

GREAT RIVER EMMAUS (GRE) COMMUNITY UPDATE

April 2021

WAYS TO STAY IN TOUCH AND SUPPORT GRE!

Be a part of your Emmaus community through Facebook! This is a private group. Simply hit "JOIN GROUP" if you do not have full access.
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/GreatRiverEmmaus/>

Visit our website!
www.GreatRiverEmmaus.org

Watch your email for ongoing communications & updates!

If you are not in a Reunion Group, get involved by emailing Craig Dennison (cdennison09@gmail.com) for a list of Reunion Groups – or start your own.

Be an active participant in the Emmaus community!

Luke 24: 13-35



WALKS #27 & #28

Men's walk #27 and Women's Walk #28 are approaching! As you read in your March Update, Prep Weekend and the 2021 Walks will be held at LaMoine Christian Service Camp and Retreat Center in Tennessee IL.

Mark your calendar & plan on spending at least a portion of your weekend checking out LaMoine Christian Camp and supporting your Emmaus community as a volunteer.

Prep weekend	August 13-15
Men's walk #27	August 26-29
Women's walk #28	September 9-12

Safety continues to be a priority, and many questions have been raised regarding COVID precautions. GRE will follow state requirements, and right now it is not known what stage Illinois will be in at the time of the prep weekend and Walks. While the meeting space at LaMoine allows for social distancing, sleeping quarters seem questionable.

A decision was made at the March board meeting to take a leap of faith that the walks WILL take place. If mask restrictions and limited group gatherings are still in place, the board will need to revisit.

Mike Alberts, board member and Spiritual Director for Walk #26, shared a call for prayer on our GRE Facebook page:
Emmaus prayer warriors - I'm calling on all of you to be fervent in prayer for our upcoming Walks this fall. Pray that all obstacles that Satan throws will be overcome. Pray for Carl and Lisa Herman as they work to form their teams. Pray for Rev. Connie Jenkins and me as we work to form the clergy teams. Pray for your Board as they work through the logistics of preparing for Walks after a year of uncertainty. Pray for the Pilgrims that God intends to experience these weekends. Most importantly, claim the victory our prayers have already won as we serve our God who is greater than anything this world might throw at us. We've got about 4 months until the Walks and I pray that you'll join me for the long haul. Christ is counting on us! DeColores!

HELP!

Our community database is outdated!

Please complete a Support Team Service Commitment, which includes your name, address, email, phone, and past walk participation. Clergy – please complete the Clergy Team Service Commitment. These forms are available on our website.

STAY INFORMED & INVOLVED!

GRE Website

www.GreatRiverEmmaus.org

Pilgrim, Sponsor, Support Team Services Commitment & Clergy Team Service Commitment forms are in the FORMS section. General information and newsletters are also on the site.

GRE Facebook

Participate in the Great River Emmaus private page on Facebook!

General GRE email:

greatriveremmaus@gmail.com

PILGRIM AND SPONSOR FORMS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE “FORMS” SECTION ON OUR GRE

WEBSITE: www.GreatRiverEmmaus.org

The Donation page on our GRE website has been updated. Plans are underway to implement a PayPal account so electronic donations will be possible

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Gatherings: Watch email and Facebook for details on future Community Gatherings! While we all want to meet in person, the safety of our community is of utmost concern. Enjoying fellowship and food is missed – and we are all looking forward to gathering soon, whether in person or via Zoom.

Board Meeting: The next GRE Board meeting is Monday, April 26, at 7:00 p.m. Please request a Zoom meeting link on the GRE website if interested in attending.

TEAM SELECTION COMMITTEE

New members are being appointed to serve the following geographic areas: LaMoine (IL counties of Hancock, Schuyler & McDonough); RAB (IL counties of rural Adams & Brown); Quincy; GPS (IL counties of Green, Pike & Scott); NM (North MO counties of Lewis, Clark, Scotland, Knox & Lee Co IA); SM (South counties of Marion, Shelby, Ralls & Monroe). Please contact Mary Gillingham, Kathy Wyatt, or Deb Meservey if you would like to be considered for this two-year term.

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