



Iowa Walk to Emmaus Rooster Tales

October 2021

Community Spiritual Director

Rev. Dennis Shepherd

An evening Bible Study I have been attending is studying the power of prayer. Our foundational focus has been on a book by Pete Greig and Dave Roberts. As a result of this study, our group has begun to organize a local Prayer Walk in our community extending an invitation to all the churches in our community to participate. The date is October 6 at 5:30 p.m. Please join us in prayer if you wish.

Much like our Walk to Emmaus 72-hour prayer vigil, we will be calling out to God to touch people's hearts.

Folks may walk and pray, gather at their churches and pray, pray from home, or pray at the local community building where we are gathering to begin the Prayer Walk and then returning for a meal together and reflection.

I share this as a reminder that prayer works. Whether you have experienced the power of prayer yourself, you

know others who have had first-hand knowledge of prayer at work. Our group plans to experience a change in our community and a change in our church.

The Iowa Walk to Emmaus had two successful Summer Walks in Spencer. We were thankful to gather once again after several events were cancelled because of Covid 19. Hopeful for Walks in Ankeny this October, plans were squelched once again as the Delta variant reared its infectious fangs.

I know many of you have been praying for a cure, praying for those infected, praying for health care workers, praying for grieving families, praying for your churches, praying for your friends, and praying for your Emmaus Community. I encourage you to stand your ground and continue those prayers without ceasing.

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Announcements. . .

Fall Emmaus Walks Cancelled

Due to the Covid-19 Delta variant and subsequent regulations, the Board has decided to cancel the Fall Emmaus walks in Ankeny.

Please pray that we will be able to hold the winter walks in West Des Moines in February. See p2 for dates & details.

Fall Chrysalis Walks Cancelled

We are also sad to report this fall's Chrysalis weekend has been cancelled due to Covid-19. Chrysalis is a Christian weekend for young men & women between the ages of 15-18. For more details, visit iowachrysalis.weebly.com or email iowachrysalis@gmail.com.

Please pray that we will be able to schedule a flight soon!

Face to Face

Face to Face is a short course in Christianity, specifically designed for more 'seasoned' citizens, aged 65+, who may prefer day-time options.

Due to Covid-19, the Emmaus Board has decided to put all Face to Face events on hold. However, we are hoping to plan an event for the spring of 2022.

Stay tuned for future developments.



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Community Lay Directors

Dick & Netha Piphó

There are times in life when circumstances can be very trying and patience wears thin. There have been and continue to be some of those times when we have to just ask "What next?" Just when we thought the pesky virus was on its way out, the newer Delta version creeps in.

When we had fantastic Walks in Spencer in July, we thought we were over the hump. Now we have to cancel the October Emmaus Walks and the November Chrysalis Flight in consideration of the current

pandemic situation. I'll just have to continue praying that God will give me patience...right now!

On the bright side, times like this bring out the best in those leaders who make this Emmaus Ministry as good and resilient as it is. The July Lay Directors, Ken Roth and Sarah Strohman, were to be directors of earlier walks, but continued to serve past a year of

cancellations to lead their teams through the fantastic weekends in July. When the Agape Director sustained a serious injury just weeks before the men's Walk, Travis Garrett stepped up and led the Agape team through a flawless weekend.

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We appreciate them and thank them profoundly.

At the same time we recently had two great community/board members step up to leadership roles. Becky Collins agreed to serve as editor of the

same dilemma of a cancelled Walk, holding teams together for a hopeful February walk. Without a doubt, they will persevere.

Rooster Tales newsletter and Sarah Strohman agreed to serve as our community Registrar. It's truly encouraging to see how they come with a positive attitude and a willingness to get the job done. Thank you ladies, we appreciate you.

Of course, our great Iowa Community has many fine leaders that keep the ministry vibrant. We also have great team members who are happy to be a part of the team without being in the front row.

Whatever your aspirations are, you are welcome and appreciated when you participate. Whether you prefer to be on the conference room team or the Agape team, we encourage you to be a part of a weekend walk in any way you choose. You will find the experience to be rewarding and enjoyable, and we will appreciate having you join us.

Plan now for the Feb 10th (Men's) and Feb 17th (Women's) walks in West Des Moines. Until then, be well, plan to join us and God bless you all.

Support the peeps (ok Pilgrims) . . .

Whether it was last week or a decade or more ago, we all remember how special our Emmaus walk was. Now is your opportunity to pay it forward and help make the next walks just as special for this new group of precious pilgrims.

- **Pray!** - today, tomorrow, every day during the Walks and days after.
- **Work Agape** - It's not just work; it is a whole lot of fun too.
- **Sponsor** - God picks who he wants at each walk; your job is to just ask.

- **Attend** - Come to Sponsors' Hour, Candlelight and/or Closing, you'll be so blessed & happy you did.
- **Unload, Setup & Pickup** - Nobody really likes these jobs but many hands make light work!



Suggested Song of the Day: 'Run Devil Run' by Crowder - Listen LOUD!

Newsletter Editor/Board Member

Becky Collins

Email me - I'd love to catch up & hear your ideas . . . bcollins@ncn.net

Hey Emmaus Peeps - how's it going? How's your faith holding up?

My name is Becky Collins and I'm the new {kind of self-appointed} newsletter editor. Actually, I think Rosie threw me under the bus at the end of a recent Board meeting and I couldn't say no!

I've been around Emmaus for awhile, attending my Walk in 2001 in Spencer (as I like to say, it's when they let children into Emmaus haha). I've been to many Walks since, having the privilege of meeting & spending time with many beautiful brothers and sisters. And, we may have had a few crazy times (future lay directors may be advised not to put Pastor Deb and I on a team together-just sayin!)

But more than the crazy, funny stuff is the 'real' stuff of Emmaus. We've all laid down burdens & perhaps sobbed at the foot of the cross, made lifelong friends and walked on air leaving the church. But what now? Where is your faith,

maybe years after your Walk? How about during a world-wide pandemic? Are you discouraged? Is your faith flat? Have you been thru some 'stuff'? Do you wonder, 'Where's God in all of this'?

I want to encourage you that God didn't go anywhere! It's probably us who've moved. Just like first-married couples on their honeymoon who can't get close enough to each other; then over the years, they move further and further away from each other. 'Things' get

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God is in this with us and will not let us down as long as we remain faithful. Satan wants us to wear down so he might declare a victory. We will not allow that to happen!

Our Emmaus community has among it some of the strongest prayer warriors I have ever known. I challenge you to meet this road block head on.

We are Christians trying to act

between them. Like any good human relationship, the one between you & God takes work. I encourage you to reignite that fire you had the Sunday you walked out of Emmaus. Dig up those talk notes; remember how you felt. Find a pod-cast you love that moves you. Attend a church where you feel the Holy Spirit. Don't get that where you attend? Try something new. Bring a friend!

God hasn't moved; maybe we have. Ignite your fire again! Decolores!

responsible for the well being of our faith communities. One way we can be supportive to our Iowa Community is to say yes to being a part of the teams as we continue to plan for a Chrysalis Flight in November in Clarion and a February Walk in West Des Moines.

Let us stand up to the test and show God that our faith is unwavering, and that we will continue to pray our prayers for resolution and salvation in the name of Jesus Christ.



Your chance to pass it on

"I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase." 1 Cor 3:6-9

Just ask. God will do the rest.

You know someone who could benefit from an Emmaus Weekend. Complete the registration application attached to this newsletter or download one from the website:

www.iowawalktoemmaus.org

Go to: About Us>How to Be a Sponsor

Don't think about it too much. Just do it.

Winter Walks

Practice Weekend Jan 21-22

Men's Walk Feb 10-13

Women's Walk Feb 17-20

West Des Moines UMC

720 Grand Avenue

West Des Moines, IA

Saturday Candlelight - 8:30pm

Sunday Closing - 4:30pm

Men's Lay Director

Scott Hunt

Women's Lay Director

Lori Hawbaker



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Request for Reservation

To be completed by the Candidate

Candidate's Name _____ Primary Phone _____

Address _____ Other Phone _____

City, State, Zip _____ Email _____

Birthday _____ Name You Wish To Go By _____

Male Female

Single Married; Spouse's Name _____ Widowed Divorced Separated # of Children _____

Occupation _____ Employer _____

Name of Church you attend _____

Denomination _____ Pastor's Name _____

What religious or community activities are you active in?

Has Walk to Emmaus been explained to you? Yes No Have follow-up programs been explained? Yes No

Briefly state why you wish to attend and what you expect from your weekend:

Emergency Contact (Other than Sponsor) _____

Relationship _____ Phone _____

Are you on any medication Yes No If Yes, please describe:

Do you have special diet requests/requirements? Yes No

If yes: Gluten Free Lactose Intolerant Vegetarian Vegan If not listed or you want to provide more info:

Do you have any health problems or physical handicaps that may affect your attendance at a Walk to Emmaus?

Signature _____ Date _____

All information requested is necessary for a reservation to Iowa Walk to Emmaus. Please complete all information requested and enclose a pre-registration, non-refundable deposit of \$15.00. This will be applied to your contribution of \$55.00 which partially offsets the expenses of your weekend. Please contact your sponsor for available scholarships or if you have additional questions.

Make checks payable to: Iowa Walk to Emmaus

Return to your sponsor or mail to: Sarah Strohmman, 1503 Union Street
Emmetsburg, IA 50536

Or scan and email to: smstrohs@yahoo.com

Thank you!
We look forward to having you
on an upcoming Walk to Emmaus!



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Your Candidate's Name _____

Sponsor's Name _____ Primary Phone _____

Address _____ Other Phone _____

City, State, Zip _____ Email _____

Birthday _____ Name You Wish To Go By _____

Name of Church you attend _____

Denomination _____ Do you attend regularly? Yes No

Where and when did you make your Walk, Cursillo, Chrysalis Flight or Face to Face?

Do you attend a reunion group? Yes No Do you attend a community gathering? Yes No

Why do you feel this person would be a good candidate?

How long have you known the candidate? _____

How many candidates have you sponsored in the last year? _____

Are you praying and sacrificing for your candidate Yes No

Does the candidate have the physical and mental health for the weekend? Yes No

Is the candidate under any strain that might indicate that his/her weekend should be postponed? Yes No

If the candidate is married, have you discussed the Walk with their spouse? Yes No

If yes, please answer the following 4 questions. If no, skip these questions.

1. Spouse will be attending this set of weekends. Yes No
2. Spouse has already attended. Yes No
3. Spouse does not wish to attend but is supportive of the candidates choice to attend. Yes No
4. Spouse is unable to attend at this time but will attend in the near future. Yes No

If you have not discussed the weekend with the spouse, would you like some assistance from an Emmaus Board Member or Community Member? Yes No

Are there any circumstances you feel should be made known? Yes No If yes, please describe:

Will you be bringing the candidate to the Emmaus site? Yes No

Will you attend the sponsor's hour? Yes No Candlelight Service? Yes No

Will you care for the needs of your candidate over the weekend? Yes No

Have you explained the reunion groups Yes No Community Gatherings? Yes No

Do you receive the Iowa Walk to Emmaus emails? Yes No