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Thoughts from the Community Lay Director

I would like to share with you a quote from an article that I received from The Upper Room that is to be shared with the Pilgrims at the start of a Walk.

“The Walk to Emmaus is a program of The Upper Room, an International, Ecumenical and Inter-Denominational ministry dedicated to supporting the spiritual life of Christians seeking to know and experience God more fully. The Ecumenical nature of our time together means we must remain open and understanding to the differences in our denominational doctrines and traditions represented in this group of people. In our time together for the next three days, we are about those things that unite us, not those that divide us. When something is said or shared that you may disagree with, know that this is not the platform for taking that stand. What we should do in that instance is to take those questions and understandings back to our home churches and spiritual leaders for deeper discussion and exploration. We will celebrate Holy Communion daily and in ways that could be different than any you’ve ever experienced. We will discuss deeply of our faith and experience, and we will be in fellowship more deeply than perhaps ever before. And so, we invite all of us gathered in this place, in the spirit of high idealism, cooperation, and charity, to embark upon this journey of deepening our faith together.”

The FVWTE is very ecumenical. We have Pilgrims from multiple churches and denominations; there are individuals from five denominations that serve on the Board of Directors. We have had Pastors from three denominations serve together on a Walk.

The success of our Walks in transforming lives has been that we focus on what unites us and not what divides us. We all agree that God loves us all, that Jesus is the Son of God, that through his death on the cross and his resurrection we have the hope of salvation, that we are called to be followers of Jesus and that we are part of the Priesthood of all believers.

The world around us promotes differences of opinion on political parties, abortion, human sexuality, gun control, immigration, environmental concerns, and more.

I think we all have seen where a focus on the things that divide us harms families, churches and the Emmaus Community.

Please pray with me,

We pray that God’s love will prevail in our individual lives.

We pray that God's love will prevail in our April Walks and the Gatherings that will follow.

We pray that loving our neighbors as ourselves will prevail in all our interactions with others.

God Bless & DeColores,

**Donald Genrich,
Community Lay Director,
FVWTE #7.**

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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 is being blessed to have past participants 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's 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.

Emmaus Community,

It's hard to believe that the Men's and Women's Walks are right around the corner, less than a month away!!! That's right, the Men's Walk is April 18th-21st and the Women's Walk is April 25th-28th at Camp Fairwood – **address is W7905 S. Pleasant Road, Westfield, WI 53964.** *See map and directions at the end of this letter. We would love it if the Emmaus Community could show their love and support by joining us for the following events:

- **Thursday Evening:** Sendoff at 6:30pm followed by Sponsor's Hour
- **Saturday:** Servers for dinner, helpers for the Skit/ Fashion Show please arrive between 3-3:30pm and Saturday Night Candlelight at 7:30pm (please bring your Purple Worship Booklet)
- **Sunday:** Closing Sunday afternoon at 4pm.

We all remember these special moments during our Walks, please help us by participating in one or more of these great events during the weekend.

Also, remember that all throughout the Walks we need prayers, so please sign up for the Prayer Vigils!

Volunteers are always needed to help behind the scenes, so if interested in helping with Agape, please reach out to Dave Rimple: Phone # is (920) 639-2054 and/ or email him at upnortstill@gmail.com

~God Bless & DeColores,

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

*Map and directions to Camp Fairwood:

From the North:

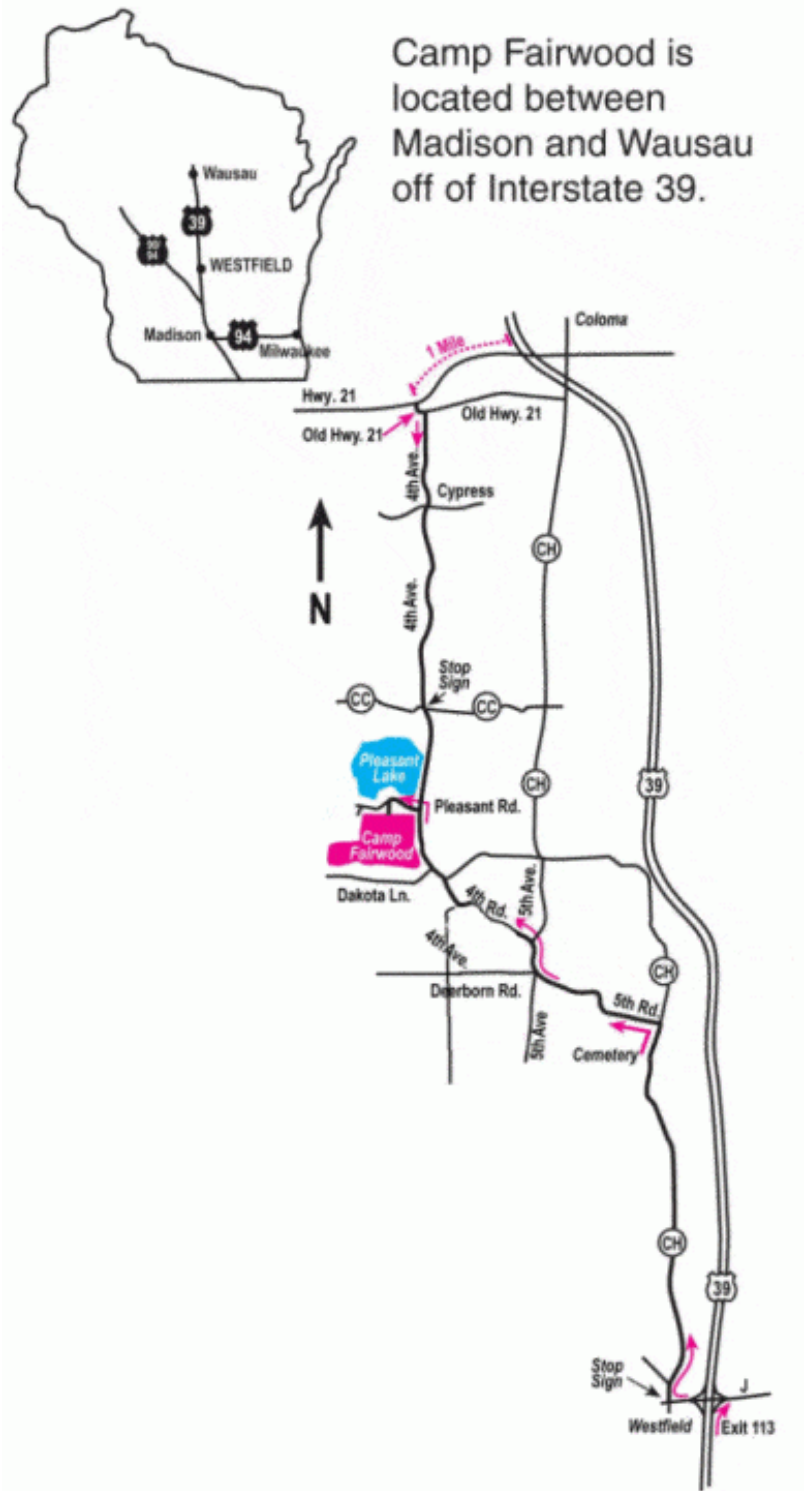
From I-39 South, take exit 124 (Hwy 21). Go West on Hwy 21 approx. 1 mile to the intersection with Old Hwy 21. At this point you will begin to see signs directing you to Camp Fairwood. Turn left onto Old Hwy 21 (East). The next road you will come to on your right will be 4th Ave. Turn right (South) onto 4th Ave. Follow this road until you come to a stop sign at the intersection of 4th Ave. and CC. Continue through the stop sign on 4th Ave until you come to the intersection with Pleasant Rd. Turn right (West) onto Pleasant Rd. The main camp entrance is directly ahead and on the left. A Camp Fairwood sign will direct you into the driveway.

From the South:

From I-39 going north, take exit 113. At the end of the exit ramp turn left and go under I-39. Take an immediate right at McDonalds (N. Pioneer Park Rd.) and follow to the stop sign. Turn right (north) on Main St. (also called hwy. CH). Follow CH north about 4 miles to a small cemetery on the left and right. Turn left (west) onto 5th Rd. It will eventually change names to 4th Rd. Follow 4th Rd. to Pleasant Rd. and turn left (west). The camp entrance is the third driveway on the left. Link: [Directions to Camp – Camp Fairwood](#)

This Google Map Link that can help also:

<https://www.google.com/maps/dir//Camp+Fairwood,+W7905+S+Pleasant+Rd,+Westfield,+WI+53964/@43.9816485,-89.5560139,17z/data=!4m8!4m7!1m0!1m5!1m1!1s0x8800c4d54f5eb40d:0x6ab86dd752f19b5!2m2!1d-89.5534336!2d43.9816447?entry=ttu>



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

I continue to provide the best possible service to you our FVWTE community. Thank You for your patience and prayers. If you have any comments please let me know so I may serve you better.

Web: FVWTE Walk To Emmaus [page](#) is working well. We are working to make the forms able to be populated and auto submitted online. The goal is for Sponsors along with Pilgrims, Walk team member and Agape members to include Volunteers to be able to populate and submit in one-step. This is a welcome advancement improving timeliness for Sponsors, Pilgrims, participating Staff/Volunteers and don't forget the background support teams preparing for the Walks in 2025 and beyond. Wow, won't that be great!!

Facebook: Is working and Pastor Anita is monitoring the page for any new Prayer requests, forwarding to me as needed for mailing. Please use the shortcuts from Facebook or our FVWTE webpage to send requests. We missed a prayer request this last month due to using a different method.

Database: Ministry Manager (MM) this month I continue to review and update the Reunion Groups. I sent an email to all leaders with the extract of the Reunion Group information to validate and have received some and am waiting on more replies. This will also allow me to update the Reunion Group list on the FVWTE Web page.

Communications: Some of you have provided names and correction requests and I have updated MM and Mail Chimp. If you think you or someone is not getting the newsletter or other communications please let me know @ SiggiWE@outlook.com

De Colores

Siggi Eckhardt
FVWTE Communications/Web/Database

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Prayer Corner for March 2024

April 4 – 7, 2024

River of Grace Tres Dias, Men's Walk	TX
Central Illinois, Men's Walk	IL
Tampa Bay Area Emmaus, Women's Walk	FL
Hawaii Emmaus, Men's Walk	HI

April 11 – 14, 2024

New Covenant Emmaus, Men’s Walk	TN
Houston Bay Area Emmaus, Men’s Walk	TX
Nashville Emmaus, Men’s Walk	TN
New Horizon Emmaus, Women’s Walk	TX
Central Carolinas Emmaus, Men’s Walk	NC
River of Grace Tres Dias, Women’s Walk	TX
SONrise Emmaus, Men’s Walk	TN
Tampa Bay Area Emmaus, Men’s Walk	FL
Southern New England, Men’s Walk	RI
Emmaus of Southeastern MI, Men’s Walk	MI
Chattanooga Lafayette, Men’s Walk	GA
Golden Spread Emmaus. Men’s Walk	TX
Mid-Michigan Emmaus, Men’s Walk	MI

April 18 – 21, 2024

New Covenant Emmaus, Women’s Walk	TN
Mesquite Country Christian, Men’s Walk	TX
Houston Bay Area Emmaus, Women’s Walk	TX
Mesquite Country Christian, Men’s Walk	TX
North GA Walk to Emmaus, Men’s Walk	GA
Central Illinois, Women’s Walk	IL
Mid-Michigan Emmaus Women’s Walk	MI
Golden Isles Walk to Emmaus, Men’s Walk	GA
Cross Point Emmaus, Men’s Walk	OK
Western Montana Emmaus, Men’s Walk	MT

April 25 – 28, 2024

Nashville Emmaus, Women’s Walk	TN
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Dave Rimple
Agape Chair
FVWTE #19

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Agape News:

Ways to help with the Spring Walks

Our daffodils are peaking out so spring can't be far away, which means our walks are soon too, only next month!! Here's a few ways you can help with this Spring's Walks.

Prayers:

Our Conference Teams are assembled and started their journey with training weeks ago, so it's time for us to be praying for those Spring Walks. Praying about where God wants us to help, when God wants us to participate in the prayer vigil, what God wants us to provide, or simply for the Conference Team & Pilgrim's. (The Prayer Vigil is no longer in Ministry Manager and can be accessed from the website under Fourth Day/Prayer Vigil.) See our [Link to our Prayer Vigil Page for Walks 37 & 38.](#)

Volunteering:

Many have already volunteered to help Agape this spring, but we can always use more, especially when so many are needed for setting up the special Saturday meal or helping with the "entertainment". Please consider volunteering to help and call me at 920-639-2054.

Community Services:

Please mark these dates on your Calendar and plan to attend. Anyone who has participated in a 4th day weekend event is welcome at our Community services.

Sponsor's Hour: April 18th and 25th. This service follows the Pilgrim's sendoff when the community sings the Pilgrim's and Conference Team off to the Conference Room. We then gather in the Chapel to pray over each of the Pilgrim's crosses individually. Pilgrims arrive by 6:45 pm and services start at 7:15 pm.

Candlelight: April 20th and 27th. This is a Community Communion service prior to the Pilgrim's entrance on Saturday evening when the Pilgrim's crosses are prayed over again. Services start at 8:15 pm

Closing: April 21st and 28th. A 4:30 Community service welcoming Pilgrim's into the Fox Valley Community and hearing how the weekend affected them.

Please make plans to attend **One** or **ALL** of these events to help enrich the Pilgrim's weekend experience.

Keep working on those Agape gifts.

Currently, we are asking for 50 Agape Gift for each of the Spring Walks (Men's & Women's). We appreciate all and any contributions.

Our needs:

Homemade food (cookies, brownies, bars, etc.)
Small bags of Chocolate/Candy

Bottled water, flavored water, or individual juices
Soda (**limited amounts, Name brands only**)
Coke, Mountain Dew, Root Beer, 7-Up & Diet versions!

Fresh Veggies: carrots, celery, broccoli, etc.
Fresh Fruit: bananas, apples, oranges, or grapes.
Veggie or Fruit dips
Cheese and Sausage

Individual Chip Bags
Trail Mix

If you're a Sponsor, please donate your Pilgrim's favorite snack!

Agape Gifts

Each year we receive many Agape gifts for the Women's Walk, but please think about making something for the Men's Walk too. We're asking for 50 items for each Walk. Please bring them to the Agape room (the Snack Barn) on Thursday night or send them with a Team member.

Book Table:

Please consider going through your bookcases for books you're no longer using and donating them for our book table. Pilgrims like taking home slightly used books to start their journey.

Thank You

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Dave Rimple

Agape Chair FVWTE #19

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Prayer Vigil Help Needed for Upcoming Emmaus Walks

Sign up today using our simple online Sign-Up forms.

[Men's Walk #37 Prayer Vigil](#) April 18 - 21

[Women's Walk #38 Prayer Vigil](#) April 28 - 28

Please share these links with your reunion groups and your local prayer warriors. Let's show our Pilgrims Agape Love through Prayer!

Prayer vigil for
FVWTE #037
Men's Spring

Prayer vigil for
FVWTE #038
Women



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ATTENTION:

We will be using the **Purple Worship Book** for all future Sponsor's Hour, Candlelight Service and Closing!! Be sure to bring yours or purchase a downloadable version from Upper Room.

We will no longer be using printed bulletins.

Go to the Upper Room Store & Resource Library – “Emmaus Worship Booklet”

<https://store.upperroom.org/product/emmaus-worship-booklet-2>

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Dave Rimple

Agape Chair FVWTE #19

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Gatherings News:

Upcoming Gathering and Spring Walks:

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

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.

De Colores

Lynn Humphrey
Gathering Chair
FVWTE #20

Fox Valley Walk to Emmaus
Potlucks start at noon. **March 2nd, 2024**

- East- Salem UMC-120 Sheboygan Street, Fond Du Lac, WI 54935
- West- No Gathering
- South- Hillcrest Bible Church- 752 E. Netherwood St. Oregon, WI 53575

April 2024

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

Camp Fairwood- W7905 S. Pleasant Road, West Field, WI 53964

Join us on Saturday Night & Sunday Afternoon!
Volunteers Needed please contact Dave Rimple

May 11th, 2024

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

June 1st, 2024

Community Gathering- New London United Methodist- 709 W. Pine St. New London, WI 54961

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MUSIC NOTES

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!

Cheryl Rykken

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

Music Chair, FVWTE

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SAVE THE DATES from Other Emmaus Communities

From: **Mary Reith** <maryr@sandiapres.org>

Subject: Calling all Prayer Warriors

To: All

Hello All,

If any of your communities are able to assist, we would appreciate help filling our prayer vigils for our weekends. The Men' weekend will be April 11-14 and the Women on April 18-21. Just use the attached signups. Thank you!

Men's prayer vigil

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409094EA9A82EA5F49-47128070-72hour>

Women's Prayer vigil

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409094EA9A82EA5F49-47128109-72hour>

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The Upper Room

See some of the available Reading Resources - here: [The Upper Room](#)

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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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