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Updates from the Assistant Community Lay Director

Greetings,

Looking for ways to continue your Emmaus experience and stay connected. Whether your Fourth Day is just starting, or you have many, the Emmaus Community has many ways to serve and it's never too late!

Whatever your gifts are, we'd love for you to get involved. There are many opportunities to serve: Board of Directors, Agape, Sponsor a Pilgrim, Prayer Vigil, Spiritual & Conference Room Teams, Music, Tech, and more! Please check out the FVWTE website for more details and information, including the volunteer form – <https://www.foxvalleyemmaus.com> and don't hesitate if you have any questions, contact myself or any of the other board member, my email is wendy_jo_03@hotmail.com, call/ text – 608-548-1130, or want to talk in-person attend the monthly Gatherings.

God Bless & Decolores,

Wendy Cole, Assistant Community Lay Director
FVWTE #28 where I sat at the table of Ruth.

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Greetings from Fox Valley Walk to Emmaus

The Walk to Emmaus develops Christian disciples and leaders by inspiring, challenging, and equipping active adult church members for Christian action in their homes, churches, workplaces, and communities. It also benefits less-active members who are seeking to renew a relationship with God, grow spiritually, or discover firmer foundations for their lives. The Walk to Emmaus is an ecumenical program that invites and involves Christians of many different denominations. Have you heard about the Walk? Your church has been blessed to have past participants in the walk. They may be your active committee leaders, your bible study facilitators, your pastor, or your coffee hosts. People who have experienced the Walk tend to want to bring the Love and Grace of Jesus back to their friends and church families. What happens on the Walk? You will enjoy three days of singing, learning, laughing, worshiping, reflecting, praying and participating in small groups. Discussions center around fifteen talks given by laity and clergy. These talks present the theme of God's grace, how that grace comes alive in the Christian community and how it is expressed in the world. You'll also discover how grace is real in your life, how you live a life of grace, and how you bring that grace to others. You will have the opportunity to participate in the daily celebration of Holy Communion and to understand more fully the body of Christ. The walk experience is unique for everyone who attends.

When is the next Walk to Emmaus? Our Spring Walks are at Camp Fairwood in Westfield, WI. The 2024 Men's Walk is April 18 – 21 and the 2024 Women's Walk is April 25 – 28. If you're being led by the Holy Spirit to participate in a Walk or if you're interested in more information, please check out our website:

<https://www.foxvalleyemmaus.com> or contact Stephanie Dutkowski (920) 676-0514 or Laurie Graber (661) 406-1721

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Message from the Community Communication/Website/Database/Email Chair

Thank You all for your help for the upcoming 2024 year. I would love some more team members to help for our webpage, Ministry Manager or Communications. Many hands make light work. Wonder where I have heard that before.

We have met all the needs but always could use more help especially as the work in support of the Walks will be coming very soon. If you could even help for the month of April that would be greatly appreciated.

Facebook: Is working and Pastor Anita is monitoring the page for any new Prayer requests. She forwards them to me as needed for mailing.

Web: FVWTE Walk To Emmaus page [Fox Valley Walk to Emmaus \(foxvalleyemmaus.com\)](http://foxvalleyemmaus.com) is working well. Forms and Newsletter links are being updated to provide better access.

Database: Ministry Manager (MM) I have been using MailChimp reporting data to track down email issues, no hard bounces of 592 recipients, but there are 974 profiles in Ministry Manager. If you think, you're not getting the newsletter or other communications you may want let me know.

Communications: Ministry Manager (MM) profiles are unique and some have no unique email information so I cannot send email or future text to those members. That restricts you to only seeing our Facebook or FVWTE website, making it much harder to send communications to you of FVWTE items, Prayer notices, and gatherings.

Every Profile works better when each member has a unique email address. Husband and wife's who share the same email address, should consider supplying separate email addresses for better tracking.

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Siggi Eckhardt
FVWTE Communications/Web/Database
"Eastern Shore of Virginia" ESWTE #80

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Prayer Corner for January 2024

January 25 – 28, 2024

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| Heart of Carolina, Men's Walk | NC |
| High Plains Emmaus, Men's Walk | TX |
| Blue Lake Emmaus, Men's Walk | AL |

February 8 – 11, 2024

Cross Bayou Emmaus, Men’s Walk LA
Great Smoky Mtn Emmaus Men’s Walk TN
New Horizon Emmaus, Men’s Walk TX

February 15 – 18, 2024

Blue Ridge Emmaus, Women’s Walk NC
Great Plains Emmaus, Men’s Walk OK
Arizona Walk to Emmaus, Men’s Walk AZ
Golden Spread Emmaus, Women’s Walk TX
Memphis Emmaus, Men’s Walk TN

February 22 – 25, 2024

New-Ark Emmaus, Men’s Walk OH
Heart of Carolina, Women’s Walk NC
Greater Cincinnati Emmaus, Men’s Walk OH
Great River Emmaus, Men’s Walk IL
Great Plains Emmaus, Women’s Walk OK
Greater Sidney Area Emmaus, Women’s Walk OH
Memphis Emmaus, Women’s Walk TN
Iowa Walk to Emmaus, Men’s Walk IA
Big Country Emmaus, Women’s Walk TX

February 29 – March 3, 2024

Richmond Emmaus, Men’s Walk VA
Arizona Walk to Emmaus, Women’s Walk AZ
Iowa Walk to Emmaus, Women’s Walk IA

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**Dave Rimple
Agape Chair
FVWTE #19**

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Agape News:

Our Walks are only 3 short months away. If you haven’t already, please prayerfully consider helping in Agape. Come for an hour, a day or the weekend and converse with others in the Community. Serve God with Christian friends and share that Agape Love with our Pilgrim’s. We have tasks for everyone according to your abilities or time.

Please let me know of your interest by emailing me at fvwteagape@gmail.com or upnorstill@gmail.com. All participants will need to complete a Volunteer form and a Health form,

which can be found on our website under Community forms. Link: [Community Forms — Fox Valley Walk to Emmaus \(foxvalleyemmaus.com\)](https://www.foxvalleyemmaus.com/Community-Forms)

Remember those surprises on your bed or next to your plate? Your pleasure in knowing someone cared to make something for you? Consider making Agape Gifts for our Spring Walks. We need 50 gifts for each walk so both the Conference team and Pilgrim's receive these gifts.

Please be a part of the Agape Love for our Spring Walks.

**Thank you,
Dave Rimple
Agape Chair
FVWTE #19**

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Witness Article – Donna's Knee:

As many of you know, I've had outpatient knee replacements for both knees this last fall. However, my journey started with my Mother-in-Law passing away a week before my surgery...on my birthday!

The surgery went well but a small glitch left my quad muscle not working or supporting weight on that leg. After an unexpected overnight hospital stay, I awoke at 6:30 with it working and before noon I was discharged.

Physical therapy started Thursday morning and Friday morning I tested positive for COVID, leaving me with my own therapy for the next 10 days.

On October 7th not 3 weeks after surgery I attended the Gathering at Bethany able to straighten my knee to 0 degrees and bend to 111 degrees.

My emotional state should have been terrible, but I continue to trust God who was walking with me and it would improve in His time. I've always believed in God, but feeling I was enough for God, only came after my Walk.

With the registration deadline only 2 months away, please prayerfully consider whom you can give that feeling to by being a sponsor for our Spring 2024 Walks.

**Thank you,
Donna Rimple
FVWTE #22**

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Gatherings News:

Upcoming Gathering:

Please join us for an afternoon of fellowship and worship and welcoming new pilgrims. Be a Friend, we would love to see you!

Please bring a dish to pass around and share. We furnish the tableware, coffee, & water.



2024 Emmaus Gathering Schedule starting at noon.



February 3, 2024

East- Bethany Church- 1110 Echo Lane, Green Bay, WI 54304

West- Sparrows Nest- 17304 Havenwood Rd, Sparta, WI 54656

South- Hillcrest Bible Church- 752 E. Netherwood St. Oregon, WI 53575

March 2, 2024

East- Salem UMC- 120 Sheboygan Street, Fond Du Lac, WI 54935

West- Evangelical Lutheran Church- 115 N St, Black River Falls, WI 54615

April 2024

We invite you to join us on Saturday Night & Sunday afternoon for

Men's Walk- April 18th- 21st & Women's Walk- April 25th- 28th

Camp Fairwood- W7905 S Pleasant Road, Westfield, WI 53964

May 11, 2024

Post Walk Gathering- Whole State Gathering

St. Paul's- The Springs UMC- 600 Wilshire Blvd, Stevens Point, WI 54481

If you or your reunion group would like to host a Gathering at your Church. Please contact me at lahumphrey06@gmail.com or call me at 608-343-7015 and leave a message.

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Lynn Humphrey

Gathering Chair

FVWTE #20

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You are being called to serve God with your gifts and talents!

No try-outs, no requirements except a willing spirit and a desire to praise God!

We need you at:

Monthly gatherings – 3 gatherings a month, in different parts of the state = 6-9 musicians

Men’s and Women’s Walk weekends – Candlelight and closing Services = 3-6 musicians each weekend.

Men’s Walk weekend – Saturday, April 20th and Sunday April 21st

Women’s Walk weekend – Saturday, April 27 and Sunday April 28th

Come and be a part of the candlelight service – Do you remember your walk?

JESUS, Jesus, Can I tell you How I feel? You have given me your spirit; I love you so!

Closing services on Sunday are just as important – hearing the testimonies of the pilgrims, and closing the weekend with “These are the Days of Elijah”.

Please mark your calendars and be ready to say yes when you are called. Volunteering is even better! Send me an email and let me know you are willing to be a singing, praising, strumming, plucking, musical servant!

cryk22@gmail.com or text 920-379-0942

Cheryl Rykken – Music Chair, FVWTE

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We do hope you have found this Newsletter both helpful and informative. If it's important to you, then it's important to us. Please let us know how you are doing with your Fourth Day, in your local congregation, or in your reunion group by clicking the link below. We will be glad to include your announcement or article in the next edition.

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