

GREAT RIVER WALK TO EMMAUS (GRE) COMMUNITY UPDATE

November 2021

ARE YOU ON FACEBOOK?

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/>

In order to join the FB private group, you must have attended a Walk to Emmaus or similar 3-day event, such as Cursillo, Via de Cristo, etc. A few questions will be asked, which must be answered before joining.

ARE YOU IN A REUNION GROUP?

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.

Luke 24: 13-35



GRE UPCOMING WALKS

Men's Walk #27 – January 27-30

Women's Walk #28 – February 24-27

The Winter Walks are planned to be held at Quincy University. The GRE Board continues to monitor COVID variants and requirements.

Our Lay Director for the Men's Walk is Damon Whittaker and the Spiritual Director is Mike Alberts. Damon is building the team, calling a fresh slate of team members determined by Team Selection. Men originally called for Walk #27 may or may not be called to serve on this team since we have a different Lay Director.

Our Lay Director for the Women's Walk is Lisa Herman, with Connie Jenkins serving as Spiritual Director.

Please RETURN THE CALL if Damon or Lisa contact you. They have a very short window to compile teams #27 and #28. It is important you let them know as quickly as possible whether or not you feel called to serve.

SPONSOR NOW!

Please get sponsor & pilgrim forms submitted!

Fees remain the same at \$50 for prep weekend and \$150 for walk.

Volunteers staying all night at the QU Retreat Center will be charged \$32.19 per night.

Complete the application process now. Remember, ten pilgrim application forms and payment is required to hold each walk. QU requests confirmation of meals 10-14 days before weekends. Let's ensure we have enough pilgrims for Walks #27 & 28 BEFORE Prep Weekend January 7!

Forms are available on the Great River Emmaus website at <http://www.greatriveremmaus.org/sample-page/get-involved>

Please pray for your GRE Community and Board.

Pray for Teams #27 and #28 – and pray for the pilgrims who will attend.

Our world seems filled with deceit and negativity. Our Emmaus community is Christ's hand and feet – His LIGHT.

Make a positive difference!

- **Sponsor a pilgrim(s)**
- **Make agape**
- **Volunteer to serve on the Walk(s)**
- **Donate money to GRE**

PRAY – PRAY – PRAY

WHY SPONSOR PILGRIM(S)? WHY VOLUNTEER?

We are Christ's hands and feet on earth. We are told to spread the gospel and to encourage each other in our walk with Christ.

It is up to us to be a light, as outlined in Matthew 5:14-16 "You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."

It is up to us to encourage one another, as stated in Hebrews 3:14-14 "Watch out, brothers and sisters, so there won't be in any of you any evil, unbelieving heart that turns away from the living God. But encourage each other daily, while it is still called today, so that none of you is hardened by sin's deception. For we have become participants in Christ if we hold firmly until the end, the reality that we had at the start."

The objective of Emmaus is to inspire, challenge, and equip local church members for Christian action in their homes, churches, and places of work. Emmaus lifts up a way for our grace-filled lives to be lived and shared with others. The walk offers spiritual renewal, defined as "to make new; restore freshness, life, or quality - or to make spiritually new."

Do your part to spread the gospel ... to be a light – an encourager – to instill spiritual renewal in the lives of future pilgrims! Christ is counting on YOU!

NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Joining the board in January will be Jack Hull, Kathy Hull, Ed Reid, Robyn Sprenger and Jim Clayton (Clergy). Thank you to retiring board members Rick Bridges, Kevin Cadwell, Allen Vinyard, Mike Wilson (Clergy) and Kathy Wyatt.

Steve Loeschen is leaving the area, and Randy Azbell will fill the two years remaining in his term.

GRE DECEMBER BOARD MEETING

The December 20 GRE Board Meeting will begin at 6:00 pm at Mount Olivet Church with a meet and greet enabling new board members can meet current board members.

UPCOMING WALKS

COVID has changed the world we live in, and the ways we do things. GRE does have a COVID task force, and as a community will do everything possible to help ensure a safe walk. Details/more information will follow.

AGAPE & FINANCIAL DONATIONS

January is just around the corner. Start working on your personal agape, making 50 pieces for each the Men's and Women's walks! Financial contributions are also welcome! Mail to Great River Emmaus, P O Box 5215, Quincy IL 62305. Your donation can help toward future pilgrim scholarships!