



# VISIONS

## A word from the Lay Director

It has been a little over three months since our last newsletter and quite a bit has happened in all of our lives. 2002 has passed into history and 2003 now awaits us as a new time filled with hope, opportunity and new beginnings. Whatever is behind us is now gone and we cannot change it, but as for today and tomorrow they belong to us. What are you and I going to make of it? One thing is for sure we cannot and should not nor should we even try to face it alone!

The January gathering theme was ***"A New Beginning"*** and was based on the passage from **-2 Corinthians 5:17** – "If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!"

As for Tomorrow we are told in **Matthew 6:34** – "Therefore do not worry about **tomorrow**, for **tomorrow** will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own." So we need to only focus on today and accomplish all that we can. Yesterday is history. Tomorrow is a mystery. Today is a gift. That's why it's called the present!!

The February gathering theme is ***"Three Little Words – I Love You"***. This is based on the ***"eleventh commandment"*** – **John 13:34** – "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another." This was not a request or even a general direction – it was a command!



Greetings to all Emmaus Brothers and Sisters from your Community Lay Director!

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The March gathering theme will be ***"Coming in like a Lion – Going out like a Lamb"*** -

If you remember the last newsletter I shared with you my vision for this year and my role as the Community Lay Director. ***"To revitalize activity and participation in all Community activities and to do so by focusing on the Holy Spirit in all that we do."*** I don't know how your 2003 is going so far, but I know for certain that my success, personally, and my growth can only come about where I interact and "plug in" with other Christians and then go forth and share my faith and my joy with others. I cannot and I do not have to - do it alone. Christ and my Christian Community will sustain me.

I realize how many pressures we each have on us and demands from every direction for our time where there is little, if anything, left for ourselves and for our families. It's really difficult on a Friday evening to go to a Gathering, to attend a weekly Share Group, to take the time to sponsor someone, to attend the Walk activities, to do Agape, etc., etc. etc. I now ask you a question – After you do go to these activities don't you feel better, renewed, and feel like you left some of the pressures and your troubles behind?

We, as a Board, are changing the format of the Gatherings. It will be "less news and more praise and worship". Come and try them out and give us your input. We will be there for you – always – and you will be in our prayers.

Let's join together and share in our praise for our Lord in all you do and focus on HIM! Then 2003 will be all it should be for each of us.

DeColores – In **HIS** Service and in Love

T. J. Bugg  
Community Lay Director

### Future Walks

Men's Walk #15	3/6–3/9
Women's Walk #19	3/27–3/30
Men's Walk #16	9/11–9/14
Women's Walk	10/2–10/5
No summer women's walk.	

### What's Inside this issue:

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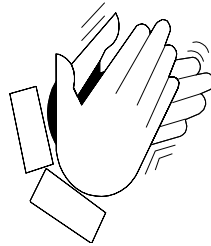
## New Editors

Hi, my name is Dawn Palazotto, Women's Walk #9. I am one of the new co-editors of the Visions Newsletter.

I would like to introduce myself by telling you I am so happy to be able to be a part Emmaus community and available to help with the Community newsletter. I really enjoy working with people and coming up with new creations to help everyone be well informed on upcoming events and activities.

I have been married for almost five years and have quite a handsome little boy that is 10 years old.

If you have any new ideas, creations or comments regarding the newsletter, please let me know via e-mail at family98@isoc.net or phone at 777-4032.



Introductions!

Hi, my name is Bob Nothnagel, Men's Walk #1. I have had the pleasure to serve on a number of teams since my walk and have really

enjoyed seeing the community grow.

My wife and I have been married for 26 years and we have two sons. Pam has also served on a number of teams and our youngest son went on a Chrysalis Flight last year.

I enjoy working with computers and love interesting gadgets. I like to work with people and create new ways to communicate to help people know what is happening, especially utilizing technology (like websites). I'm glad to be able to serve the community by assisting Dawn with the newsletter, am open to comments or suggestions via e-mail at bnothnagel@fuse.net or phone at 779-6486.

## Northern Lights Girl's Chrysalis Flight # 5

Girl's Flight #5 took place January 17-20. We began our weekend with a family potluck dinner for team members and their loved ones. After celebrating communion and anointing team members, our families left us so that we could put the finishing touches on our preparations for the arrival of the caterpillars.

Despite bitter cold temperatures, 21 caterpillars arrived on Saturday morning. What a blessing to share in the transformation of the girls over the course of 3 days. Each table became their own community, formed by the personalities of each of the table members. There were 6 very distinct groups in our conference room. The girls

listened to talks attentively and shared joyously at the evening poster parties. Questions at the end of some of the talks were thought provoking, sensitive and sincere. Our special worship services touched the hearts of team members and caterpillars alike. We were overwhelmed by agape gifts time and time again.

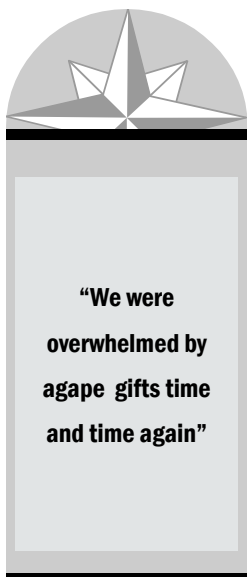
By Monday afternoon, several new butterflies were ready to share with the community how much this weekend meant to them. They are already putting their faith in action by sharing their fire at school and at home. Some girls are already planning to sponsor friends on Chrysalis flights. We even have a few who want to sponsor their parents on Emmaus Walks.

Sincere thanks to all who supported this flight in prayer, with food, setting-up and tearing down, and agape. It was truly an honor to serve with the hard working team members who gave of themselves so generously.



We welcome our new butterflies to the Community!

*Mary Joe Oliver*



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## Walk to Emmaus 25th Anniversary

The 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of the International Walk to Emmaus will occur July 24 – 27, 2003 at the Nashville Convention Center in Nashville, Tennessee. The theme for the event is “Making a World of Difference.” The celebration begins with a “Parade of Banners” at 7:00 PM on Thursday, July 24<sup>th</sup> and it concludes with worship led by Dr. Tony Campolo on Sunday, July 27<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 Noon.

Throughout the event, there will be worship services led by well-know spiritual leaders, workshops for personal

spiritual renewal, music, fellowship with pilgrims from around the world, tours of The Upper Room Chapel and Museum, and available resources from different vendors.

A special discount is being

offered to communities who have twelve or more adults attending. The cost for the group registration is \$150.00 per person. The cost includes lunch and dinner on Friday and Saturday. Other meals and lodging are additional expenses. Our deadline for group registration is March 15, 2003.

If you desire additional information or you wish to register for the event, contact Ray Bauer at one of the following: e-mail: ray.bauer@locklandschools.org or (513) 459-0137.



### 25th Anniversary



**25th Anniversary!**

**July 24–27th, 2003**

**Nashville**

**Convention Center!**

## Short Term Project with Long Term Impact—it’s perfect!!

Just a little bit of your time over the next few months will leave a long term impact when offering your help with the Anniversary preparations.

### Banner

Help plan and create a banner for the Northern Lights Emmaus Community.

**Why?** Emmaus/Chrysalis communities from all over the WORLD will take over downtown Nashville for three days of celebration and praise to our glorious Lord.

One of the highlights of this celebration is a “**Parade of Banners**” that takes place on Thursday evening. Each community will march into the center lifting their banner in praise to God. The banners are placed in a prominent viewing place and stay there for the duration. It is quite an awesome sight.

### Agape

Help design agape to be distributed at the 25th Anniversary Celebration from the Northern Lights Community. Some ideas are already in the works but we need your help with over 700 to be made!

**Why?** I think we all know the answer to that! Everyone knows how agape can touch people, we have all been there—right?

### Take Charge and Organize

Take charge and organize the design and creation of the banner and agape for the Celebration!!!

**Why?** What would we do without a good leader to keep all this organized?



Do you have some graphic ability?, Can you sew, glue, letter, draw or do

something else we haven’t mentioned? **No matter who you are—no matter what your ability...**

### We need you!!

(Men, women, and yes, teenagers too!)


If you have a heart to serve and would like to contribute (did we mention “Short Term”?), then this is your opportunity. PLEASE consider helping with one of these areas for the 25th Anniversary Celebration!.


### Contact

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**Tavie Gunneson** - (513) 867-0656 or e-mail at [tavie3712@earthlink.net](mailto:tavie3712@earthlink.net)

Please pray for these women as they volunteer their time to touch others during the Women's Walk.

Northern Lights Women's Walk #19—Team March 27-30		Tracy Combs	Table Leader	Melanie Sherron	Agape/Fac Lead
Jennie Armour	Asst Table Leader	Amy Docherty	Agape/Fac	Barb Schneckner	Table Leader
Diane Atkinson	Kitchen	Annette Eshelman	Asst Table Leader	Georgiana Salyers	Spiritual Director
Cindy Bathalter	Kitchen	Rowena Estill	Kitchen	Verneda Oliver	Agape/Fac
Kelly Bivins	Table Leader	Pam Ferber	Table Leader	Diann O'Bryant	Asst Spiritual Dir
Linda Bowles	Kitchen	Sarah Fitzgerald	Music	Lynne McCollum	Board Rep
Alice Bradshaw	Asst Table Leader	Laurie Gage	Table Leader	Amy Pruettt	Agape/Fac
Mim Bridgman	Agape/Fac	Jenny Green	Kitchen	Julie Rawls-Brunner	Kitchen
Vonnie Brundidge	Asst Table Leader	Sue Gutttag	Music Lead	Doug Westfall	Asst Spiritual Dir
Margie Burke	Agape/Fac	Karen Hakanson	Asst Table Leader	Wilma Thompson	Lay Director
Barry Burns	Asst Spiritual Dir	Shirley Heismann	Prayer	Misty Bridges	Music
Barb Carmella	Table Leader	Bobbie Hoff	Kitchen Lead	Lynn Phillips	Asst Table Leader
Marcella Churchill	Asst Table Leader	Sara Hulse	Table Leader	Connie Young	Agape/Fac
Phyllis Coffey	Kitchen	John Keeny	Asst Spiritual Dir	Susan Patterson	Table Leader
Charlotte Kriete	Asst Lay Director	Cindy Kuhn	Asst Table Leader	Pam Nothnagel	Asst Lay Director
Anne Lapham	Asst Lay Director	Connie Leber	Agape/Fac	Ann Marshall	Prayer Lead
Mindy Martin	Agape/Fac	<i>The pilgrim list has not yet been confirmed. Watch the web site for updates!</i>			
<b>Candlelight</b> —March 29th Saturday—8:30 p.m.				<b>Closing</b> —March 30th Sunday - 4:30 p.m.	



**Most current list of Pilgrims and Team Members are on the Web Site.**

**Did you know...**

...that you can get the latest and greatest Team List or Pilgrim List on the web site.

As we all know, changes happen almost weekly. To get the most up-to-date list of Em-

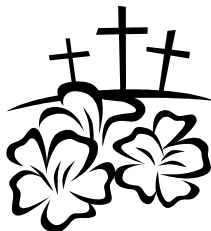
maus Teams or Pilgrims, check the web site. The updates will be made regularly by our one and only web master, Jerry Lapham.

We don't want to miss a name when we pray for these very special people volun-

teering as well as those on the walk learning and moving closer to God.

**So don't delay—check it out today!!!**


**We're on the Web!**  
[www.gb-gm-umc.org/nle](http://www.gb-gm-umc.org/nle)

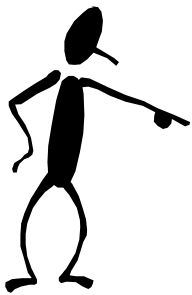


*"I do not at all understand the mystery of grace—only that it meets us where we are but does not leave us where it found us."*

*Anne Lamott*

Please pray for these men as they volunteer their time to touch others during the Men's Walk.

<b>Northern Lights Men's Walk #15-Team March 6th-9th</b>		Ron Green	Table Leader	John McCollum	Kitchen Lead
Herb Doerflein	Lay Director	Hal Hobe	Table Leader	Trent Patrick	Kitchen
Terry Burg	Asst Lay Director	Eric Painter	Asst Table Leader	Dave Dieterle	Kitchen
Rick Detjen	Asst Lay Director	Jim Shepherd	Asst Table Leader	Bill Whitaker	Kitchen
Gene Wannemacher	Asst Lay Director	Dan Cochran	Asst Table Leader	Steve Cusson	Kitchen
Barry Burns	Spiritual Director	Fred McCollum	Asst Table Leader	Tom Kilbane	Kitchen
John Eshelman	Asst Spiritual Dir	Dave Homer	Asst Table Leader	Roger Brown	Kitchen
Brian Straub	Asst Spiritual Dir	Alan Batt	Asst Table Leader	Greg Epure	Kitchen
Ken Daft	Asst Spiritual Dir	Jerry Lapham	Asst Table Leader	Jerry Salyers	Music Lead
Pete Mueller	Asst Spiritual Dir	Marc Russell	Agape/Facilities Lead	Tim Oliver	Music
TJ Bugg III	Board Rep	Jeff Pruett	Agape/Facilities	Tim Meloy	Music
Don Hammer	Table Leader	Cory Halpin	Agape/Facilities	TJ Meloy	Music
Dave Stumpf	Table Leader	Kevin Floyd	Agape/Facilities	Glen Kindness	Music
Lonnie Parrott	Table Leader	Dave Churchill	Agape/Facilities	Randy Esterling	Music
Tom Silcott	Table Leader	Jim Christie	Agape/Facilities	Rick Youngstrom	Prayer
Chris Kimble	Table Leader	Jim Schwartz	Agape/Facilities	Matt Nicol	Prayer
Carl Heismann	Table Leader	<i>The pilgrim list has not yet been confirmed. Watch the web site for updates!</i>			
<b>Candlelight</b> —March 8th Saturday—8:30 p.m.				<b>Closing</b> —March 9th Sunday - 4:30 p.m.	



"God is working to continue to call pilgrims for the men's walk. It is expected to go as planned. We need 20 confirmed pilgrims 1 week before the Walk, but will accept applications up to 7 p.m. Thursday night of Walk."

A BIG

**Thanks**

Thank you to all the churches who have allowed Northern Lights Emmaus Community the use of their facilities for meetings, gatherings and walks, and clerical work.

Especially, Cornerstone UMC,

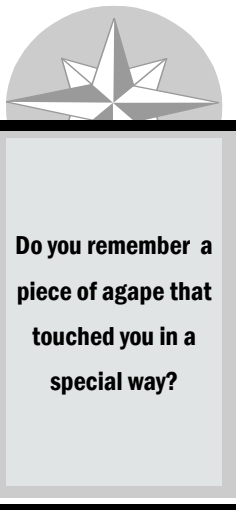
Monroe UMC, and Christ UMC. We appreciate beyond words their generosity and spirit of giving.

Thanks for all that you've done!

**Directions to Christ UMC**

I-75 North to Exit 32  
Take Hwy 122 West  
Bear right at the fork to Grand Ave.  
Turn right at the first light—  
S. Marshall  
The church is on the left





**Do you remember a piece of agape that touched you in a special way?**

## See you at the Tables!

Let's agape the world! You may be asking how we do this? One of the acts of agape that communities do for each other is provide the beautiful wall agape we see on the walks. Do you remember a piece of wall agape that touched in a special way? We send several hundred agape letters out to communities all over the world every year. Our particular piece of agape is a pen and ink drawing of the face of Jesus on white paper. These pictures are beautiful as they are. But the picture becomes personal when each one of us signs our name to this picture. Our signatures become a very personal act of agape to the pilgrims, butterflies, or team that are blessed by these expressions of God's love on their walk. Your signature represents a sacrificial act on their behalf.



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These agape letters are available at our gatherings for your signatures and every signature counts. Let's cover these pictures from top to bottom in sacrificial acts of agape love! So during fellowship time grab a snack and some people and find a table with agape letters waiting for your signature! See **YOU** at the **TABLES!**

Linda Lindholm  
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