

GREAT RIVER Walk to EMMAUS (GRE) Newsletter

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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
2760 East County Road 1630 – Tennessee, IL

Prep Weekend: July 31 – August 2, 2026

Men’s Walk: August 13 – 16, 2026

Lay Director: Joe Booth

Spiritual Director: Kyle Frink

Women’s Walk: August 20 – 23, 2026

Lay Director: Dina Spencer

Spiritual Director: Kim Parker

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

YOUR 2026 GRE BOARD:

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Next Board Members

The next Great River Emmaus Board Meeting is at 6:30 p.m., Monday, April 27, 2026, at Madison Park Christian Church, Quincy, IL, in Room 106.

Great River Emmaus Men's Walk #43



ROW #1: Brad Clair and Brent Clair.

ROW #2: David Englund, Jim Dewey, David Rife, Kent Vonderheide, Kyle Phillips, Charlie Janus, Mike Alberts, Ronald Pettigrew, Eric Anderson, Kim Parker and Rusty Schultz.

ROW #3: **Kevin Kerker**, **Jeffrey Palmer**, Tim O'Brien, **Adam Adair**, James Abbott, **Randy Edwards**, Curt Eddington, Joe Sullivan, **Bob Bolte**, **David Rigsbee** and Corey Vinyard.

ROW #4: Cory Combs, Tom Wemhoener, **Devon Severs**, **Tom Sutton**, **Tanner Thornburg**, Tucker Shupe, Andy Thomeczek, **Brian Johnson**, Waylon Alexander, **Alexander Clancy**, **Burke Sullivan**, Dewey Frey and Andrew Campbell.

Pilgrims are denoted in **BOLD** print.

FROM THE LAY DIRECTOR

“The weekend was truly exceptional – one of the best spiritual teams we’ve ever had. A key to a successful weekend is for the Lay Director to step back and trust the Assistant Lay Directors to lead in their roles. The challenges that arise aren’t for one person to solve, but for the entire team to work through it together – lean on the people God has placed around you and trust them in the decision-making process.

“Above all, remember – it’s God’s walk!

“From the kitchen and work crew to the group work room, prayer team and chapel, every part played a vital role in making the weekend meaningful. It was incredible to witness how God moves through people, calling them forward and using their gifts in powerful ways throughout the weekend.”

Charlie Janus

FROM THE BOARD REPRESENTATIVE OF GRE WOMEN'S WALK #44

Lisa Herman served as Board Representative on the Great River Emmaus Women's Walk #44, which was led by Lay Director Linda Wilson.

"It is amazing to see how the room comes together, how the pilgrims and the team find or refresh their relationship with Christ. The Lord lets us all see they are not alone, no matter what has or is going on in their lives and that He has never let them.

"The team did wonderfully through the 72 hours being the backbone of the weekend through Christ's direction and all survived the challenges, directions, emotions, smiles and tears and especially the hugs. The pilgrims explained how uplifted they received this agape love, which we were all thankful for.

"Many of our community have been involved in past walks by being part of the conference room teams, working in the kitchen or workroom, registration or carrying luggage, cleaning bathrooms, running errands or praying for hours in the agape chapel and have felt the Holy Spirit. This walk was no different!

"Please keep in mind about working for the next walks in August at the LaMoine Church Camp in Tennessee, IL and to keep our pilgrim numbers going! If you didn't know, there were 20 pilgrims on this walk!!

"May each and every one of you be Blessed!! De Colores!

Lisa Herman

Board Meetings

Board Meetings are open to the Community and are held on the 4th Monday of every month at 6:30 p.m. (unless there is a major holiday).

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

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/95619162824?pwd=53grnZBP0rHFbrwwOBPBZ2jGL2dTAR.1>

Meeting ID: 956 1916 2824

Passcode: 374812

Great River Emmaus Women's Walk #44



ROW #1: Donna Clark Fuller, **Janet Poppema**, Mandy Hatchel, Dina Spencer, A. Lee Unger, Linda Wilson, Helen Hettinger, Mike Wilson, Claudia McCain, Gayle Pope, Lisa Herman and Rex.

ROW #2: Melissa Eschbach, Donna Reid, Lori Salisbury, **Susan Voss**, Mary Ripper, **Amy Vickers**, **Beth Baker**, **Karla Ragsdale**, **Ashley Koch**, Kathy Buckman, **Connie Sue Novotny** and Phyllis Campbell.

ROW #3: Judy Lemons, Susie Lee, Angela English, Kirsten Hildahl-Dewey, **Kelly Garnett**, **Olivia Koechle**, Susan McCarty, **Amber Jackson**, **Donna Otte**, Angela Huckstep, **Janice Jackson** and **Flo Lynn**.

ROW #4: **Carrie Parker**, **Rosemary Parker**, Tafi Lathrop, **Hope Dean**, **Marcia Rees**, **Bonnie Harrelson**, **Cindy Smith**, **Lakeia Gray** and Judy Hays.

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FROM THE LAY DIRECTOR

“We had seven tables, 34 team members and 20 pilgrims for a total of 54 in the conference room with one service dog. We had musicians step up and help at tables. We had one pilgrim whose leg swelled up. We prayed over her, and she made it through the weekend. We had a pilgrim with an amazing voice who stood up and sang acapella. It was just an amazing weekend! I was gifted with a serving platter from the team and was made by an ALD. I also was gifted a wooden cross signed by the whole conference room. I was so blessed!!”

Linda Wilson