



MARCH NORTHERN KENTUCKY EMMAUS NEWSLETTER

A **GREAT BIG WELCOME** to the boys from Northern Kentucky Chrysalis Emmaus Walk. We, as an Emmaus Community, want to welcome you to this great community.

See you at the gathering on Thursday March 12, 2009 at:

**Immanuel United Methodist Church
2551 Dixie Hwy Lakeside Park KY
Worship & Fellowship Begins at 7:15 p.m.**

Child Care for the Gatherings **is available with a reservation.** The CPR Certified child-care providers are employed by Immanuel UMC and are trained to provide Purposeful Christian Care. If you need childcare, contact Immanuel's Child-Care Coordinator at 859-341-5330 x13 **at least 48 hours in advance.** Please leave the name and age of each child so the child-care coordinators can arrange to have the appropriate number of child-care providers to meet the number of children needing this service. All children must be picked up by 9:00pm. Immanuel's reservation policies and procedures are in place to insure your children's safety. The Emmaus Community provides this service with donations being accepted if you wish to give.

**We only have 10 men signed up for the March 19-22 Men's walk.
Your team is trained and ready to go. ARE YOU?
LET'S GET THOSE APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED ASAP**

Upcoming Emmaus walks?

Men's Walk #29 Mar 19-22, 2009

Women's Walk #29 Apr 23-26, 2009

A reminder to everyone to sign up to pray for the Men's and Ladies Walks.

Go to <http://www.nkemmaus.com/>

Click on Prayer Signups , then sign up under the following:

Northern Kentucky Emmaus Community Men's Walk to Emmaus #29 19-22 March 2009
(EST:GMT-5) 144/118

Northern Kentucky Emmaus Community Women's Walk to Emmaus #29 23-26 April 2009
(EDT:GMT-4) 144/117

**Q. What do they call pastors in Germany?
A. German Shepherds**

From the Community Lay Director – John McLemore

Dear Emmaus Community,

Spring is getting close....can you feel it? Right now, we're in the season of Lent...a perfect time for us to humble ourselves before God and remember the loving sacrifice Jesus gave each one of us. What better way to do that than finding a way to serve on an upcoming walk! We have ample opportunities for you to serve. You can sign up to serve meals, transport meals, make agape, pray, and there's still time to sponsor someone if you've been holding onto an application. You also won't want to miss our candlelight & closing ceremonies. Please don't hesitate to get involved....we need your help!

Also, remember to keep the pilgrims that God is calling in your prayers, as well as our teams that have been steadfastly preparing for the walk. May God continue to prepare their hearts and minds.

Don't forget that we've decided to return the gatherings to Thursday nights, beginning in March. So our next scheduled gathering will be on March 12th at Immanuel UMC at 7:15 p.m. You won't want to miss praying over the men's team!

Thank you all for the leadership you provide your home churches and for the time that you offer our Emmaus community. We are truly blessed!

De Colores! John McLemore Northern Kentucky Emmaus Community Lay Director

From the Chrysalis Community Lay Director - Anita Bernardo

Chrysalis News

Greetings from your Chrysalis Community! Words simply can't express how much your support has meant to the Chrysalis Community. Both Flights were amazing, with 23 Butterflies on each, and two teams that were unbelievable. God's plan is perfect! I want to take a moment and thank each and every one of you who gave of yourselves to be the hands and feet of God in order to make sure the Flights were supported. Thank you for the sponsorship, prayer, food purchasing, food preparation and serving, Candlelight, Closing, the list goes on and on. My heart was in a constant state of joy to witness the body of Christ in such dedicated action. Thank you so very much!

In the coming year, we are going to be busy. We have two Hoots coming up right off the bat. Both will take place at Immanuel Methodist-Grace Campus (location on the Flights) from 6:00-7:30. We'll have a time of worship, food (of course), fellowship, and agape making. At 7:30, anyone who is interested will head on to St. Ann's for the men's and women's Candlelight. The dates will be March 21st (Men's Walk) and April 25th (Women's Walk). Join us if you can!

The Chrysalis Board will be busy as well. We are making the transition where some members on the board will be leaving and new ones entering. A huge thank you goes out to the following board members who will be leaving: John Street, Bob Chase, Beth Garey, Shelby Coons, Katie Henry, Laura Eigelbach, and Cindy Fuller. Thanks for your dedication to, and support of Northern Kentucky Chrysalis.

Thanks to all of you, once again! It's a blessing to serve God with such an awesome group of people!

Fly With Christ! Anita Bernardo, Northern Kentucky Chrysalis Community Lay Director

From the Community Spiritual Director - Linda Kemp-Baird

Dear Brothers and Sisters of Christ,

Throughout this month of March, we will be walking (perhaps marching?!!) with Jesus to the Cross of Calvary. Consider the sounds of Lent that may surround you:

Ash Wednesday: "Dust to Dust – Ashes to Ashes"

"Jesus' temptation in the wilderness ..."

What Wondrous Love is This, O My Soul?

"If you follow me, you must take up your cross...."

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

"Heaven and Earth will pass away,
but my words will not pass away."

Many distractions come to us during this season. We are tempted to walk the opposite direction from challenges or struggles just as Jesus was tempted in the wilderness or when he questioned God in the Garden of Gethsemane. It takes courage to keep our eyes focused on where God is calling us. During the Season of Lent, Sanctifying Grace is especially significant as we reflect upon the courage, the nurture, the sustenance, which God gives to Jesus during his final days of teaching, preaching and healing on earth.

The Season of Lent is also an important time to have the community provided by your church family and Emmaus community! Reach out to those life-giving persons that God has placed in your life when your cross seems just too heavy to bear. Jesus died for the forgiveness of our individual sins...but also to prepare the way for the building of the Body of Christ with Him as the Cornerstone!!!

DeColores! Linda Kemp-Baird, Community Spiritual Director

Q. Who was the greatest financier in the Bible?

A. Noah He was floating his stock while everyone else was in liquidation.

Religion is man's effort to find GOD

Christianity is GOD seeking man