upcoming walks. I felt convicted on the spot. Who is going to bring the message of Emmaus back into my church but me? I can't wait for someone else to do it; I can only do it for me. We all know it isn't getting done enough, especially in the Wichita area. It is time to pick up the cross and get on with God's business. This is what we have all been called to do. I have emailed my pastor for any help he could provide in getting the message out about Emmaus and about the upcoming opportunity to participate in the walks. I intend to talk to my bible study and have asked Cheryl to do the same.

For the upcoming walks, we need sponsors to step back in and invite the pilgrims that God has put on their hearts.

Please help The Bread of Life Community in the Wichita area re-ignite the flame! What can you do?

DeColores

Dick Heggestad

Walk 51, Table of Peter

SPONSORSHIP TRAINING

This is a reminder if you haven't had Sponsorship Training, please email me. I will send you the information you need to refresh your memory of what you need to do as a sponsor of a pilgrim. With the Walk only a short time away this is a good time to do your sponsorship training. Let's pray for the pilgrims who have already registered for the Walk in April and also for the ones who God has chosen for this Walk that haven't registered yet.

DeColores,

Judy Grant

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FROM THE KITCHEN GUY

Well it is about that time of year again and I would just like to express my excitement of gearing up to enjoy another set of Emmaus Walks. I especially look forward to seeing all of my new and old friends as well as making new friends during our time together. If you have never worked behind the scenes, please take this opportunity to give of your time and make this the best set of walks ever. It is my honor to work with you and look forward to once again serving those who are in need of this glorious experience.

*He said to me, "These are the **kitchens** where those who minister at the temple will cook the sacrifices of the people."*

Ezekiel 46:24

Sincerely,

Barry L. Park

Walk 77, Table of Paul

AGAPE

I know we all remember that overflow of love we received on our walks called "Agape". During the walks, in agape room, there is always plenty to do. Please show up when you can and feel welcome to help. We clear and reset tables after each meal, adding agape as we go. The rainbow is built on Saturday, which is always fun. All through the weekend we have bags for the pilgrims letters to decorate. If your reunion group or community is making agape, please bring 65 pieces for each walk, and remember that no individual names should be on the pieces. Any leftover agape should be picked up before closing of the women's walk due to limited storage. The agape room at Wheatstate Camp is located above the dining hall—we take up the entire second floor! I'll see you there!

Pam McCutcheon

Walk #68, Table of Ruth

ENTERTAINMENT

What's a Walk without a chicken chorus? We need YOU to come and be a part of the chorus and the "when I went on my Emmaus walk" song. Please come to the Main Lodge on Sat. at 4:45 pm for the rehearsal...(believe it or not, we really DO rehearse the songs!) Thank You!

Mel Meyer

Walk 71, Table of Matthew

PRAYER ROOM

I was meditating on one of my favorite Bible verses, Romans 12:12...Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer! I love Romans 12:12 because no matter what my circumstances, this verse is to be my response for the situation at hand...Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer! As I look forward to new responsibilities serving in the prayer room, "faithful in prayer" takes on new meaning! I would encourage all members of the Emmaus community to be "faithful in prayer" for the upcoming Emmaus Walks! Pray for the pilgrims and team members! You will find a list for the team in this Crumbs and a list of pilgrims on the Bread of Life website. Why not put those names in your Bible and as the Lord lays it on your heart, lift each one up by name! Please also be "faithful in prayer" for those serving on the Emmaus Board! We need your prayers for wisdom and guidance! Finally, during the Emmaus Walks, please feel free to stop by the prayer room! We would love to have your prayers joining others praising, petitioning and thanking God for all He has done and continues to do through the Walk to Emmaus! Blessings...

Allison Reed

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CORRECTION: The Wichita area gatherings are held at Aldersgate UMC, 7901 W 21st at 7:00 pm on the 3rd Saturday of each month. There is no Gathering except the one before Candlelight on months that there are walks. The Wichita community gathers at 6:00 pm to work on agape. Come and join the fellowship.

Information Regarding Walks at Wheat State Camp

Physical Location & Phone: Wheat State Camp—11177 Southwest 87th Street, August, KS 67010—316.775.6791.

Driving Directions: Follow US-400/US-54 E (past downtown Wichita) to Santa Fe Lake Road. Turn left (North) on Santa Fe Lake Road and go north approximately a mile and a half. Watch for the Wheat State Camp sign on the left (West) side of the road; turn left and follow the road into the camp.

NOTE: If you enter the above physical address for Wheat State on—www.mapquest.com, www.maps.google.com, or www.maps.yahoo.com you will get a very nice map to the camp.

The community activities will mostly be held in the **Main Lodge**, which is located in the center of the Camp. Exceptions to this will be the Prayer Room which is located at Cabin 301, very first building on left as you enter camp. If you are unable to be at Send-Off for announcements, go to the Kitchen or Agape Room (the mezzanine above the Main Lodge) and anyone there will be able to direct you to these other locations. This information will also be on our website, www.breadoflifecommunity.com.

SENDOFF: Thurs 7:00 pm.

SPONSOR'S HOUR immediately following Sendoff on Thursday.

BAWK! BAWK! REHEARSAL: Saturday 4:45 pm

COMMUNITY GATHERING: Saturday 7:00 pm

WORSHIP/CANDLELIGHT: Saturday approx. 8:00 pm

CLOSING: Sunday 3:55 pm

Child care for Sendoff, Candlelight and Closing: Contact Mel Meyer.

Cabins and RV hookups (opposite the pilgrim and team cabins) are available for out of town community members who wish to stay for the weekend. Cabins are \$16/night/person. RV hookups for a nominal fee.