

GREAT RIVER Walk to EMMAUS 4th Day (GRE) Newsletter

Spring 2025

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BE PART OF THE ACTION! SUPPORT THE UPCOMING WALKS!

Upcoming Gatherings!

May Gathering

May 18th, 2025
2-4pm
Hydesburg United
Methodist Church
53349 Hydesburg Road
Hannibal, MO 63401

Bring a friend and a
snack!

You do not have to have
attended a Walk to come
to a Gathering.

Luke 24: 13-35



Important Upcoming Dates!

There are multiple upcoming dates for you to put on your calendar. Or print off and cut out this box and put it on your fridge!

Fall Walk Dates:

Location: Lamoine Christian Service Camp,
Tennessee, IL

Prep Weekend: August 1st-3rd

Men's Walk: August 14th – 17th

Lay Director: Rusty Shultz

Women's Walk: August 21st – 24th

Lay Director: Barb Edwards

hint* If you ask someone **NOW, they can ask off work!*

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ROW #1: Brent Clair, Gayle Pope, Jim Dallmeyer, Allen Vinyard, Jim Dewey, Kim Parker, Charlie Janus, Rick Bridges, Jeff Haskell
ROW #2: Harold Smith, Chuck Young, Dewey Frey, Chris Patterson, Archie Wells, Rob Brogdon, Billy Harris
ROW #3: Dakota Young, Tom Strubinger, Shane Malin, Andy Moore, Mike Alberts, Andrew Barlow
ROW #4: Andy Thomeczek, **Scott Neisen**, Curt Eddington, Brady Wells, Richard Klusmeyer, Dion Branch, Craig Dennison
 Pilgrims are denoted in BOLD print.

First, I'd like to thank all of the members of the community who gave so much to the team and the pilgrims of Walk 39. Thanks to the team members who knocked it out of the park.

God was truly at work. I can't think of anything that would have made the event better. We had 8 pilgrims, some of whom had taken part in other 4th Day events like Cursillo and Via De Christo. We also had one team member who has given several talks through Cursillo.

The changes we made in food selections were good and we had plenty of desserts thanks to members of the Emmaus Community. Our team had a good mix of new and longtime members of the community.

We had some unique situations come up and I was able to lean on my ALD's, my board rep and other veterans to work through them. There were no major crises thankfully, but we were prepared if there had been one. All of the team members who had given talks in the past were encouraged to have their previous talks with them in case someone had to leave during the walk as was nearly the case. But all worked out in the end.

The biggest thing to remember is Let Go and Let God! God is working with you and will see to it that the walk is what God needs it to be. I may have gotten more out of it than some of the pilgrims, and that's a blessing I feel I did not deserve but, that's what grace is all about isn't it?

De Colores!
 Jim Dewey
 Lay Director, Great River Emmaus Walk #39



ROW #1: Helen McFarland, Barb Edwards, Mary Jean Sheets, Mike Alberts, Chris Vonderheide, Jen Dougherty, Helen Hettinger, Mandy Hatchel, Tammy Carman

ROW #2: Tami Bloom, Sandy Brogdon, Shannon Wingler, Marcia Johnson, Kay Graff, Connie Vance, Angela English, Dana Reid, Dina Spencer, Robyn Williams, Cindy Haxel, Jean Clow, Becky Bohrer, Susan Abbott

ROW #3: Andrew Barlow, Amber Keys, Nancy Hill, April Kurfman, Penny McClenning, Mary Ripper, Jennie VanDe Velde, Cynthia Newton, Sara Klusmeyer, Cari Frink, Mindi Gronewold, Kyle Frink

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First, I would like to thank the board for the honor of entrusting me to lead this walk. Thank you also to the team and community for doing so much to make the Walk happen.

Thursday night started off really well, making new best friends and preparing for our three-day journey. Thursday night's reflection was a welcome respite from the world and the craziness that is out there. Friday, we saw Satan at work. I am so thankful to the team for keeping such a close eye on everyone within the conference room and doing everything they could to make sure that everyone in the room felt loved and that they were comfortable and healthy. I especially want to thank them for the compassion that was displayed and all they did to continue to take care of business, despite some setbacks both personal and medical. It was incredible to see their love poured out to those who needed some extra love and attention. Saturday was just amazing from start to finish. We started out joyfully and ended with a Candlelight that was more moving to me than I ever dreamed it would be and just as impactful to me as it was on my pilgrim walk. My heart was full ♥ Sunday was just a great day all around there was a lot of love, laughter, tears sharing and singing. We kicked off the weekend with 12 pilgrims. We did lose two of the pilgrims on Friday however, we had 10 pilgrims who had the love of Jesus just shining through them at closing. I loved hearing their heartfelt testimonies as to what the walk had meant to them and what they were going to do about it. Seeing all of their hearts so full just made my heart even fuller. It was my honor and privilege to have served at the back table and have the opportunity to watch the entire weekend unfold. It meant more to me than any of you will ever know, and so much more than I ever expected.

Your Sister in Christ,
Chris Vonderheide, Lay Director Walk #40
De Colores!

A Change is Coming!

GiveButter.org has changed policies regarding not charging a fee for texting services. GRE will be changing services, and I am in the process of getting this set up completely. We will likely also be changing online donation services to have our own Venmo and PayPal accounts. I will keep you posted as I work out this change.

For now, all information below is correct.

Any questions, please contact me: Jen Dougherty (319) 795-7680

Staying Current on Emmaus News

HAVE YOU JOINED US ON FACEBOOK?

While social media can be a pain, it is also one of the easiest and cheapest ways to get information out to a lot of people. If you haven't already, please join us on the Great River Walk to Emmaus Facebook Page at:

www.facebook.com/groups/GreatRiverEmmaus

Regular updates are posted on Facebook with upcoming Walk dates, how to serve, Gathering information, fundraisers, etc.

EMAIL UPDATES

Emails are being sent through the mass messaging system. If you need information sent out to the Emmaus community, please email: contactus@greatriveremmaus.org

Please do not respond to the mass email as it will not go through.

TEXT UPDATES

Text updates are coming from (217) 375-2611 – please save this number as a contact in your phone as Great River Emmaus. Otherwise, it may go to your spam folder.

If you are not getting texts and would like to, please email contactus@greatriveremmaus.org with your name and cell phone number. If you are getting texts and do not want to, please respond to the text with the word "Stop" and it will unsubscribe you.

Please DO NOT respond to the text otherwise – it is not monitored!

Board Meetings

Board Meetings are open to the Community and are held on the 4th Monday of every month at 6:30pm (unless there is a major holiday). The **May Board of Directors Meeting**: May 26th @ 6:30pm at the Madison Park Commons Building (behind the church, enter through the bank drive off 48th Street).

If you would like to attend but can't be there in person, you can also attend on Zoom. Below is the invitation link that always remains the same, month to month.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/95619162824?pwd=53gmZBP0rHFbrwwOBPBZ2jGL2dTAR.1>

Meeting ID: 956 1916 2824

Passcode: 374812

