# **Message from the Community Lay Director**

Hello Fox Valley Walk to Emmaus,

### Hello Everyone!

May you be well on your 4th day with the Lord! We had an amazing set of Walks last month at Camp Fairwood near Westfield, Wisconsin and a great Fourth Day Gathering in Mauston, Wisconsin.

We welcomed our new community members and were blessed with wonderful testimonies of old and new community members alike.

As we continue our momentum coming out of the Covid pandemic we are conducting our annual election for new board members. Please remember to vote before 2 June 2023.

# **Ballot**

So, if God is starting to place serving in this capacity on your heart, please write your name in the "write in" area of the ballot!

Results will be announced in a Community Announcement and at the June Gathering.

While we have had a few great nominations, to answer God's call in serving on the board, realistically we could use a couple more to better fill the board's ongoing responsibilities this year.

(If interested please let Don Genrich or me)

Another way you could help the Board is by being on a committee. There you would help assist a board member with a specific task to help lighten that Board members load.

Thank you to those who have been nominated, to the Board, for your willingness to serve:

Kay Christenson
Stephanie Dutkowski
Siggi Eckhardt
Lon Jury
Mark Runke
Keith Rykken

Please remember to vote before 2 June 2023

We are already working on next Springs Walks and we have already selected our Walk Lay Directors and Spiritual Directors for next years Walks.

For Men's Walk #37 Mike Cherry will be the Men's Walk Lay Director and Pastor Jim Droste will be the Walk Spiritual Director.

For the Women's Walk #38 Jan Brantingham will be the Women's Lay Director and Pastor Anita Genrich will be the Women's Spiritual Director.

On behalf of the community thank you for answering the call to serve.

(Walk location and dates still 'to be determined', stay tuned)

Our next Gathering will be at the Sparrow's Nest near Sparta, Wisconsin on June 10th with potluck starting at 12pm noon with the Fox Valley Board of Directors Transition meeting preceding the Gathering.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Testimony

I remember teaching my two youngest daughters to swim. One had no fear and took to it like a fish to water needing little guidance or assurance. The other....not so much. First, she was afraid to float, then afraid to swim a short distance and finally swim on her own. She always needed reassurance that I would not let her sink...that I was close by. Eventually, she learned what she needed to and was able to swim just fine like her sister. Through this time of growth both now gained a skill to help them in this life.

This year I have reflected on that. How I needed reassurance from God. He has never left me even when I felt like I was sinking at times. He wanted me to grow through difficulty. Sometimes by lifting me when I needed it, other times by just letting me know he was close by. I just needed to have faith.

De Colores,

Jerry Juve Jr.
Community Lay Director
FVWTE #13

'So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed,

for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous hand'. Isaiah 41:10

### Message from the Agape Chair

I want to thank everyone for all their help during our recent Walks. Whether you worked a whole weekend, came in for a couple or single day, helped with a community event, or set-up, served, or entertained on Saturday nights. I truly appreciate each and every one of your time contributions. Without all of you we could not have accomplished what we did as Agape. Many people make light work for all. Thank you!!

I also want to thank all the generous people who shopped, baked, and donated food, snacks, drinks, and chocolate. With the wonderful meals at Camp Fairwood we used a lot less food, but thanks for blessing the Pilgrim's with your contribution.

Dave & Donna Rimple

De Colores

Dave Rimple
Agape Chairperson
FVWTE #19

# Prayer Corner for May

May 18 – 21, 2023 Blue Ridge Emmaus, Women's Walk N Carolina Eastern Panhandle of West Virginia, Women's W Virginia

June 22 – 25, 2023 Northwest Ohio Emmaus Community, Men's Walk Ohio

July 13 – 16, 2023 Northwest Ohio Emmaus Community, Women's Walk Ohio

Sept 21 – 24, 2023 Southeast Florida Emmaus, Men's Walk Florida

Oct 5 – 8, 2023 Southeast Florida Emmaus, Women's Walk Florida May 4 - 7, 2023

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Donna Rimple Secretary Chair FVWTE #22

Up Coming Gatherings:

June Gathering

Saturday June 10th, 2023

Sparrow's Nest at the Abbey 17304 Havenwood Rd Sparta, WI 54656

Gathering will be from 12pm to 4pm.

Please join us for an afternoon of fellowship and worship and welcoming new pilgrims.

Please bring a dish to pass.

Tableware, coffee, & water will be furnished.

Be a Friend, Bring a Friend We would love to see you!

If you or your reunion group would like to host a Gathering at your Church. Please contact me at <a href="mailto:lahumphrey06@gmail.com">lahumphrey06@gmail.com</a> or call me at 608-343-7015 and leave a message.

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Lynn Humphrey Gathering Chair FVWTE #20

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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# **Upcoming Events**

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