

# GREAT RIVER WALK TO EMMAUS (GRE) COMMUNITY UPDATE

February 2022

## DO YOU REALIZE ...

Being Super Bowl and Valentine's weekend ... typically we would be at QU North Campus hosting a walk!

This year we have an extra week to rally our community into action!

Men's Walk #27 was completed two weeks ago – January 27-30. It felt so good to gather – and most important, lives were impacted! Reports/weekend recaps will be shared in our Spring Fourth Day newsletter.

You are an important part of Great River Walk to Emmaus. Please pray and do what you can to support your community and transform lives.

Women's Walk #28  
February 24-27  
Lay Director Lisa Herman  
Spiritual Director Connie Jenkins

**Luke 24: 13-35**



## SPECIAL UPDATE EDITION TO RALLY OUR COMMUNITY!

### Please consider volunteering to serve during Walk #28 - February 24-27

The schedule will be the same as shared in January – it will be emailed again closer to the walk.

## SERVICE TEAMS NEEDING YOUR ASSISTANCE

### Agape Chapel:

Commit to praying for the team/pilgrims/GRE Community  
<https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/627776854094/false#/invitation>

Board rep: Robyn Sprenger  
[robdob75@hotmail.com](mailto:robdob75@hotmail.com) 217.220.2511

### Kitchen:

Help is needed getting things set up and serving food

Board rep: Connie Jenkins

[cjenkins@casscom.com](mailto:cjenkins@casscom.com) 217.430.7564

Connie is serving as Spiritual Director, and needs volunteers to help in the kitchen.

### Workroom:

Help is needed behind the scenes – food in snack room, assembling packets, distributing agape ... the special touches that makes the weekend so memorable

Board rep: Mike Alberts

[mcalberts@rallstech.net](mailto:mcalberts@rallstech.net) 573.248.7657

Mike is serving as Assistant Spiritual Director (and Cheryl is also on the team), so please allocate time to help.

### Overnight Volunteer Fund

Support our community members who travel & need lodging by making a donation to GRE, notating "Overnight Volunteer Fund" in the memo. (Quincy University charges \$96)

### Additional opportunity:

Assemble agape to share with our pilgrims & team.  
50 of each item is needed.

**MOST OF ALL: SPONSOR PILGRIMS!**

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

**March 13** a community gathering will be held at Union United Methodist Church, Quincy IL, at 2:00. Come welcome our new Walk 27 & 28 pilgrims!

Our Winchester Group is also planning a gathering. Watch your email and Facebook for more information.

## PLEASE CONTINUE TO BE IN PRAYER

Your prayers are needed for your Emmaus community, Walk #27 Team & Pilgrims' Fourth Day, Walk #28 Team & Pilgrims, your GRE Board, and Walks being held throughout the world. Your prayers DO make a difference!

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## COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTOR MESSAGE

Dear Great River Emmaus Sisters and Brothers,

Praise God! Walk 27 was a huge blessing. As we support Walk 28 and future ministry, sponsoring, and serving I want to share with you a particular moment I had at the men's closing. As I went forward to thank the team, encourage the pilgrims and reach out to the community, the Holy Spirit came over me with a peace and reminder of my Walk closing, #130 in Springfield, February 1999. The Spirit showed me the love, caring and strength I received on that weekend. I was overwhelmed and could not hold back tears of joy.

Do you remember? Have you looked at the back of your cross lately? Have you considered coming back and getting involved in this ministry? We have great opportunities for you to join board members on committees to serve Great River Emmaus.

And ...Calling all who play an instrument! We will be having a music get together a week or two after the Walk, to teach and encourage more weekend musicians. All who love music are welcome.

Next board meeting - After Glow for the Walks & more - is 6:30 p.m. February 28 in Pittsfield at 321 West Washington (Illini Hospital Business Center). All are welcome! Christ is counting on us, and we are counting Him! Jack Hull, Community Lay Director

## GRE BOARD

Your board includes Mike Alberts ([mcAlberts@rallstech.net](mailto:mcAlberts@rallstech.net) 573.248.7657), Randy Azbell ([randy.azbell@yahoo.com](mailto:randy.azbell@yahoo.com) 217.617.8943), Jim Clayton ([claytonfamilyiv@hotmail.com](mailto:claytonfamilyiv@hotmail.com) 309.313.4696), Lisa Dalton ([lisamarie851@hotmail.com](mailto:lisamarie851@hotmail.com) 217.491.3409), Craig Dennison ([cdennison09@gmail.com](mailto:cdennison09@gmail.com) 217.242.2157), Mary Gillingham ([qillinghambm@yahoo.com](mailto:qillinghambm@yahoo.com) 309-255-2038), Judy Hays ([hays89@comcast.net](mailto:hays89@comcast.net) 217.242.0122), Jack Hull (Community Lay Director [jackcyhull@yahoo.com](mailto:jackcyhull@yahoo.com) 217.473.5151), Kathy Hull ([kathy.hull@blessinghealthsystem.org](mailto:kathy.hull@blessinghealthsystem.org) 217.430.7645), Connie Jenkins ([cjenkins@casscomm.com](mailto:cjenkins@casscomm.com) 217.430.7564), Kipp Proefrock ([proeskipp@gmail.com](mailto:proeskipp@gmail.com) 217.589.4188), Ed Reid ([edreid73@icloud.com](mailto:edreid73@icloud.com) 573.248.6270), Robyn Sprenger ([robdob75@hotmail.com](mailto:robdob75@hotmail.com) 217.220.2511), and Mike Wilson (Community Spiritual Director [revwilsn@marktwain.net](mailto:revwilsn@marktwain.net) 660.216.7838). There are currently two open positions to soon be filled.

## REMEMBER

- Pilgrim & Sponsor applications are available on the GRE website: [www.greatriveremmaus.org](http://www.greatriveremmaus.org)
- To contribute toward Pilgrim/Team Member Scholarships or the Overnight Volunteer Fund, mail to:  
GREAT RIVER EMMAUS – P O BOX 5215 – QUINCY IL 62305

**THANK YOU for supporting our Great River Emmaus Community!  
CHRIST IS COUNTING ON US!**