



Elizabethtown Emmaus Community Newsletter

May 2011

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. Mark 12:30 NIV

Word of the Month: "LORD"

Since Chrysalis is conducting the Gathering this month, we didn't assign a "Word of the Month" - but since this writing is during Holy Week...think the word of the Month, Week, Day and Year should be JESUS! Kind of apropos that it follows last month's word of the month - Lord!

Speaking of last month...if you missed the Gathering you missed a very special and awesome time of worship and fellowship. The pilgrims from Walks 118 and 119's testimonies about their Fourth Days were such a blessing, as was Coleman Howlett's followup devotional. Special thanks to Coleman for stepping in at the last minute and offering all of us such words of encouragement and truth! Even with the Cats in a Final Four game, everyone really was enjoying being in the presence of God and hearing about His Goodness. Cats lost, but guess who didn't?

And back to the Easter season...did you give up anything for Lent? How did that go? Or did you take up anything during Lent, or since Easter? If so, I hope it was JESUS! Funny how it always comes back to HIM!

This has been a very busy, productive and awesome spring for your Elizabethtown Emmaus Community! Seems like we finally got a little breather before everything cranks back up for the fall, but of course our YAC #2 team might disagree! (By the way, be praying for them!) Your Emmaus Board has been very hard at work tackling some major projects and trying to manage an ever growing Emmaus Community and its many assets. This is a special group of people that continually conduct themselves and your business in a most Christ-like way. It's been a true privilege to serve with them! So we thought we'd devote the majority of this month's newsletter to update you with some of their efforts.

Look forward to seeing you at this month's Gathering at Memorial on May 7th - Derby Day (Race at 6, Gathering at 7...so you can make it!) Hope your horse wins! If not...don't despair the Cats didn't either; but Jesus Won and in the grand scheme of things - that's all that matters! (Yeap, it came back to HIM again!) It's always high-powered and exciting Gathering when Chrysalis leads - so don't miss it!

De Colores!

Doug Shepherd, Walk 108 Table of Matthew
Elizabethtown Emmaus Community Lay Director

Board Happenings

Date has been changed for the July Gathering due to the Fourth of July holiday. New date is Saturday, July 16 and we'll have a Family Potluck Cookout prior to the Gathering. The Potluck Cookout will begin at 6:00 PM, meat (hamburgers, pork burgers, hotdogs), buns, paper products, and eating utensils. will be furnished. Location will be Memorial Methodist Church and it will be held rain or shine. Gathering will begin at the regular time of 7:00 PM. Anyone who would like to help grill, give Doug a holler.

Board Vice Chair nomination and election will be held at the May Board Meeting, and the person elected will serve as the 2012 Elizabethtown Community Lay Director. Please keep the potential nominees in your prayers.

Members from the Elizabethtown Emmaus Community Board of Directors and the Camp Nikao Board of Directors recently met to discuss facility needs and future direction. This was a very positive and productive meeting. The Campground very much appreciates the relationship they have with the Emmaus Community and they recognize us as a "Partner in Ministry". They have a long range plan that involves several major improvements to the campground they shared with us. One is to upgrade and enlarge the kitchen! As a result of this, they will also enclose the patio area outside the conference center (behind the fireplace) and enclosed it has part of the renovated conference center. Other improvements slated are new commodes and shower stalls. They are also building a three story complex that will be used as a minister's retreat center, housing for state church offices, and the top floor will be an all-glass "prayer tower" that will be open 24/7. Most of these improvements have already received full funding, and work will begin very soon. There may be some minor inconveniences during some future Walks, but in no way will these cancel or disrupt our regular Walk events.

Volunteer Sheets - Board has expressed concern that many current Emmaus Community Members do not have current, completed Walk Volunteer Sheets. Current E'town Emmaus Policy states that the Volunteer Sheets are to be purged after two years, so it's imperative that if you want to be considered to help or work a Walk, that you submit a new volunteer sheet every two years! Forms are available online at www.etownemmaus.org and at each Gathering. Currently Tom Crittenden is responsible for the Volunteer Sheets so contact him if you are unsure if you have a current sheet on file. Board members recently called all those people whose volunteer forms had become outdated, to see if they wanted to re-submit an updated form.

The September Gathering will be held at Grace Heartland Church on Saturday, September 3rd, 7:00 PM. Childcare will be provided.

Board has agreed to do a better job explaining and promoting REC (Residents Encounter Christ) prison ministry opportunities that are based around the Emmaus Walk model. Currently men and women from the Elizabethtown Community are involved in RECs at Northpoint, Lexington and Nicaragua. Bruce Seymour recently was announced as the next Lay Director for the Northpoint REC.

Financial reports presented by Treasurer Steve Hart continue to show the Community is on sound financial footing, and it's improving. His accounting efforts have provided the Board with an accurate picture of Walk budgetary needs.

Childcare and Policy Reminders

Just a reminder that at each Emmaus Gathering and Candlelight free childcare is provided for nursery-age and older children. Babies and toddlers are cared for in the nursery area of the church, with the older children being allowed to gather in the gym. All childcare workers are certified under the Methodist Church's Safe-Sanctuary policy and guidelines.

Elizabethtown Emmaus Policy states: "There should be no one attending Candlelight who has not been on a Chrysalis or Emmaus Walk. This includes children. Guests are welcome at Gatherings." (August 1, 1998)

Tribute to the Wileys

The Elizabethtown Emmaus Community truly lost two of its Saints this spring...Chuck and Pauline Wiley. As many of us were celebrating Good Friday, Mr. Chuck's funeral and military burial was taking place...how appropriate a day! It was definitely a Good Friday for Mr. Chuck being united again with his wife and at the feet of His Lord and Savior! If there ever were two folks that loved the Lord and showed it 24/7 it was these two folks! And if you think Chuck smiled a lot, imagine his face today!

Chuck recently rotated off the Emmaus Board of Directors; and when asked at those meetings how Ms. Pauline was doing in her bout with illness, he always was positive and praising Jesus. Everyone that went to visit her stated they left that hospital room truly blessed instead of the other way around.

He served as Assistant Table Leader on Walk 118 and gave the "Priesthood of All Believers" talk...how appropriate again! He previewed that talk on Saturday after Ms. Pauline's funeral...he was ready and the strong one...we who listened weren't, yet we'll never forget that experience. Neither will the pilgrims that heard that talk, sat at his table or experienced him (Jesus really) in some other way on Walk 118.

What a honor, privilege and blessing that we in the Emmaus Community were given, having the opportunity to cross paths with these two Christ loving and serving individuals. Thank You Jesus!

Please keep the Wiley family and their Church family in your prayers.

Mark Your Calendars

Saturday May 7th	Board Meeting Gathering Chrysalis Leads	5:00 PM 7:00 PM	Memorial UMC
Saturday May 21st	YAC 2 Sendoff	9:30 AM	Campground
Saturday May 22nd	YAC 2 Candlelight	8:00 PM	Memorial UMC
Saturday May 23rd	YAC 2 Closing	5:00 PM	Campground
Saturday June 4th	Board Meeting Gathering	TBA 7:00 PM	Memorial UMC
Saturday July 16th	Board Meeting Picnic Fellowship Gathering "Heart"	TBA 6:00 PM 7:00 PM	Memorial UMC

Prayer Time

COUNTRY—LEADERS—WORLD—CHURCHES

- Deployed Military Service Men and Women
- Nicaraguan Emmaus Community and REC
- Emmaus & Chrysalis Board Members
- Emmaus & YAC Sponsorship
- Chrysalis and Emmaus Reunion Groups
- Emmaus Lay Directors (Fall 2011)
Larry Holthouser (Men's Walk #120)
Rhoda Baumfalk (Women's Walk #121)
- Chrysalis YAC #2 Lay Directors
Amanda Drane (Girls)
Carl Stoltzfus (Guys)
- The Lost

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