

GREAT RIVER WALK TO EMMAUS (GRE) COMMUNITY UPDATE

FEBRUARY 2024

IT'S UP TO YOU

Without you stepping up to serve as Christ's hands and feet throughout the year – Great River Walk to Emmaus won't exist. What can you do?

Sponsor Pilgrims! Volunteer to help on committees. Assist with short-term projects! There are many tasks that can be done at home. If you have computer skills – we've got plenty of opportunities to choose from 😊 If you're a hands-on person who doesn't like technology – there is much for you, too! There's something for everyone! Board member contact information is on the back; and we're waiting for your call, text, or email.

Remember what Emmaus/a closer walk with Christ has done for you. May it inspire you to become active in making a difference so people can participate in a 3-day walk, experiencing His real presence through their 4th days.

Luke 24: 13-35



**BE PART OF THE ACTION! SUPPORT THE
UPCOMING WALKS!**

Quincy University North Campus

Men's Walk #35

February 22-25

Lay Director, Elvin Hodges
Spiritual Director, Gary Sheets

Women's Walk #36

March 14-17

Lay Director, Joyce Whitaker
Spiritual Director, Helen McFarland

Prep Weekend is February 9-11 ... and in addition to needing PRAYERS, we need FOOD!

Our community provides the meals prep weekend. If you can cook, pay for the catering of food, or help serve ... now's your chance! Contact Ed Reid, our Community Lay Director (phone number on back) or Connie Jenkins (217.430.7564 or cjenkins@casscomm.com) to volunteer!

For Walk Weekend ...

Can you pray? Lisa Herman is putting together the Agape Chapel schedule to ensure our community prays the full 72 hours of God's walk. All shifts are needed – especially those through the night. Not able to sleep? PRAY! Here's the link to sign up!

<https://signup.com/go/umxkzLZ>

Can you serve food? You don't have to cook it – on walk weekends the food is catered! However, we need individuals to serve!

Can you help make copies, deliver agape, ensure all elements are in place for those on the walk? Volunteer in the Workroom!

More of a physical person? People are needed to help set up before the weekend – and tear down Sunday afternoon. Very important service!

Are you crafty? Get busy now! Agape is needed for the Men's and Women's walks! Fifty pieces for each walk is distributed. Mark your box or bag with your name. If there is unused agape after the walk, it can be returned to you to add to it for the next one.

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Applications on
www.greatriveremmaus.org

WEEKEND RATES

Great River Emmaus has never had a rate increase, and must do so now to help cover costs.

Weekend rates increased to \$170.00 for the upcoming walks.

Prep weekend increased to \$85.00.

Volunteers can stay for \$34.76/night.

Can you contribute toward GRE scholarships to enable pilgrims and team members, who otherwise could not afford to participate, attend a walk? Mail to Great River Emmaus, P O Box 5215, Quincy IL 62305

There is a place for YOU every Walk Weekend. it's great to bond with fellow believers – and what a blessing to help provide the Emmaus experience to pilgrims!

AND, NOW?

Community members are needed behind the scenes throughout the year:

Can you use a computer? We need people who can use an Excel spreadsheet – people who can send/receive GRE Agape Letter emails, people who like to write. YOU are needed! There are many areas needing help – so you have a choice how you'd like to serve areas to choose from.

Are you willing to call people? Help is needed updating Ministry Manager. That is our community member data base.

Can you log on a computer and update your profile? That would help immensely. It's hard to communicate with our community without a phone number or email. Instructions are our website www.greatriveremmaus.net

Whatever your gift(s) – please share. Contact a board member or Judy Hays (217.242.0122) to match your gifts with opportunities to serve.

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EMMAUS COMMUNITY WEEKEND SCHEDULE - QUINCY UNIVERSITY NORTH CAMPUS

All of these opportunities are open to people who have previously attended a 3 Day Event.

Friday

Meals: 8:00 am Breakfast
12:30 pm Lunch
5:30 pm Dinner

Saturday

Meals: 8:00 am Breakfast
12:30 pm Lunch
5:30 pm Special Dinner
*If Escorting/Serving, Meet by 4:45 in the kitchen. Wear White Shirt and Black Pants/Skirt, Nametags
*Gut Bucket Entertainment participants, Meet by 5:30 behind kitchen

Sponsors and Spouses of pilgrims cannot be in the dining room area, but are encouraged to help in the kitchen, workroom and agape chapel.

Saturday (continued)

8:00 pm Apostolic Hour in Main Chapel followed by Candlelight Ceremony
*7:45 pm Childcare available (room off Main Chapel Lobby area)

Sunday

Meals: 8:00 am Breakfast
12:00 pm Lunch
4:30 pm Closing Service in Main Chapel
*4:15 pm Childcare available (room off of Main Chapel Lobby)

Help cleaning up as walk closes/after Closing is appreciated! Come by – there are things to do, especially 2:00 until close