



## VISIONS

Northern Lights Emmaus on the Web: [www.northernlightsemaus.org](http://www.northernlightsemaus.org)

### A WORD FROM THE COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTOR

#### Northern Lights Board Elections

It's that time again, brothers and sisters, to nominate and elect new members to your board of directors. As many of you know; 1/3 of the board members retire each October and are replaced by other members of our Community. Our board consists of 15 members, 12 of which are lay persons. We will, therefore, elect 4 new board members in the next couple of months.

Please prayerfully consider running for the board or nominating a fellow member of our Community whom you feel would provide leadership and be a faithful servant of Jesus and Northern Lights. Any member of Northern Lights can serve on the board, regardless of time in the Community or previous positions on teams. Present your nominees to a member of the current board or email your nominees to [barbcarmella@cinci.rr.com](mailto:barbcarmella@cinci.rr.com) prior to the **end of June**. Ballots will be included in the July/August newsletter.

This will give you some basic information about the board and what is required of board members.

- The board meets once each month on the first Tuesday of the month (except when it meets at another time).
- Each person on the board chairs one of the committees needed to support the Walks and follow-up, and maintain the health of the Northern Lights Emmaus Community.
- Board members are expected to support the Community by attending Gatherings, Candlelight and Walk Closings, sponsoring pilgrims for Walks, participating in a Share Group, praying for the Community and pilgrims, and providing agape for pilgrims.

Please begin praying about, thinking about and talking about the up-coming board elections and don't be surprised if another member of our Community asks if you would consider serving!

*"...But other seed fell on good ground and yielded a crop that sprang up, increased and produced: some thirty fold, some sixty, and some a hundred."*

*"...Well done, good and faithful servant..."*

(Matt. 13:8, Matt. 25:23)

#### The Emmaus Experience

*Now it came to pass, as He sat at the table with them, that He took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they knew Him ... He was known to them in the breaking of bread.*

Over the years that I have been blessed to be a member of Emmaus I have heard the experience described by many new members. "Life-Changing, Awesome, Incredible and Indescribable" are only a few of the adjectives used to try to relate their Walk. It is my prayer that every one of God's people has and maintains this life-changing spiritual understanding.

In order for this to become a reality two things must happen. One must first attend a Walk to Emmaus weekend and then to continue this close relationship with Christ.

Please provide the opportunity to everyone that you know who would be a candidate for the Emmaus Walk through the only way possible; sponsor them! Give others the amazing gift that was given to you by your sponsor!

In order for your "Fourth Days" to be everything that they can be, and your walk with Christ to be as you experienced it during your Emmaus Walk weekend, you must remain active in the Community. You owe it to Jesus, your fellow Christians (members and potential members of Emmaus), and to yourself to do the following:

- \* Attend Gatherings
- \* Sponsor Pilgrims
- \* Attend Closings
- \* Participate in Walks
  - Serve on Teams
  - Contribute Food
  - "Drop In" to Help in Kitchen
  - Contribute Scholarship Money
- \* Participate in a Share Group
- \* Provide Agape for Walks
- \* Attend Candlelight Ceremonies
  - Participate in Prayer Vigils
  - Serve on Decom Teams
- \* Pray for the Community and your fellow Emmaus Members

When Cleopas and his companion realized that they had been walking with Jesus they immediately went to share their experience with others and, though we are not specifically told so in the Bible, could they have not continued sharing this with everyone throughout their lives?

Can we do less?

De Colores!

*Bill Chambers*

## Group Reunion Serves the Community

### from the NLE Board Good Shepherd Chairperson



The *Group Reunion* or *Share Group* is one of the chief values of the Emmaus Movement – one of the greatest treasures the Walk to Emmaus contains. It is a way of persevering in the life of grace so that those things that are valuable to you during the weekend will not be lost when you return to your life in the world.

The *Group Reunion* is made up of persons who meet once a week at a regular time for about an hour to support one another in living toward the Christian ideal of a grace-filled life. Many communities measure the vitality of the Emmaus Movement not by the number of Walks or the number of pilgrims, but by the number of ongoing *Group Reunions* among the pilgrims. Community members understand that the goal of Emmaus is not just a great three-day experience, but also a revitalized and sustained spiritual relationship with Christ and the church during our

Fourth Day as disciples of Christ.

Active *Group Reunions* are listed on our web site. If you are presently in a group that has changed vital information or you are starting a group, please contact Ray Bauer @ 513/459-0137 or [bauer\\_r@milfordschools.org](mailto:bauer_r@milfordschools.org) so that our web site can be updated. Please report the following:

Meeting day of the week  
Time of day  
Type (Men, Women, Co-ed)  
Location  
Contact person  
Phone No.  
Email address

*Ray Bauer*

*"They were filled with joy when they saw their Lord!"* - John 20: 20 b (NLT)

## Have You Seen Jesus?

From *My Utmost for His Highest*, by Oswald Chambers – Devotional April 9<sup>th</sup>

Although Oswald Chambers died long before the Emmaus movement was even thought of being organized his words seem to explain what **The Walk to Emmaus** has meant to many individuals. Here are those words...

After that, He appeared in another form to two of them . . .  
—Mark 16:12

Being saved and seeing Jesus are not the same thing. Many people who have never seen Jesus have received and share in God's grace. But once you have seen Him, you can never be the same. Other things will not have the appeal they did before. You should always recognize the difference between what you see Jesus to be and what He has done for you. If you see only what He has done for you, your God is not big enough. But if you have had a vision, seeing Jesus as He really is, experiences can come and go, yet you will endure "as seeing Him who is invisible" The man who was blind from birth did not know who Jesus was until Christ appeared

and revealed Himself to him. Jesus appears to those for whom He has done something, but we cannot order or predict when He will come. He may appear suddenly, at any turn. Then you can exclaim, "Now I see Him!"

Jesus must appear to you and to your friend individually; no one can see Jesus with your eyes. And division takes place when one has seen Him and the other has not. You cannot bring your friend to the point of seeing; God must do it. Have you seen Jesus? If so, you will want others to see Him too. "And they went and told it to the rest, but they did not believe them either". When you see Him, you must tell, even if they don't believe.

O could I tell, you surely would believe it!  
O could I only say what I have seen!  
How should I tell or how can you receive it,  
How, till He bringeth you where I have been?



**“I am holding you  
by your right hand—  
I, the Lord your God.  
And I say to you,,, ‘  
Do not be afraid.  
I am here to help you.”**

Isaiah 41: 13

## Reminders from the NLE Board Registrar

When you are submitting an application for a Pilgrim to attend a Walk, please be sure that you are using an updated application. The application should include a line for the pilgrim and sponsor e-mail addresses. The application should not include the choice of a Summer Walk for women. The only available choices are: Next available, Fall, and Spring. The correct application can be downloaded from the Northern Lights Emmaus website at: [www.northernlightsemmaus.org](http://www.northernlightsemmaus.org). A deposit of **\$15.00** should accompany the application and the total fee for the weekend is **\$80.00**.

*Bev Hammer*

*“But when the Holy Spirit controls our lives, he will produce this kind of fruit in us: Love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.”*  
Galatians 5:22 (NLT)

## The Northern Lights Emmaus Web Site has a NEW NAME from the NLE Board Communications Chairperson

Thanks to two willing servants, Jerry Lapham and Bob Nothnagel, the Northern Lights Community website has a new name we can all remember “www. northernlightsemmaus.org”.

And for those of you who don't like change, do not be concerned, the website looks the same and has all the same wonderful things to assist you in all your Fourth Days, including sponsoring pilgrims and caterpillars.

### Here is a list...

- What is the Walk to Emmaus?
- The date, time and place of Monthly Gatherings
- The date and location of future Men's & Women's Emmaus Walks
- The date and location of future Boys' & Girls' Chrysalis Flights
- The list of Team Members and Pilgrims on a Walk
- The list of Team Members and Caterpillars on a Flight
- 72-hour Prayer Vigils
- Northern Lights Emmaus Board of Directors, their positions, and telephone numbers
- List of Share Groups with times, locations and contacts
- The *Willing Servant* Forms

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- The Pilgrim's Emmaus *Request for Reservation* form
- The Caterpillar's *Chrysalis Application* form
- Connections to the Emmaus E-mails for Announcement and Prayer Request
- Current and Past Northern Lights *Visions* Newsletters
- Connections to International Emmaus and Chrysalis Websites

*Barb Carmella*



## Wall Agape from the NLE Board Agape Chairperson

You are probably wondering where we got all of the Wall Agape (the letters and pictures from all of the other Emmaus, Chrysalis, Kairos, Cursillo, and Tres Dias Communities) that was introduced by a Clergy and was hanging on the wall during your Walk.

And if you have attended a Northern Lights Gathering over the past few years, you probably wonder where we got the beautiful drawing of Christ that many of us have signed and what we do with that picture. It was drawn by Bill Duebber, a wonderful commercial artist and charter member of the Northern Lights Community while working as a team member on a walk in the mid-90's. He has donated it to be used by us to send to all of our corresponding communities (about 300 per year.) Bill is often at the Gathering so next time you see him tell him De Colores for his special agape for which I get so many requests.

Well, the answer to both questions is the same. Just like the wall agape we sign and send them to many of the thousands of communities World Wide, they do the same for us. Much of it flows via email attachments now, but there is still great demand for our hand written copies too. Don't forget to sign at the next gathering!

*Larry Maher*



# CHRYsalIS

## Northern Lights Chrysalis Board

After many years of hard work and planning, the Northern Lights Chrysalis Board of Directors has been elected.

<b>Lay Director</b>	Herb Doerflein
<b>Assistant Lay Director</b>	Lisa James
<b>Youth Assistant Lay Director</b>	Andy Garritson
<b>Treasurer</b>	Laurie Steele
<b>Secretary</b>	Pam Kimmel
<b>Registrar</b>	Brenda Patton
<b>Registrar Aid Youth</b>	Sarah Harms
<b>Sponsorship</b>	Becky Coning
<b>Sponsorship Youth</b>	Erica Hodges
<b>Agape</b>	Lisa Martin
<b>Logistics</b>	Larry Kimmel
<b>Good Shepherd</b>	Karen Doerflein
<b>Information</b>	Kevin Savage
<b>Communication</b>	Jim Shepherd
<b>Hoots</b>	Tim Coning
<b>Clergy</b>	Benji Sayre

Dates to Remember	
Men's Walk #18	9/9-12
Women's Walk #22	9/23-26
Gathering at Cornerstone	5/14 7 p.m.
Gathering at Keehner Park POTLUCK	SAT. 6/12 6 p.m.
Gathering at Keehner Park POTLUCK	7/16 6 p.m.
The walks listed above are held at Camp Swoneky in Oregonia and the flights are held at Monroe UM Church in Monroe. All are encouraged to show your support for the Emmaus Community.	



**Next Girl's Chrysalis Flight**  
Martin Luther King's Weekend  
January 15 to 17, 2005



**Next Boy's Chrysalis Flight**  
President's Weekend  
February 19 to 21, 2005



*"If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation: the old has gone, the new has come."*

*II Corinthians 5:17*

## NLE Men's Walk # 17 from the Lay Director

Northern Lights Men's Walk to Emmaus #17 is history. Thirty-eight pilgrims experienced God's love in a way they will remember the rest of their lives. From the moment we left the sanctuary of Christ United Methodist Church we could sense the Holy Spirit at work among the Pilgrims and the team. My new best friend took nearly two hours and the guys began competing right then to become the biggest cut up. We think Kevin Keller won that prize hands down.

So we established our pattern and ran behind schedule nearly all weekend. It was all in God's time, however. One of the neatest things about sitting at the Table of Confusion is

that we get to see the transformations occur. Each Pilgrim had different things that triggered their response to God's call, but respond with enthusiasm they did.

Our theme verse for the weekend was Philippians 2:3-4. "When you do things, do not let selfishness or pride be your guide. Instead, be humble and give more honor to others than to yourselves. Do not be interested only in your life, but be interested in the lives of others." We shortened it for our name tags to Be humble and give more honor to others.....

Anyone not familiar with the old Hymn, "I Love To Tell The Story",

before the weekend certainly knows it now. Written in 1868, this classic wraps up the gospel in a nutshell. We love to tell the story because of what it did for each of us.

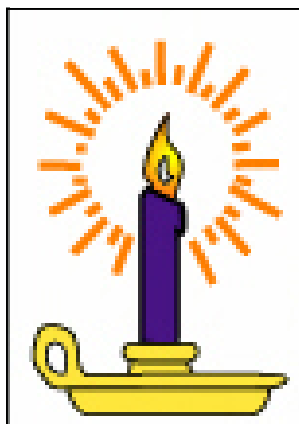
We encourage all of our new Northern Lights brothers to plug into a share group quickly. BE INTENTIONAL! We also encourage them to look for opportunities to sponsor others and to get their applications in early! Most of all we encourage each new member to walk their fourth days hand in hand with Jesus, and build the lasting relationship that will serve them through eternity.

De Colores  
Mike Housh

*"When you do things, do not let selfishness or pride be your guide.  
Instead, be humble and give more honor to others than to yourselves.  
Do not be interested only in your life, but be interested in the lives of others."*  
Philippians 2:3-4

## NLE Women's Walk # 21 from the Lay Director

I would like to thank the Board for giving me the opportunity to serve as Lay Director of Women's Walk #21. God chose an awesome team and wonderful pilgrims to be on this Walk. When the tables were given the opportunity to pray together, several did so more than once. When the pilgrims were given a chance to say what the Walk meant to them, all got up and spoke. It was evident the Holy Spirit was there and working not only in the lives of the pilgrims but also in the lives of the team. It is my prayer that all these women's lights will now shine brighter and bring much praise to our Father in Heaven.



*Let your light shine  
before men that they  
may see your good deeds  
and praise your Father  
in Heaven."*

Matthew 5:16 (NIV)

Your servant in Christ,  
Anne Lapham

# Emmaus & Chrysalis International Celebration 2004

Emmaus & Chrysalis 26<sup>th</sup> International Celebration will be September 24 and 25, 2004 in Albuquerque, New Mexico. This is a unique time to Celebrate the Love of Jesus with other Christians on their Fourth and Next Day through workshops, fellowship, singing, worship, and Holy Communion. If you are interested in more information go to the web site [www.upperroom.org/emmaus/gatherings/](http://www.upperroom.org/emmaus/gatherings/) or ask a member of the NLE Board of Directors.



**"I know the plans  
I have for you,"  
says the Lord.  
"They are plans for  
good and not for  
disaster,  
to give you a future  
and a hope."  
Jeremiah 29: 11 (NLT)**

## A Special Thank You And Welcome



Your Northern Lights board of directors wishes to thank Darla Crum for serving as our Information Manager, and Bob Nothnagel and Dawn Palozotto for serving as our Newsletter Co-Editors, and Jack Hays and Bob Hulse for taking care of our Quartermaster responsibilities.

We are now seeking a Community member to serve as our Quartermaster.

We also want to welcome our newest board member, Dennis Meyers, who was accepted the Information Manager position.

The stated purpose of Emmaus is to inspire, challenge, and equip local church members for Christian action in their homes, churches, and places of work.

It is only through the dedicated service of committed members that our Community remains healthy and we bring more of God's people into a closer relationship with our Lord and Savior.

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