



While they were talking and discussing, Jesus Himself came near and walked with them. Luke 24:15



## Thoughts From the Lay Director

Greetings Dear Emmaus Community!

Time flies when you're havin fun. LOVE community's 2012 walk season has concluded. Although it was disappointing to have to reschedule the men's fall walk, we still had a total of 56 pilgrims complete the 3 Walks. That is 56 people who were given the opportunity to experience the love of Jesus Christ at Ruggles Campground.

To our 56 newest members, I want to encourage you to continue to grow closer to Christ in your 4th days. One of the ways to do this is to join a share group. If there is not one that works for you, start a new one! The other thing I would encourage you to do is attend the Gatherings. LOVE Community has its Gatherings the 4th Tuesday of each month at the Washington UMC at 7:00pm. The Gathering is a great time of worship and fellowship. Remember " where Emmaus meets Emmaus eats". There is always great food to be shared after worship time.

To the rest of the community, come on out to the Gathering and get to know these 56 new members.

To all those that helped make these walks possible, THANK YOU!! whether you were part of the team, helped serve a meal, participated in the 72 hr. prayer vigil or attended services during a walk. Doing these things is being the hands and feet of Christ.

The 2012 walks were great. The 2013 walks will be even better if we begin to pray now "who would God have me sponsor on a walk?"

DeColores,

Alan Leonard ,  
Community Lay Director

## THANK YOU

Thanks Community for all of your prayers and volunteering. Thank you to all of the team members of Women's Walk # 25.

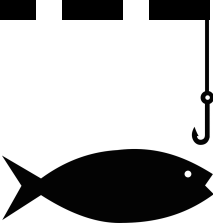
The 18 pilgrims on this Walk felt God's Love in a powerful way "because of each of you."

We live in a busy, busy world. I know it's hard to find the time and commitment for these walks, but you bless so many people "including yourself" when you make the time to support them.

So Community, let your light keep on shining so others will see HIS glory through each one of you.

DeColores

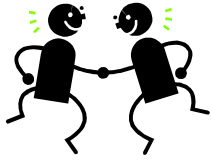
Russell Day, Volunteer Chair



## SPONSORSHIP

Welcome, Women's Walk #25! Hope your Emmaus experience was uplifting and you feel a portion of the love of Christ. Be thinking of who you would like to sponsor for the 2013 Walks to Emmaus. Remember, as Christians, we are all called to encourage each other in the Lord and show the love of Christ with others. Be praying for the upcoming walks and remember that the Lord goes before us!

In Christ,  
Kim Purdy , Sponsorship Chairperson



# WELCOME

## Women's Walk #25

### New Members of the LOVEmmaus Community

Amy Farrell	Donna Thompson
Chelsea Berry	Kathy Hamilton
Evelyn Polley	Mary Jablonski
Kim Jodrey	Maryalis Brindley
Laura Reed	Nancy Erhardt
Misty Jones	Rachel Stauder
LuAnn Doyle	Raydeena McFarland
Rosalie Rose	Sharon Hamilton
Stef McCray	Suzie Mitkenbaugh
Sue Burns	Tonya Hamilton
Yvonne Taylor	

## November Gathering

Tuesday, November 27 @ 7 PM

Washington United Methodist Church

## To Do List-AGAPE

I know that each of us has been touched by the agape we received during our Walk. Although the next walks are several months from now, it is a great time to start making table and bed agape for the Spring Walks. Let's each put agape on our 'to do list' this winter. This can be a great project for snowy days, or just a fun activity for your share group. Remember, you need to have 60 pieces for table agape and 30 pieces for bed agape. You may put the name of your share group or name of the church you attend, but **do not put individual names on agape**; making agape is another type of anonymous servanthood.

Elizabeth Reed, Agape Chairperson

# Women's Walk 25

God is good – All the time! I am amazed over and over again at the way God calls together team members, then brings new pilgrims to be part of the walk, then orchestrates the entire event in a way that involves countless members of the body of Christ. To see His people working together and being good stewards in the way they prepare for a walk is a blessing to see, and be a part of; but then to see the Holy Spirit move before, during, and after the walk is a truly awesome experience.

So many times doubt loomed in the air: Would there be enough pilgrims? Am I going to get everything ready in time? What have I forgotten? Are you sure you want me to be on this team? Are you sure you want me to go on this walk? But, with many prayers and God's leading we were able to persevere and God brought together a truly amazing group of women for the LOVE communities Women's Walk #25. We welcomed 18 new members to the LOVE community on Sunday, October 7, 2012. What a blessing they were to us on the walk and what a blessing they will be to have as part of the LOVE community.

Throughout the weekend we were reminded of God's love, His leading, and the endless grace He extends to us. In our fourth days let us hold on to what we have experienced in the treasure we call our Emmaus experience. Let us also hold on to God's promises to us and just as Joshua 1:9 reminds us "Be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For God is with us wherever we go."

De Colores!  
Shauna Brillhart

Lay Director LOVE Community WW #25

## From the Community Spiritual Director



I just finished reading a devotional by Rick Warren based on 1 John 3:16. We all know what John 3:16 says, but how many of us can quote 1 John 3:16? This verse tells us, “This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers.” Eugene Peterson puts it this way in *The Message*: “This is how we’ve come to understand and experience love: Christ sacrificed his life for us. This is why we ought to live sacrificially for our fellow believers, and not just be out for ourselves.” With the recent completion of Women’s Walk #25, I can look back and see that our community is very good at ‘laying down our lives’ for our brothers or our sisters. I think we often connect ‘laying down our lives’ with death. After all, we’re told that was the sacrifice Jesus made for us, so is that the sacrifice we need to make? What does ‘laying down our lives’ really mean? When Paul said that he ‘died daily’ (1 Corinthians 15:31), he certainly did not mean a physical death, although in his situation, that was always a possibility. He meant giving up his desires, his wants, his will, and doing the will of Christ, doing things that would benefit his brothers and sisters in Christ. Very few of us in the USA will ever be asked to physically die because of our faith. That happens in many places in our world and we need to pray regularly for Christians who are persecuted in such a manner, but we have been blessed to live in a nation where, at least for now, we don’t face such extreme measures.

John’s writings tell us to lay down our lives. Remember how you laid down your life during the most recent walks? You prayed in the middle of the night. You helped clean the camp grounds. You gave up a Thursday, Saturday, or Sunday evening. Some of you gave up several Saturdays or Friday evenings to prepare for the walk. You provided meals, agape, or snacks. You served in many different ways. This, my brothers and sisters, is laying down your life. You have done a great job being the hands and feet of Christ during our walks. The one thing I hope we are doing is not limiting the laying down of our lives to Emmaus Walks. Remember, the purpose of Emmaus is to develop strong leaders in our local churches. We need to continue to lay down our lives daily, as Paul said he did, and live our lives in such a way that we serve our brothers and sisters on a regular basis, not just during Emmaus Walks. I have no doubt that you are all living your lives in this manner but sometimes we need to slow down and examine our daily lives to make sure we are living as Christ would have us. I know Jesus died for us but we need to remember that he also lived for us. Let us live each day for Him.

DeColores,  
Bill Henry, LOVEmmaus Community Spiritual Director

*"Ketch-up" with the*

**Kitchen**



**“We will hold to the truth in love, becoming more and more in every way like Christ, who is the head of His body, the church. Under His direction, the whole body is fitted together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love.” Ephesians 4: 15-16 NLT**

Being the Kitchen Coordinator for the past 3 years has blessed me beyond words, but I will try anyway! I have never asked anyone for any type of help during this stretch that they did not respond with open hearts. Without all those people, this would be an impossible job, but with them, meals were prepared and served 9 times on each of the 10 walks. Many different people, share groups, and churches shared their love for the pilgrims and the LOVE Community in the work in the kitchen. It is a great place to begin serving during the Walks. When a share group or church group prepares and serves meals, it introduces new members of that group to servanthood. There are always jobs to do—some not so much fun, but still very important—floors to clean and dishes to wash! Continue to volunteer and enjoy being a part of “the whole body” that is healthy and growing and full of love.

Colette McGinnis, Kitchen Coordinator

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