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EAST CENTRAL INDIANA EMMAUS/CHRYSALIS NEWSLETTER

May 2022

Welcome from Community Lay Director

Dear Community: Happy Spring! We have lots to look forward to in Emmaus! Our gathering is May 5th at **Selma Christ UMC**, 9805 E Jackson St, Selma, IN 47383. Our theme is Honoring Mothers! Please join us at 6:30 for food, worship and fellowship. Invite others to join you!

As I reflect on Mothers I think of my own mother and my decision to invite her to the Walk to Emmaus. She was 90 when she attended, and I worked the walk. I was amazed to see how she came to life at the walk and how she loved the experience and the people. Also, how other people loved her. She went to be with our Lord and Savior four years ago. When I wear my Emmaus cross, I wear her cross as well. Be sure to let your motherly figures know what they mean to you this month! DeColores.

Feeling Unexpectedly Grateful This Mother's Day

This Mother's Day I want to say thank you. Thank you to God, my parents, and the ECI Emmaus community.

I was introduced to Emmaus when I was a teenager when my mom and dad went on their walks. They quickly became involved in the community, and I quickly began rolling my eyes when hearing titles like "SIA" or receiving an occasional strange request—like giving my mom all of my friend's' high school graduation gowns to use for "something" at an upcoming walk. My mom always wanted me to go on a walk and I was never that interested because that was my parent's thing. About 8 months after my mom passed away, Andi Craycraft invited me to go on Walk #40 and I knew that I couldn't say no. I had to do this for my mom. I never got to experience going on a walk with her but what I didn't expect was that when I went, I would see her everywhere.

I was in the place where she had spent many weekends, going through the schedule and traditions that she practiced, and surrounded by the people she loved and enjoyed serving with them. I could see why she loved the community and walks so much because they perfectly aligned with who she was — a caregiver, a hospitable servant, a positive friend, a determined leader, a faithful follower, a provider of A LOT of food, a detail-oriented worker, a reliable team member, a supportive voice, an expression of sacrificial love, and just a little bit crazy. :)

I'm thankful to the Emmaus community for being present during the highs and lows of my mother's life and for your continuous support and encouragement after her passing. Joining Emmaus has helped me grieve the loss of my mother and I give thanks to God, my parents, and all of you for that.

Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers out there and DeColores to everyone! Cara Bow, Women's Walk #40

Note: Elaine Tudor was a beloved member of the Emmaus Community.. She worked on innumerable walks She lost her fight to cancer two years ago. Her husband Clark Tudor and their daughter Cara continue to spread her love and memory through all that they do for Emmaus!



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One of my favorite verses in the Bible is Isaiah 55:10-11. "

As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return to it without watering the earth and making it bud and flourish, so that it yields seed for the sower, and bread for the eater, so is my word that goes out from my mouth: It will not return to me empty but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it."

This verse always reminds me of Spring. Every year around this time it seems that Spring struggles to take hold and Winter refuses to relinquish its icy grip. At times our faith may struggle while our doubts and fears may hold us down. I always take heart in the fact that God is true to His Word, and He is faithful to the end. If you are struggling and fearful just remember, God's Word is not void. His Word will achieve His purpose in your life. Hold on and keep the faith. Summer is just around the bend.

Rich Taylor Community Spiritual Director

Yes Sheets

We are already collecting Yes Sheets. Pray about your role in Walk #42.

Men's Walk March 16-19, 2023 Women's Walk March 23-26, 2023

The Body of Christ through Reunion Groups

We all know when Emmaus meets, Emmaus eats! But it is more than that. When Emmaus meets, we laugh, love and listen.

As our Father is growing our community, we need fellowship with one another more often. We need to support those going thru trials, encourage those walking in the steps of Jesus and share the victories of answered prayer with all.

We need you to be a part of a reunion group. A reunion group is the Emmaus community meeting together, in small groups once a month in your local area. There have been 8 available groups in our community in the month of April. Three additional groups are planned for May. We need each other! Are you willing to be an active member of the **BODY OF CHRIST** for Emmaus, and say "Yes, Lord, I'll do my part"?

For information on where and how to connect, contact Saundra Stephenson, 765 730 2381, Community Outreach.

DeColores

Emmaus community,

We have an opportunity to serve Blackford County in a unique way. And with something that we are really good at. On May 7, we will be having a Prayer Walk around Blackford County. We are asking that you and one other (or more) walk a mile and pray. Pray for our Country, Communities, Government, Schools, Hospitals, etc.

We are meeting at the Blackford High School at 9 AM, to gather as one, pray. Then go to our designated mile.

If you are interested, please call Jim Lee at (765)499-1537.

Let's drive Satan out, and usher Jesus in!!!





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Gathering Locations

Date	Location	Theme
May 6 6:30 pm	Selma Christ UMC 9805 E Jackson St Selma IN 47383	Celebrating Mothers
June 3 6:30 pm	Union Chapel 4622 S McGalliard Muncie, IN 47308	Celebrating Fathers
August 6 12:00-3:00 pm	Yorktown's Morrow Meadows 1901 S Tiger Dr Yorktown IN 47396	Picnic- Hawaiian Theme
September 2 6:30 pm	Yorktown UMC 2301 S Broadway Yorktown, IN 47396	Fall Fiesta
October 7 6:30pm	New Horizon Church 611 E 53 rd St Anderson, IN 46013	No tricks, All Treats!
November 4 6:30 pm	Lighthouse Church 2101 SR 3 Hartford City, IN 47348	Thankfulness
December 2 6:30 pm	New Life Presbyterian Church 8000 West River Road Yorktown, IN 47396	Praise Fest