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SunCoast Emmaus Newsletter

March 2020

A Message for the Soul

Rev. Don Roser, Community Spiritual Director

Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ,
As we enter the season of Lent, let's look back at Luke, chapter 24. Luke 24 takes place in a very interesting time in our history. Several of the most significant events that have ever happened occurred right before the history in Luke 24. In the passages before Luke 24, Jesus the Christ is betrayed, beaten, crucified. Then at the beginning of Luke 24, there is a group of women who go to the tomb to put spices on Jesus' buried body, and when they get there -- he's not there. They see angels, and the angels say to them, "Why are you looking for the living among the dead? Did not he himself tell you he would not be here, that he would be raised again on the third day?" So, they go back and tell the rest of the disciples. Peter runs to the tomb. He looks in and sees only the linen wrappings and he went home marveling. We pick up in verse 13:
"That very day two of them were going to a village named Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem..." These are two of the followers of Christ who end up having a heart to heart conversation with the risen Christ. My prayer is that as we sojourn during this season of Lent, when we arrive at Easter, we walk into the world with the testimony of Christ burning in our hearts. My prayer, is that something is stirred in us during Lent by the Scriptures we'll hear -- that something in us goes, 'Wow, there's some truth; something I did not know before; something I didn't hear before; something that God is revealing in a new way; and something is stirring in me'. I don't know what Jesus Christ said to his followers on the road to Emmaus. I can tell you that Jesus was born of a

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Community Support for Upcoming Walks

*Margarete Roser, Assistant Community Lay
Director*

COMMUNITY SUPPORT FOR UPCOMING WALKS

My name is Margarete Roser and I took my walk in the Living Waters Walk to Emmaus Community in Birmingham, Alabama (#34) over 23 years ago. I have the privilege of serving on your Board of Directors for the upcoming year. We wanted to bring several opportunities to your attention for the Community to help with specific needs for the upcoming Walks. This could be you personally, your reunion group, your church, your small group etc. The costs will vary depending on what you choose. Please review the list

virgin, lived among and with us, willingly gave His life as a sacrifice for our sins and was raised from the dead on the third day. As we place our faith and trust in Christ, we have the free gift of God which is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. He now lives in our hearts and His law is written on our hearts. We know in Jesus Christ's name there is forgiveness. When we call upon His name with a penitent heart, He pours out grace and mercy. We are called to trust, not in horses or chariots or the things of man, but to trust in God. As we trust in Him, we claim the riches of God as He calls us heirs to His throne. Let us spend this season of Lent growing into the people that God wants us to be - created us to be. Let us have in our hearts a fire burning to read the Scriptures and find God's path for us in His Word. Let our eyes continue to be opened, to your presence walking with us, as surely as those disciples on the road to Emmaus. We pray these things to lift you up Holy God. In Jesus Christ's name and for his sake. Amen.

Grace and Peace in Christ,
Don Roser

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Agape Outreach
Susan Bensen Klinger
Agape Chair

PROJECT AGAPE

It is time for our Community to begin preparing their Agape for the upcoming Spring Walks. We are asking the Community to look at Agape for these walks not only in the form of table gifts but also in the form of the following:

- Healthy Break Snacks:
- Sponsoring Walk Books for Walks
- Sponsoring Golf Cart Expenses
- Sponsoring Portions or all of Pilgrims Fees
- Agape Letters for Pilgrims
- Prayer Clock

The board is working very hard at involving the community in our Walks and helping with some of the expenses incurred for these events. All donations can be made to Suncoast Emmaus with a memo as to how the funds are to be designated.

If you are making table agape please plan on a minimum of 60 pieces. Agape can be brought to send off or given to a Board member.

below and see if these things might be of interest to you and/or your group.

- Golf carts (we use 2 each walk)
- Agape refreshments for each walk
- Pens/pencils/markers/ink pads
- Poster paper
- Brown Paper Lunch bags
- Steno pads
- Weekend Pilgrim's crosses
- Purple Worship books
- Pilgrim agape carry bags with handles
- Team lunches for training meetings (3 meetings for men and women)

We would love to discuss any of these items with you in more detail. Feel free to contact me (205-529-2447) or any of the other Board members. We have sources from whom we normally purchase in bulk so we can order if you have a specific item in mind. In the very near future, we will be publishing the costs of the various items so you will have an idea of the costs of the major items. Please have your reunion groups join with you in prayer about how we can all strengthen the body of Christ.

Thank you all for your faithfulness! Remember, the Community will not continue to thrive without all of us working together. DeColores!

Margarete Roser
Assistant Community Lay Director

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The Harvest is plentiful

Peter Patrick, Quarter Master Committee Chair

Join the Quatermaster Team

A Quartermaster team is being formed consisting of 2 Gals and 2 Guys.

The Duties include learning the Quartermaster functions and assisting with loading and unloading the trailer at the walks. You should be able to lift and carry items on and off the trailer.

Half the team at least is needed at 2:30 pm the Thursday of the walks and the other half Sunday Afternoon the day of Closing to reload the trailer. If you work during the week then you can still participate and help with the Sunday Duties.

If Interested contact Peter Patrick
410-713-2406
or via email at
propanepete@live.com

Peter's United Methodist Mens group is recommending reading this month is "The Man in the Mirror"

If interested click on the link below or google United Methodist Men and you can find it under Resources and

John 13:35 The Christian life is characterized by sacrificial Agape love.

If you have any questions concerning Agape I will be happy to try and answer them for you.

I can be reached by email at swbensen@gmail.com or phone 941 915 9625.

Blessings,

Sue Bensen Klinger
Agape Chair

PRAYER CLOCK Signups Needed

Sign up at www.Suncoastemmaus.com

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If not me, Then Who?

Pam Hunt, Community Lay Director

My name is Pam Hunt and I took my walk on Suncoast Walk to Emmaus #39, where I sat at the Table of Naomi.

I am truly humbled to be the Suncoast Emmaus Community Lay Director for 2020. I can assure you that your Board is ready to make wonderful things happen this year. Each Board member chairs a committee. These committee chairs count on others who will follow them through this year and step forward to continue and grow their committee (and the community) next year. Please review the list of committees and what they do, and volunteer to help.

Believe me, I know how busy everyone is. Last fall I told the Board that with work commitments, getting Walt from full-time employment to part-time, and getting prepared to downsize our home, I would not be able to move into the Community Lay Director role. But at the January meeting when the Board elects officers, the Holy Spirit made it very clear to me that this was something I needed to say "Yes" to. On the way home after the meeting I kept thinking, "What just happened?" but in the weeks since that fateful night I have come to see how blessed I am to be part of this community and this Board.

If everyone who serves in this community said "I'm too busy" we wouldn't be able to hold walks and we wouldn't be sending strong leaders back to the churches. Ask the Holy Spirit to search your list of talents and show you



Gatherings

Hank Lunsford, Gatherings Committee & Housing Committee Chair

My name is Hank Lunsford and I was on Walk # 26.. I am the Board Member who handles scheduling and planning the Gatherings

EXCITEMENT AT GATHERINGS: Please think of ideas that will 'liven up' our gatherings. We need to make the Gathering an event that people WANT to come to because it is exciting and makes their live better. Fellowship is good and we have that, but what can we do to make the meetings more of "Gotta Go To" event?

If you can't think of something, I can always cook up a Florida Cracker meal from my family's recipes. Something like Squirrel Perleau or Armadillo on the half shell.

You can email mail me or call me.

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Upcoming Gatherings: March 21st 2020 @ 5:00 PM

Trinity UMC
4150 S Shade Ave.
Sarasota, FL 34231
(941) 924-7756

[Click here for directions](#)

May 16th 2020 @ 5:00 PM

(Post-Walk Gathering - New Fourth-Day'ers meet at 4:00

which committee you can become part of. Like I had to do, for yourself the question is Not Me...then Who?

I look forward to seeing all of you at Gatherings and the Walks this year.

De Colores -

Pam Hunt

Community Lay Director

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Spring Walk Updates

Lisa Adams
Registration Committee chair

“Spring Walk News”

As the spring walks are just less than 2 months away, we are so thankful for Walk #93 & #94 team formation and pilgrims. God has certainly provided. Please be in prayer for these pilgrims. (14 men & 16 women)

Mens Walk #93

- Nate Bellmore
- Al Leslie
- Dick Woodhull
- Marty Bencsik
- Tom VanDriel
- Larry Hammann
- Joseph Mascitto
- Jerry Cordero
- Tom Calderon
- Chuck Pappas
- Phillip Brabant
- Mark Morris
- Jason Korsiak
- Aaron Danielson

Womens Walk #94

- Hayleigh Thurkettle
- Peggy Leslie
- Tiffany Pease
- Margie Kennedy
- Mary Johnson
- Nancy Hammann
- Irene Webb
- Linda Gaines
- Una Williams
- Jennifer Dougal
- Rhoda Clovis
- Rachael Fisk
- Carol Sedgley
- Vicki Taylor
- Debbie Whiting
- Lori Johannessen

Welcome letters are currently being sent out to the pilgrims.

Sponsor letters will also be mailed out next week, which is an informative breakdown of your duties as a sponsor. Now would be the time to begin collecting agape letters.

The very last day to submit an application is 14 days before each walk. Also full payment for pilgrim fees must be paid no later than the Thursday of their walk. If you notice the spelling of the name is wrong, please let me know so nametags are correct. Any questions or concerns, please call, text or email anytime!

Your Sister in Christ,

Lisa Adams
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A Note From Communications

Gary Doss,
Communications Chair

My Name is Gary Doss, I was on walk 83 where I sat at the Table of Mark. To me the Walk to Emmaus showed me the Love of Jesus through the Body Of Christ. (Each and everyone of you).

From all the people that prayed over my cross and my walk, to the letters I received, the time given by the speakers, table of love, and the Pals serving us so Graciously, to the community showing up at Candlelight and the closing.

All of these people taking time out of their busy schedules to be there for me. They did this for no personal gain, but instead to show their love for me just because of their love for Christ.

I pray everyone reading this and even those not reading this, always remember how they felt at Candlelight. Remembering the feeling as they heard the community singing as you approached the Chapel. Remember these things when they are feeling down or short on faith.

When you are feeling down turn to Jesus and let him carry your "burden upon His Yoke".

Remember Christ is counting on you to be his Hands and feet to help others and we are counting on him to give us strength, peace and Joy.

The best way to rekindle the fire of your walk is to participate in the community.

Christ is counting on you to:

- Attend Walk send offs and pray over the crosses
- Attend Candlelight and show them the same love you experienced
- Attend Closings to hear the Pilgrims talk of their experience
- Attend Gatherings
- Attend a reunion group
- Last but not least Serve as Jesus served, where he calls you to serve.

If He is not calling now, it is fine to wait until he does. This allows you to be able to answer the call when it comes.

May God bless you and keep you close.

Communication Committee openings

If you are interested in assisting or learning how to work on any one of the following communication responsibilities:

Website, Newsletter, Community, email Notifications, Prayer Requests etc....

Any Photographers out there?

Please contact me via the scecommunications@gmail.com email address.

It will only take 1 or 2 hours a month.

De Colores!

Gary Doss

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