

GREAT RIVER WALK TO EMMAUS (GRE) COMMUNITY UPDATE

May 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!
w.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



UPCOMING WALKS #27 & #28

Mark your calendar & plan on spending at least a portion of your weekend checking out LaMoine Christian Camp in Tennessee, IL, 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

- Carl Herman is serving as the lay director for Walk #27, and Mike Alberts as the Spiritual Director.
- Lisa Herman is serving the lay director for Walk #28, and Connie Jenkins as the Spiritual Director.

We are planning in faith. 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.

Please pray for the teams and the pilgrims called for these walks. And, put your faith into action and talk to individuals you know/feel called to invite.

Pilgrim, sponsor, and volunteer forms are available in the "FORMS" section on our GRE website:

www.GreatRiverEmmaus.org

Why is Emmaus involvement relevant and important today?

Connie Jenkins shared these thoughts:

Acts 2:42-47 describes the early church. They worshipped together, evangelized together, studied together, and loved together. These verses tell how they were generous toward each other and welcomed the fellowship around their tables and homes. And God blessed them by adding to their numbers. Doesn't that sound like our Emmaus community? We are all ages, socio-economic levels, denominations; yet we are bonded together by our experience on the Weekend and our devotion to Jesus. We are united by our common love and aren't concerned about other issues that are not relevant to our community's good. Each one's gifts are welcomed and appreciated! Everyone is heard and respected! I think that is exactly what our Lord had in mind for the Church.

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Our community database is outdated!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!

GRE “LIVE” GATHERING!

Saturday – June 5 – 4:00-6:00 pm
Wavering Park - Quincy

Our GRE community will once again gather and enjoy fellowship (and of course food!). A picnic is planned. Table service and bottled water will be provided. Bring a dish to share. It's also fine, if you are more comfortable, to bring a personal meal. Gatherings such as this are open to individuals who have not attended an Emmaus walk.

The official name of our community is Great River Walk to Emmaus. We use GRE as an acronym.

TEAM SELECTION MEMBERS NEEDED

Interested in serving on Team Selection? Representatives are needed in the LaMoine; Rural Adams/Brown counties; Quincy; Green/Pike/Scott counties; and North MO counties of Lewis/Clark/Scotland & Knox Co IA areas. Contact Mary Gillingham, Steve Loeschen, or Mike Wilson today!

COMMUNITY TRAINER

Do you have a teacher's heart and the gift of communication? The Upper Room requires each Emmaus chapter have a Community Trainer. This person will provide training to our Emmaus community. Support, including training and manuals, is provided by Upper Room. Anyone interested in exploring this new role can contact Deb Meservey for more information.

GRE BOARD COMMITTEES

<u>Lay Director Training</u> Deb Meservey Kevin Cadwell Judy Hays	<u>Board Advisor training</u> Deb Meservey Judy Hays	<u>Agape Chapel</u> Amanda Barlow (chair) Allen Vinyard Rick Bridges
<u>Supply Room</u> Kevin Cadwell Tim Kamradt	<u>Work Room and Personal Agape</u> Mike Alberts Kathy Wyatt	<u>CMA</u> Jeff Haskell Amanda Barlow
<u>Kitchen</u> Rick Bridges Allen Vinyard Connie Jenkins	<u>Registrars</u> Kathy Wyatt Mary Gillingham	<u>Fundraising</u> Mike Wilson Steve Loeschen
<u>Communications</u> Jeff Haskell Judy Hays	<u>Team selection</u> Mary Gillingham Steve Loeschen Mike Wilson	<u>4th Day Committee</u> Craig Dennison, Chair Group Reunions Craig Dennison Gatherings Connie Jenkins
<u>Committees of 1</u> Logistics Tim Kamradt Data administrator Claudia McCain Childcare Deb Meservey	<u>Committees of 1</u> Music Jeff Haskell QU Facility Tim Kamradt Historian Mike Aberts	<u>Executive Committee</u> Community Spiritual Director Mike Wilson Lay Director Deb Meservey 1st Asst. Lay Director Kevin Cadwell 2nd Asst. Lay Director Judy Hays Secretary Amanda Barlow
<u>Committees of 1</u> Support Crew Committee Craig Dennison Candlelight/Sponsors' Hour Mike Alberts Nashville Liaison Deb Meservey Community training Mike Wilson	<u>Community Helpers</u> (not all-inclusive) Facebook admin: Jen Dougherty Website: Tom Lemons Quincy childcare: Candy Moore Data administrator: Claudia McCain Agape Chapel: Dave Lockhart Treasurer: Candy Moore	