



# Iowa Walk to Emmaus Rooster Tales

September 2022

*Community Lay Directors*  
**Dick & Netha Piphos**

## Emmaus Stands On The Authority Of Scripture

The Bible was written over a period of 1600 years! Having at least 40 writers representing different backgrounds, living on three continents, in three languages, with hundreds of subjects, in 66 books, it has just one central theme: God's redemption of mankind from sin through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

How did we arrive at these 66 books as the complete word of God? By understanding and believing that they truly were inspired by God through the Holy Spirit and through men who heeded that inspiration. 2 Tim 3:16 says "All scripture

is breathed out by God and is profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness."

God verbally breathed or spoke his words into the writers much like He

breathed life into man in Genesis. 2 Peter 1:21 says "For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit".

Scripture was given by God as his way of conveying His will to mankind.

Christians rightly regard the Bible as being infallible – incapable of teaching deception, and inerrant – wholly

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### *Announcements. . .*

#### **Emmaus Walks**

Fall - Ankeny First UMC

- Men's - October 13-16
- Women's - October 20-23
- Practice Weekend - Sept 23-24

Winter - West Des Moines UMC

- Men's - February 9-12
- Women's - February 16-19

#### **Face to Face Encounter**

Not Yet Scheduled - Watch the Website

#### **Chrysalis Flight**

Not Yet Scheduled - Watch the Website

#### **Emmaus Board Elections**

September 24 at the West Des Moines UMC @1:00pm. Send your nominations or board recommendations to [iowaemmaus@gmail.com](mailto:iowaemmaus@gmail.com)

## *Iowa Emmaus Board of Directors Elections-Sept 24*



The Board of Directors of the Iowa Walk to Emmaus will hold a board meeting and election of officers on September 24th, 2022. Any community member who wishes to recommend someone who has completed an Emmaus Walk, Face to Face or Chrysalis event (now over 18), is entitled to nominate any community member to be elected to the board.

If you know of someone that has been active in numerous events, has an interest in serving even more, you may recommend them. If so, please email their name(s) to us on or before September 21st to [iowaemmaus@gmail.com](mailto:iowaemmaus@gmail.com).

We're now taking online Donations & Event payments on our website. Go to 'IowaWalktoEmmaus.org' and click on the 'Donate/Pay for Event' button at the top right corner. Thanks in advance for your generosity!

# Women's Fall Emmaus Lay Director

Teresa Wilkinson



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My prayer for the October walks is that we will be filled with the Christian unity that Jesus offers to every believer in the Body of Christ!

Our country and institutions are being challenged by a spirit of division that is coming from many sides and sources. We know that our Lord is Redeemer! His peace will prevail! His people, the Body of Christ, must be willing to show His love and His power to the world!

The Walk to Emmaus is a powerful tool of Grace! We know that things get better on an individual level. God has given us the

privilege to be messengers, to walk out our testimonies to every individual on this Walk! The transforming power of knowing Christ Jesus is continually working in those who believe.

Let us pray continually for each worker and each pilgrim who will take part in this walk. I John 3:3 "See what great

love the Father has lavished upon us, that we should be called the children of God!"

Let us remember, sisters and brothers, that the world

needs to see that love in action and with God, we can be that light to the world!

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# Men's Fall Emmaus Lay Director

Brad Peterson



It is always gratifying and uplifting to watch and hear about how this weekend had touched the lives of "real men". That's right, those men who thought they didn't need another 3 days locked up in a church!! But after 72 hours with like-minded men, their lives were drastically changed...for the better.

I'm expecting that this coming Walk, starting on October 13th, will be no different. It will be exciting for the team members, surprisingly

joyful for the pilgrims and a time of renewal and uplifting for all of us.

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Men, be sure to sponsor that good friend, relative and/or acquaintance for a time of their life...that they will never forget.

Don't forget to join us at 4:00pm on the 13th to help set up and prepare for the weekend.

*God bless you all.  
Brad Peterson  
Men's Lay Director*

# Community Trainers

## Jeff & Toni Anderson

I recently read an article about a missionary telling this story of the power of prayer to his home church. As I was reflecting on it my thoughts turned to the similarities of an Emmaus Walk.

While serving at a small field hospital in Africa, every two weeks this missionary traveled by bicycle through the jungle to a nearby city to get money and purchase medicine and supplies. This was a journey of two days and required camping overnight at the halfway point.



Two weeks later he repeated his journey. Upon arriving in the city, he was approached by the young man he had treated who told him that he

had known he carried money and medicines. He said, "Some friends and I followed you into the jungle, knowing you would camp overnight. We planned to kill you and take your money and drugs. But just as we were about to move into your camp, we saw that you were surrounded by 26 armed guards."

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Upon arrival in the city, he observed two men fighting, one of whom had been seriously injured. He treated him for his injuries and at the same time talked to him about the Lord. He then traveled two days home without incident.

five friends also saw them, and we all counted them. It was because of those guards that we were afraid and left you alone."

At this point in the story, one of the men in the congregation he was speaking to jumped to his feet and interrupted the missionary, "On the night of your incident in Africa, it was morning here and I was preparing to go play golf. I was about to putt when I felt the urge to pray for you. In fact, the urging of the Lord was so strong, I called men in this church to meet with me here in the sanctuary to pray for you. Would all of those men who met with me on that day stand up?"

The men who had met together to pray that day stood up. There were 26.

A 'Walk' is bathed in prayer. We pray for the team and pilgrims even before it's completely put together. Throughout the weekend we pray for a hedge of protection around the conference room and church. Everything is done in prayer; prayers for the pilgrim's crosses, speakers, table family chapel, and one on one individual prayers.

We've all felt the presence of the Holy Spirit during a 'Walk'. Sometimes we see immediate, miraculous results. Sometimes we may not know what the power of our prayers had for months or years later. Sometimes we may never know, but, the Bible tells us that God always hears our prayers.

The Apostle James wrote, "*the prayer of a righteous person is powerful & effective.*" Keep praying!

*De Colores! Jeff & Toni*

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# Community Spiritual Director

Rev. Dennis Shepherd

As youth and adults return to school to expand their knowledge and prepare themselves for lives in the future, we as Christians also need to continue to improve our understanding of God in our lives and build upon a solid foundation of faith. This is a necessary step in developing a stronger relationship with Jesus Christ.

became a special moment that one day turned your life around. What an awesome way to “pay forward” a wonderful gift given to you. I can assure you that God has been working hard on your behalf. The successful Walks in Spencer in July were a huge boost to keep our Emmaus community on track.

“Only God knows the physical & emotional needs of some of your acquaintances . . . allow the Walk to become an opportunity for God to open new doors & windows of love for struggling friends.”

Please invite and foster new pilgrims you have been thinking about and praying for to join us this fall in Ankeny. There are hungry souls amongst

For those of us who have become involved in the Walk to Emmaus have found this experience to be a wonderful way to build upon our journey of peace with Christ and to build a network of Christian friends to help hold us accountable to continue such a relationship and be with friends who can support each other in times of crisis, grief, personal weakness from outside evil forces, and daily struggles in society.

us that need to be fed with the love of Jesus Christ. Christ said, “Feed My Sheep!” (John 21:17), and “Bring food to the hungry and water to the thirsty!” (Matthew 25:35-40).

Let our gift of sponsorship pave a blessed pathway to a generous portion of agape love as we all learn to walk together in a community of the graces of our Creator.

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Only God knows the physical and emotional needs of some of your acquaintances. Allow the Walk to Emmaus to become an opportunity for God, who truly knows their spiritual needs as well, to open new doors and windows of love for struggling friends. With God’s help you can sponsor a new chance



and fill a need as a link to allow them the opportunity to get to know Christ more intimately. Invite and expose them to an Emmaus weekend. Your prayers and invitation might just offer a special experience to someone important in your life.

Please help others to become a part of and Emmaus adventure and feed the hunger missing in their heart.

# Emmanuel

## October '22 Teams

Men's Weekend - October 13-16  
 Women's Weekend - October 20-23  
 Ankeny First Methodist Church - 206 SW Walnut Street, Ankeny

### Conference Room

Lay Director, Perseverance (14)  
 ALD 1, Priorities (1)  
 ALD 2, 4th Day (15)  
 ALD 3  
 Spiritual Director, Means of Grace (7)  
 ASD, Prevenient Grace (2)  
 ADS, Justifying Grace (4)  
 ASD, Obstacles to Grace (9)  
 ASD, Sanctifying Grace (12)  
 TL, Priesthood of All Believers (3)  
 TL, Life of Piety (5)  
 TL, Growth thru Study (6)  
 TL, Christian Action (8)  
 TL, Discipleship (10)  
 TL, Changing Our World (11)  
 TL, Body of Christ (13)  
 Assistant Table Leaders

### Men's

Brad Peterson  
 Scott Knudson  
 Travis Garrett  
 Norman Renner  
 John Meister  
 Steve Goodenough  
 Mike Currier  
 Todd Hartsock  
 Mike Druhl  
 Jerod Arrowood  
 John Lizer  
 Josh Gonzales  
 Cory Jenniges  
 Dan Keen  
 Troy Strohmman  
 Dick McCord  
 Chris Phipps  
 John Stokka

### Women's

Teresa Wilkinson  
 Chrissy Seaholm  
 Kathy Van Pelt  
 Sadie Linke  
 Paddy Druhl  
 Elizabeth Odor  
 Kevin Moore  
 Nancy Peterson  
 Karen Currier  
 Kaylee Dreeszen  
 Nikki Rose  
 Aiyana Maxwell  
 Collette Beytien  
 Rhonda Giebelstein  
 Jan Mason  
 Luanne Gafford  
 Korey Averill  
 Tonya Nore, Karen Collins  
 Angie Manwarren

### Conference Room Music

Andy Young

Tere Rohret  
 Jess Fox

### Board Representative

Brian DePrez

### Agape

Agape Lay Director  
 Assistant Lay Director  
 Spiritual Director  
 Kitchen/Cook

Gary Harms  
 Mike Thatcher  
 Dennis Shepherd  
 Ryan Akers  
 Shane Foote  
 Mark Willson & Jim Clavin

Jena Sommerfeld  
 Shannon Pascual  
 Jackie Black  
 Lori Jarmon  
 Evelyn Keen

Dining Room Leader  
 Dining Room Assistants

Brandon Danielson  
 Brandon Ballard & Mark Hinton  
 Richard Hawbaker

Jennie Gervais

Agape Chapel Leader  
 Chapel Assistant  
 72 Hour Prayer Vigil  
 Agape Music Leader  
 Housekeeping Leader  
 Housekeeping Assistant  
 Mail Room/Computer

Steve Nielsen  
 Jim Frazee  
 Gary Vosberg  
 DeWayne Mercer  
 Chase Behrens  
 Jake Johnson  
 Brent Gibbons  
 Brian Pepper

Mary Patterson  
 Beth Schlitter  
 Daphne Pruisner  
 Peggy Krieg  
 Dawn Parker  
 Kim Ausborn  
 Sarah Strohmman

Snacks  
 Supply/Runner  
 Facilities & Unloading

Jeff Schulz  
 Jeff Anderson  
 Brian DePrez

## 2022 Board of Directors

### Community Lay Directors

Dick & Netha Pipho, Grimes

### Community Spiritual Director

Pastor Dennis Shepherd, Panora

### Members

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*"If anyone is in Christ . . . you are a new creation."*

**2 Corinthians 5:17**

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**SAVE** you  
**GIVE** can



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*Thank you for your contribution & participation!*

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truthful, or more directly – the one and only source of absolute truth. And, it is never outdated!

In the Old Testament, there are over 3,800 references to : “Thus sayeth the Lord” or “The word of the Lord came to me”. Likewise, in the New Testament, Jesus authenticated these by incorporating them into his teachings.

Some 2,000 propesies were fulfilled without failure. This evidence reaffirms the inspiration of Scripture and its absolute truthfulness (infallibility) and dependability (inerrancy) as the only true Word of God.

Is it then no surprise that so many

Pilgrims experience a true life-changing event in their lives when making that Walk to Emmaus? The realization of the truth of God’s love and grace and how He can be a part of their lives, is truly awesome. Sponsor a person and come help make the change in their lives. The October Walks are drawing nigh, so be sure to sponsor that special person who would appreciate this great experience.

*Blessings; Dick & Netha Pipho, CLD’s*

P.S. - While you’re at it, go to the web site - [www.MinistryManager.UpperRoom.Org](http://www.MinistryManager.UpperRoom.Org) - and update your personal Emmaus Community profile!

## Have you seen these banners?

We own these beautiful banners which were loaned out sometime in 2019. Unfortunately, no one can remember who they were loaned out to! If you know, or if you have them, please contact Dick or Netha Pipho ([nipipho@outlook.com](mailto:nipipho@outlook.com)) or Jeff or Toni Anderson ([jeff@jeffandtoni.com](mailto:jeff@jeffandtoni.com)). Thanks so much!



## Theme decorations needed . . .

Women’s Walk Agape is ramping up for an exciting walk. The Dining Leader is planning some “theme” meal decorations for your enjoyment.

To help make this possible, we’re asking for agape members to bring some items, if you have them.

- Friday Breakfast - **Sunshine** - bring sunflowers or related decorations
- Friday Dinner - **Music** - bring any items related to music
- Saturday Breakfast - **Ocean** - bring anything pertaining to the ocean
- Saturday Lunch - **Autumn** - bring items expressing an Autumn season
- Sunday Breakfast - **Picnic** - bring something that you would see at a picnic

Come an have a great time serving with us! **Jennie Gervais**

