

**Elizabethtown Emmaus
Newsletter
June 2002**

DeColores,

Blessed are those whose strength is in you, who have set their hearts on pilgrimage. Psalm 84:5

So, how has your pilgrimage been this past month? Are you getting closer to the goal? Are you dancing with Christ? I'll probably wear you out this year talking about your journey and mine but folks, that is a lot of what Emmaus is all about. Remember those two men on a journey to Emmaus and Christ caused their hearts to burn within them.

Have your hearts burned within you lately? If not then open your Emmaus reunion card and look on the inside. See the questions about Piety, Study and Action? Okay where are you not concentrating your efforts so that God can speak to you? Are you getting sufficient time in worship, meditation and study? Are you participating in Christian Action? If you cannot answer yes to all these questions you may not be dancing with Christ. The commitment for this month is to take as hard a look at your journey as a Christian as you would look at your vacation plans. Did it ever occur to you that we would be in bad shape if God took two weeks vacation?

Some of our journeys are going to be real traveling journeys. The youth group and its leaders from Grace Heartland are going on a mission trip as I imagine many of the local churches and/or their youth groups will be this summer. I will pray each of you planning mission work this summer find hungry souls and you arrive loaded with bread and living water for them

There is one journey I am not anticipating with joy. Our community spiritual director is leaving our area and journeying to Morganfield, KY where he will pastor the Methodist Church in that town. I will be sending Garland Hawkins and his wife Sue off with my prayers that the Lord will use them in a mighty

way in this new setting. My heart will be heavy though as I bid goodbye to really good friends and terrific domino opponents.

Bob Wood, our new spiritual director, is embarking on a journey with our community. Bob, I am so blessed that you agreed to lead our community. This leadership will bless our community; Rev. Wood has served as International Spiritual Director for Emmaus. He comes very well prepared to lead us by the Book. Pray for Bob Wood and your board of directors often. We need your prayer support just as our other leaders in Emmaus do.

Community, enjoy your journey and remember to plan your journey with Christ so you will reach and recognize your destination.

DeColores,
Bonnie Russell
Community Lay Director

EMMAUS CALENDAR

JUN 1 - 7:00 p.m. Gathering @ CHUMC
JUL 6 - 7:00 p.m. Gathering @ CHUMC
AUG 3 - 7:00 p.m. Gathering @ CHUMC
OCT 5 - 7 Chrysalis #30 Campground
OCT 10 - 13 Men's Walk #82
OCT 17 - 20 Women's Walk #83
OCT 24 - 27 Women's Walk #84

Inspirations from the Editor

My dad and I used to go and watch the eagles soar along the bluffs of the Mississippi River in the summers of my youth. He had a passion for eagles and I shared Isaiah 40:31 with him before he died. I got this from one of my cyber friends and brings back fond memories of long ago summer afternoons – Enjoy!

"Eagles in a Storm"

Did you know that an eagle knows when a storm is approaching long before it breaks? The eagle will fly to some high spot and wait for the winds to come.

When the storm hits, it sets its wings so that the wind will pick it up and lift it above the storm. While the storm rages below, the eagle is soaring above it. The eagle does not escape the storm. It simply uses the storm to lift it higher.

It rises on the winds that bring the storm. When the storms of life come upon us, and all of us will experience them, we can rise above them by setting our minds and our belief toward God. The storms do not have to overcome us. We can allow God's power to lift us above them. God enables us to ride the winds of the storm that bring sickness, tragedy, failure and disappointment in our lives. We can soar above the storm. Remember that it is not the burdens of life that weigh us down, it is how we handle them.

The Bible says, "Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles." Isaiah 40:31.

A Very Happy Father's Day to all you dad's out there. I got this from my son a year or two ago, it blessed me and I pray it blesses you too.
- Ed.

WHAT MAKES A DAD?

God took the strength of a mountain,
The majesty of a tree,
The warmth of a summer sun,
The calm of a quiet sea,
The generous soul of nature,
The comforting arm of night,
The wisdom of the ages,
The power of the eagle's flight,
The joy of a morning in spring,
The faith of a mustard seed,
The patience of eternity,
The depth of a family need,
Then God combined these qualities,
When there was nothing more to add,
He knew His masterpiece was complete,
And so, He called it ... Dad

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