

Great River Emmaus

Newsletter

Thoughts from our Community Lay Director Kathy Wyatt

Greetings to all in the name of Christ Jesus

We welcome the 4th day pilgrims from Walks #25 and #26 with open arms. A special thanks to the Lay Directors, Steve Loeschen and Judy Hays. Serving as our Spiritual Directors were Randy Azbell and Helen McFarland, and our Board Advisors who served so quietly, most of the time, were Dan Clair and Dana Reid.

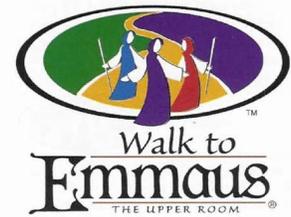
Each Walk has its own unique style, even though we follow the guidelines of the Nashville model. Each Walk seems to be as unique as the Conference room team and pilgrims themselves, as each person represents a unique view of our Lord and how things interact in their lives. Well done and thanks to you all.

The Service Team is unique in its own way, working behind the scenes, delivery Agape, fixing, serving and cleaning up after meals, filling the Agape Chapel with praying hearts, work room volunteers and keeping the letter writing room filled with cards and letters, in a truly giving way. Thanks be to God for your loving hearts of work and Agape.

In February, the Board of Great River Emmaus had a retreat. Several Board Members accepted the responsibility of different jobs. There will be a change on the application form for the pilgrim, as were delighted that the new registrar, Mary Gillingham will be receiving the applications from the pilgrims and sponsors. Her email is: gillinghambm@yahoo.com. Another change in the

application process is, if you are a sponsor and are requesting a partial scholarship for a pilgrim, please state why you are making that request.

Certainly, these past several weeks have been a challenging time due to the health issues facing our nation and world. Phrases such as: "Practicing Social Distancing, and Shelter in Place" are two that have a distinct meaning for us all. Our rural area has not seen the devastation that other areas of our country have experienced to date, but we all have friends and family in hard hit areas, as we are all intertwined in one form or another. When it is safe again, we will gather, pray, fellowship and rejoice for our Savior lives and reigns forever.



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"You Gentiles, be full of joy. Be Joyful together with God's People."
Deuteronomy 32:43

On the Road to Emmaus

13 And, behold, two of them went that same day to a village called Emmaus, which was from Jerusalem about threescore furlongs. 14 And they talked together of all these things which had happened. 15 And it came to pass, that, while they communed together and reasoned, Jesus himself drew near, and went with them. 16 But their eyes were holden that they should not know him. Luke 24:13-16

Walk #25 Submitted by Steve Loeschen

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Well, Walk's 25 & 26 are in the books and we are all in our Fourth Days. I am comforted in knowledge that Christ was truly present during our weekends and He is truly present in our lives. All we need to do is to pray without ceasing and listen for His call to spread His Love to all we meet. That feeling of unconditional Love that was present during the Walks can continue in our Fourth Days. I encourage you to find a Reunion group which works for you. If you can't find one, start one. A list of current reunion groups was included in your take home packet. Also, there are numerous Gatherings taking place throughout our Emmaus Community. Go to the Great River Emmaus Community

web site and also join the Great River Emmaus face book page.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone who shared Agape Love during our weekends. Those Team members who served in the conference room. The Spiritual Directors who shared how God's Grace is sufficient. Our Board Advisor who guided me through the process. Thanks to those who served in the kitchen, workroom, and those who prayed in the Agape Chapel for us by name. Those that entertained us and attended Candlelight. We felt those prayers and acts of Agape during the weekend. May God Bless you all.

Personally, this was an amazing experience to serve as the Lay Director for Walk #25. I would like to thank Judy

Hays for her help and encouragement over the time of team formation and preparation. It was a great pleasure to work with you.

DeColores,
Steve Loeschen

Next Walks—All at the QU Retreat Center:

Men's Walk #27:
August 20th-23rd, 2020

Women's Walk # 28
September 10th-13th, 2020

Team training for
Walks #27 & #28
August 7th-9th, 2020

A copy of the sponsor form and Candidate form is included in the newsletter or on the website.

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Walk #26 Submitted by Judy Hays

Your prayers were needed and appreciated.

As God brought the team together, and based on the attacks Satan was throwing, we knew it was going to be a powerful Walk.

It was so rewarding to see our Spiritual and Lay teams meld together as one unit during prep weekend. The team stayed in touch and supported one another in the weeks leading up to Walk 26. It was also helpful that Great River hosts the men's and women's teams together over one prep weekend. Having the support of our prayer partners – and essentially a “practice run” – laid the perfect groundwork.

Twenty five team members and fifteen pilgrims gathered February 13, 2020, for Walk 26. A wide variety of spiritual needs and questions were addressed. Lives were changed in amazing ways – ways no human could imagine. And, not only did the team minister to the pilgrims, the pilgrims ministered to the team.

The Great River Emmaus community is mighty. With God in charge, assisted by our Walk 26 team and remarkable community, Walk 26 was a grace-filled and loving experience. Please continue to pray for our pilgrims as they walk each 4th day.

Serving as Lay Director was a blessing. I have felt love and support through the past several months – and grace – that I have never before experienced. Thank you does not begin to express my gratitude.

Remember – Walks 27 and 28 are quickly approaching. Reach out with a personal invitation to potential pilgrims. Contact those you've invited in the past ... remembering it's all about God's timing. Be that welcoming voice in a potential pilgrim's life!

De Colores!
Judy Hays

Current members of the Board

Mike Alberts-
Historian/Workroom/Agape

Tammy Carman-Secretary /
Agape Chapel

Tim Kamradt Facility/QU/ Store-
room/Supplies

Jeff Haskell-Communications/
Music

Allen Vineyard-Kitchen

Bob Greene-Spiritual Director
Community Training /Group
Reunions

Elvin Hodges-Communications

Amanda Barlow Agape
Chapel/(Claudia McCain assist-
ing)-CMA

Candy Moore-
Treasure/Childcare

Mike Wilson- Candle

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tion/Training for Lay Direc-
tors & Board Advisors

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room/Supplies/Training for
Lay Directors & Board Advi-
sors/Workroom/Agape

Kathy Wyatt- Chair-
man/Registration /Gather-
ing

Mary Gillingham-

Walk #25 Board Rep. Dan Clair

Greetings Brothers & Sisters in Christ, and again, to our new 4th Day Pilgrims from Walks #25 & #26,

I had the privilege to serve as the Board Representative on Walk #25 with Lay Director and my long time Emmaus friend, Steve. It was somewhat bittersweet this time as it will likely be the last opportunity I will have to serve on a Conference Room Team. My term as member of the Board and the Steering Committee for Great River Walk to Emmaus has expired. That said, Walk #25 was another wonderful Emmaus Weekend. God touched the lives of Team and Pilgrims alike, including myself.

I recently read in the devotional, *My Utmost for His Highest*, for March 29, how God shows up in the most unexpected ways. As we've seen on Emmaus Weekends, He is just full of surprises. Look at how surprised the Disciples were at the things Jesus did in and through them (Luke 10-17). When these times come, we are filled with Joy and Peace and a sense of being 'right with God'. This is the essence of the Kingdom of Heaven, both here in this life and the life to come (Rom. 14-17).

We never know what surprises are ahead of us, but we know they will ultimately be good (Rom. 8-28) because He loves us so much. Of course, He's saving the biggest Surprise for last!! (1 Cor. 2-9)

Norma and I are grateful for the opportunity to have been a part of the Emmaus Community the last 20 years. Our roles have changed, but we intend to support GRE with our prayers, gifts, sponsorship, and our presence as much as long as our health will allow. We love you all.

To God Be the Glory.

De Colores, Dan Clair, Board Representative GRE Walk #25

Walk #26 Board Rep. Dana Reid

Women's Walk #26 Board Advisor

Wow! What an amazing weekend. I tried to be on my best behavior as the Board Rep for Walk#26 however, I did get to talk a little bit. I thank God for giving me the opportunity to serve on these walks and to be a part of this community.

The pilgrims were amazing and I loved meeting each and every one of them. Judy did a great job at putting the pilgrims with just the right table and assistant table leaders. I was so proud of the assistants and table leaders we had. We had a few challenges along the way that they handled with the best of care. One of them even became our nurse for the weekend.

I would like to give a special thanks to Pastor Lemons and Nurse Katie for being there for our Spiritual Director Helen when she had her episode. I hope she is doing well and that she is feeling better.

As for the gals at the back table you guys ROCK!!! These girls did great like I said we did have a few challenges but these girls powered through them like they were nothing. God is Good and He was with each of us on this walk.

Our Spiritual Leaders really stepped up too, when our Director took ill they each took a spot at doing what she was to do to finish out the weekend. We sure missed Helen but am thankful for those that stepped in.

The kitchen staff did great no complaints there. And Saturday's decorations were beautiful . It is always great to see who shows up to help serve the meals.

This is usually a great chance to get those that were at your table to meet you at the retreat center and serve together during these times or just come and see me and others you haven't yet got the opportunity to meet yet.

Thank you Judy Hays for saying yes to the weekend and Yes to God. What a great weekend !

I have served on Great River Walk to Emmaus for over 4 years and many more before we were a board. This was my last year on the board and as it seems nice to give someone else the opportunity to serve I will deeply miss it. As I always have an opinion which I will now try to direct to board members. Remember if you have an opinion on something speak up or else they will never know. I am proud of where God has led me and where He is leading us on this great journey called Walk to Emmaus.

Reunion Groups

Open to new participants
Please try out one or more of these groups as part of your "4th day"
Great River Emmaus

Quincy

Mixed group. Tuesday 7 p.m. Steve & Patty Bunch residence, 5026 Sunview Dr., 217-257-8312.

Mixed group. Friday 12:30 p.m. Various restaurants. Contact Candy Moore 217-430-9734 or Dana Reid 573-470-5000.

Mixed group. Thursday 6 p.m. Various locations. Road to Damascus Reunion Group. Contact Tim Kamradt 217-440-3084.

Men. Wednesday (every-other) 7:30 p.m. St. Francis Rectory. Mixed Cursillo & Emmaus group. Contact Dave Lockhart. dwl@comcast.net

Women. Tuesday (1st & 3rd) 1 p.m. The Gathering Place, 1704 N. 24th St. Contact Tammy Carman 217-257-5603.

Paloma

Mixed group Last Friday of the month 1 p.m. Paloma Diner, Paloma, Il on Rt. 24. Join us for sharing and/or lunch, soft drink, dessert. Contact Dan 217-257-9964 or Connie 217-430-7564

Macomb

Men. Tuesday 6:45 a.m. at the Old Dairy. Men of Heart, Honor, Examine, Asking, Requesting Help, Thanking God. Contact Mike Coplan mikecoplan@gmail.com

Women. Wednesday (1st & 3rd) 4:30 p.m. Crown. Contact Kathy Wyatt 309-456-3759

White Hall

Men. Monday 7 p.m. First Christian Church. Contact Dave Schutz 217-473-4376.

Women. Monday (1st & 3rd) 7 p.m. First Christian Church. Contact Mandy Hatchell 217-883-2281.

LaGrange

Men. Thursday 8 p.m. Ed Reid's Shop. 31369 State Hwy. V. Contact Ed Reid 573-248-6270.

Edina

Mixed Group. Wednesday 5 p.m. Lucky's Cafe. Contact Helen Hettinger 660-434-5386.

Hannibal

Mixed group. Saturday, 8:30 a.m. Java Jive. Contact Jim Dewey 217-242-9220.
jimbacca74@yahoo.com.

Cheryl Alberts , 1st & 3rd Thursdays, 6:00 p.m. Fiddlesticks -573-221-1561

Palmyra

Tim & Shanna O'Brien, 573-406-2334

Mendon

Men—Tuesday 6:30. Contact Craig Dennison 217-242-2157

Or, you may begin your own reunion group.

If you know of other reunion groups that accept new participants or have corrections to the above, please contact Bob Greene, greenerd@frontier.com or 309-252-2120 (phone or text).

Great River Emmaus Support Crew Service Commitment

Agape Chapel ~ Workroom ~ Kitchen Service Teams

The Great River Emmaus Support Service Committee needs your help behind the scenes to support pilgrims on future walks. Also, behind the scenes support is encouraged prior to serving on the conference room team. Please complete this form and return to:

Claudia McCain
60 Charleston Drive
Macomb, IL 61455
309-333-5599
Email: cmccain47@yahoo.com

Today's Date _____

I made my Walk # _____ in (City) _____

Name _____ Email _____
Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone _____ Cell # _____

I have already served on Walk # _____

I served as an: _____ Assistant Table Leader _____ Service Team _____ Musician _____ Other
Speaker (Talk Names Given): _____

Where? _____

I desire to serve on a team: _____ Yes ___ No

- _____ I would like to work anywhere, as needed.
- _____ I would like to serve in the Agape Chapel.
- _____ I would like to serve in the workroom during the Walk
- _____ I would like to serve in the kitchen during the Walk
- _____ I have included additional comments/information on the back of this form.
- _____ Please remove me from the mailing list permanently: Explanation: _____

Christ is counting on you.....

What can you do???????

*Pray - Sponsor - Write individual letters - Make and share agape - Take a spot on the prayer vigil
Attend Apostolic Hour - Attend Candlelight and Closings.*



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CLERGY TEAM SERVICE COMMITMENT

The Great Rivers Emmaus Team Selection Committee needs your help in determining those who desire to serve on a team. Please complete the form and return it to:

Bob Greene
P O Box 57
Vermont, Il 61484

greenerd@frontier.com

I made my ___ Cursillo # _____ Walk# _____ in (City, State) _____

I have already served as Clergy on a: _____ Cursillo _____ Walk _____ Chrysalis

Grace Talk Names and Walk

No's: _____

Where did you serve? _____

Name _____ E-mail (optional)

Address _____ Home Phone () _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Work Phone() _____

Date _____

I desire to serve on a team in: _____ Winter _____ Spring _____ Summer _____ Fall _____ Quincy only

_____ I've included additional comments/information on the back of this form.

(Duplicate this form as needed)

Christ Is Counting You

GREAT RIVERS EMMAUS SPONSORS FORM

Husband and wife applications should be submitted at the same time. Any exceptions will be at the discretion of the Registrar Committee. Spiritual Director, and/or Community Lay Director.

Deposit Received _____

Return to: GRE Registrar

Mary Gillingham 316 N. Williams St. Colchester, IL 62326

gillinghambm@yahoo.com 309-255-2038 309-776-3155

To be completed by sponsor Quincy Great River Application

(Duplicate as needed)

Circle Below Where Applicable

Sponsor's Name _____ Address _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: () _____ Cell Phone: () _____

Name of church now attending: _____

Do you attend regularly? Yes No When did you make your Emmaus/Cursillo/Chrysalis Walk? _____

Where: _____ Emmaus/Cursillo/Chrysalis Number _____

Have you been a sponsor before? Yes No If yes, when: _____

Are you now in a weekly Reunion Group? Yes No Are you praying and sacrificing for your candidate? Yes No

Candidate's Name _____

Why do you feel this person would be a good Candidate? _____

Does the Candidate have the physical, emotional & mental health needed for an Emmaus weekend? Yes No

Is your Candidate under any temporary emotional strain that might indicate their weekend would/should be postponed? Yes No

Is your Candidate married? Yes No Do they both plan on attending Walk to Emmaus? Yes No

If not, is there a Medical Reason? Yes No Other Reason: _____

Will you bring your Candidate to the Emmaus site on Thursday Night? Yes No Someone else will? Yes No

Can you care for the needs of your candidate's spouse/family over the weekend? Yes No

Are you aware of the importance of minimal or no contact with the candidate during the weekend, especially if the candidate is your spouse? Yes No

Does your candidate need a scholarship from the Great River Emmaus? Yes No If yes, why are you requesting a \$75.00 scholarship? (total cost of the weekend is \$150.00)

Are you willing to assist your candidate in getting into a Weekly Reunion Group? Yes No

Sponsor's Signature _____ Date: _____

A non-refundable deposit of \$25.00 is required by you or your Candidate to be applied to the total cost of \$150.00

-----THIS APPLICATION WILL BE HELD IN STRICT CONFIDENTIALITY -----

GREAT RIVERS EMMAUS CANDIDATE APPLICATION/REGISTRATION

Husband and wife applications should be submitted at the same time. Any exceptions will be at the discretion of the Registrar Committee, Spiritual Director, and/or Community Lay Director.

Deposit Received: _____

Return to your sponsor or GRE Registrar: Mary Gillingham 316 N. Williams St Colchester, IL 62326

gillinghambm@yahoo.com

309-255-2038 309-776-3155

TO BE COMPLETED BY CANDIDATE;

Name: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone: _____ Name preferred on Nametag: _____

Your Age: _____ Married Divorced Separated Single Widowed (Circle One)

If married, spouse's name: _____

Will they attend an Emmaus Walk? Yes No (Circle one) Submit applications at the same time

Has your spouse ever attended? Emmaus Chrysalis Cursillo No (Circle One)

Emergency Contact Name _____

Emergency Contact Phone Number _____

Occupation: _____

Church now attending: _____ Pastor's Name _____

In what religious or community organizations are you active?

Has the Walk to Emmaus been explained to you? Yes No (Circle One)

Have weekly reunions and other Emmaus follow-up meetings been explained? Yes No (Circle One)

Are you on a special diet? Yes No If yes, what _____ (So meals can be planned)

Special medication? Yes No If yes, what? _____ (To remind you of times)

Do you have a health problem or physical handicap that may affect participation on an Emmaus

Weekend? Yes No If yes, please specify: _____ (Wheelchair, etc.)

State briefly why you wish to be involved in the Emmaus Community and what you expect from it:

Candidate Signature _____ Date: _____

All of the above information is necessary for your proper placement in a Walk to Emmaus. Please fill in all the blanks. Please enclose a registration deposit of \$25.00 unless Sponsor is paying. This will be applied to your total cost of \$150.00 that partially offsets the expenses of the weekend. This deposit is not



GREAT RIVER EMMAUS WOMEN'S WALK #26
February 13-16, 2020

ROW #1: Kathy Hull, Robyn Sprenger, Barb Edwards, Judy Hays, Helen McFarland, Tammy Carman, Donna Reid.

ROW #2: Mike Alberts, Jean Clow, **Lois Marie Harris**, Kathy Boyer, Dana Reid, Linda Spaun.

ROW #3: Donna Reeves, Sharon Lambert, Barbara Bruns, Peggy Burton, Sherry Clingingsmith, Anna Jurado, Maxine Paluska, Kathy Buckman.

ROW #4: Ginny Ersery, **Donna Miller**, Judy Lemons, Susan McCarty, Ginny Kennedy, **Laci Ford**, Cari Frink, Chris Vonderheide, **Jennifer Hathaway**.

ROW #5: Lisa Dalton, **Jeanine Cook**, Katie Sidwell, Kensey McGartland, Tom Lemons, **Jane Meginnes**, **Desiree Dennison**, Susie Lee, **Patty Bibb**.

Not Pictured: Gayle Pope

Pilgrims are denoted in **BOLD** print.



GREAT RIVER EMMAUS MEN'S WALK #25
January 30-February 2, 2020

ROW #1: Dave Lockhart, Roy Miller, Steve Loeschen, Craig Dennison, Elvin Hodges, Tom Wemhoener

ROW #2: Joe Booth, Claudia McCain, Tim Brice, Randy Azbell, Darren Griesbaum, Jarrett Wells

ROW #3: **RICHARD BURNHAM, HENRY PAUL ROUSH, RONALD PETTIGREW,**
FRANK SCHMIDT, Mark Schenk, Rick Atchley

ROW #4: Dan Clair, Nic Starman, **CALEB RUYLE, DAN WILSON,** Jim Lasher, Tom East, Paul Aden,
 Eric Rabe

ROW #5: **JOHN VANMETER, JR., ASHLY THOMAS, ANDREW CAMPBELL,** Craig Barnard,
 Charles Young, Andrew Barlow, **NATE HENNESSY, Chris Patterson**

Pilgrims are denoted in **BOLD** print.

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Walk to Emmaus
Quincy Franciscan Retreat Center
Sponsor's Hour:
Thursday at 8:00 p.m.
Apostolic Hour:
Saturday at 8:00 p.m.
Closing:
Sunday at 4:30 p.m.

Meal Times:
Fri & Sat
Breakfast 8 am, Lunch 12:30,
Dinner 5:30 pm Please bring a white
shirt and black pants to dinner to help
serve.
Sun
Breakfast 8 am, Lunch 12:00

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News from the Franciscan Retreat Center

There is discussion of replacing the furniture in the Gathering Room outside the Main Chapel. There will also be a sign in that area displaying the logos of the three Fourth Day movements that use this facility: Cursillo, Walk to Emmaus and TEC. Donations are always welcome to continue projects like this.

Just a reminder: The entire campus is smoke free.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Our Emmaus weekend is a wonderful gift from God that we are able to pass on to Pilgrims on each Walk. Remember your Walk and the amazing feeling of God's Love that you were surrounded with? The feeling of God's Love being poured out on you from so many of the community members? How indescribable the weekend was? We want to continue to provide this amazing experience to new Pilgrims. **We need a minimum of 10 Pilgrims signed up to go on each Walk or ahead of the deadline or we will have to cancel the Walk.** So please, get those applications filled out and sent in the Registrar. We want to do God's work and show His unending love to more of His children!!

We are trying to update our data records to make sure we can reach all our members. **Please respond to this letter with your current preferred email and phone number.** Also if you have contact information for others who have been on a Walk but are not getting emails please let us know how to contact them if they wish to receive emails and newsletters.

Another way to serve is to help provide scholarship dollars so that anyone can attend a Walk regardless of financial situation. We have always been greatly blessed with the generosity of our dedicated community and we praise God for the giving spirit of so many! So thank you in advance for anything you feel called to contribute. **Please mail your contribution to Great River Emmaus, PO Box 5215, Quincy, IL 62305**

During the walk weekends, many hands are needed. **It is a great blessing to serve behind the scenes in the Workroom, The Agape Chapel, the and the kitchen.** Your community and the Pilgrims need you to come and be a part of the Body of Christ during these Walks. Prayer Warriors are needed for the whole 72 hours in the Agape Chapel. Help is needed in the kitchen and dining room from 6 AM to after dinner each day and also in the workroom (taking care of many needs of the conference room team, setting up the Chapel for worship, delivering Agape, gathering and sorting letters for Sunday and preparing packets for Pilgrims to take at the end of the weekend) It's a God filled time of fellowship and joy in doing His work together. **So come and help!!** For more information about serving behind the scenes, contact someone any board rep, your sponsor or anyone you know that is involved in our Emmaus community, we really need more people to get involved!

God has blessed us all in so many ways and so many times over. As your Emmaus Board we want to ask for God's multitude of Blessings for you and your families, and wishes for a glorious time of love spent with your loved ones for each of you!

In Christ's Love and in joy of service to Him, Your Emmaus Board members

