



Northern Lights Emmaus/Chrysalis Community -Summer 2023 Newsletter-



Hello Northern Lights Family!

Are you starting to feel the heat of these mid-Summer days? Has anyone taken an ice cube outside to see how quickly it melts away – or even evaporates back into the air? It's getting hot! Christian comedian and self-proclaimed posterchild for hyperactivity, Mark Lowry once said, "Makes you glad you aren't going to hell, doesn't it!" But even in this season, God tells us He is with us; Isaiah 18:4 reads 'For the Lord has told me this: "I will watch quietly from my dwelling place—as quietly as the heat rises on a summer day..."'

There's not too much included in this edition of our community newsletter, but I felt it was important to get SOMETHING distributed as we gear up for a Women's Walk in October and some Chrysalis Flights to be held in the Winter. We've got God's work to do, folks. There are some pilgrims and caterpillars to be sponsored, some agape to be made, some Gatherings to attend...and there are always prayers to be prayed.
May God continue to bless you!

Andy Garitson
NL Boy's Chrysalis #1
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EVENTS YOU MAY WANT TO KNOW ABOUT:

- Mon. 7/24** – WE THE KINGDOM @ Frazee Pavillion, 7:30p
- Sat. 8/5** – FOR KING & COUNTRY @ Great American Ballpark
(after the Cincinnati Reds game)
- Sat. 9/23** – CAIN @ Christian Life Center (Dayton, OH), 7p
- Thurs. 10/26** – ZACH WILLIAMS @ Taft Theater (Cincinnati), 7p

Emmaus Board Members:

Community Lay Director – Larry Maher
Community Lay Director Emeritus – Carl Barrows
Community Spiritual Director – Linda St. Myers
Assistant Spiritual Director – Jan Toft
Assistant Spiritual Director – Tamara Roberts
Secretary/Communication – Dale Truster
Treasurer – Doug Lantz
Agape – Kristi Lambert
Registrar – David Martin
Team Selection/Sponsorship – *Vacant*
Gatherings – Everyone Involved

Committee Members:

Kitchen – Robbie & Barbie Casey
Information Management – Greg Conrad
Music Coordinator – Andy Garitson
Good Shepherd/Outreach – Donna Walker
Good Shepherd/Outreach – Kathy Edwards
Logistics – Dave Wilson

Chrysalis Committee:

Chairman – Mike Wages
Spiritual Director – Penny Stacy
Treasurer – Lelia Brandt
Team Selection – *Vacant*/ Board Input
Registrar – Jenny Harris
Facilities/Set-Up – Mike Harris
Literature – Karen Doerflein
Music – *Vacant*
Rushes – Elizabeth McCollum & Jenny Harris
Secretary/Communications – Elizabeth McCollum
Background Checks – Lelia Brandt
Emmaus Liason – Mike Wages
Member at Large – Lisa Mullins

Lay Director's Journal

July 2023

It has been a busy first six months of 2023. The Community rallied to put on a Men's Walk in May at Monroe UMC that was rescheduled from last fall. Mark Kessler and the Team did a terrific job at a new location for a Walk; we have held many Chrysalis Flights there over the years. Although we always wish for a full 20+ group of Pilgrims, the eight attendees had their real Emmaus experience and are now attending Gatherings and Reunion Groups to continue their Fourth Days.

We have held 4 Gatherings and have 3 more scheduled for Saturdays August 12th, October 14th, and December 16th. The August gathering will be held at Monroe UMC and the menu will consist of a typical cookout with burgers, dogs and brats. Please bring a dish to share and your appetite. Dinner will be at 6p with worship following at around 7p.

The next Walk will be Women's Walk #44, October 5-8 at Monroe UMC. There are still team positions for Live-in and Walk-in open so please contact a Board Member soon so they can get you in touch with Kathy as soon as possible. Team meetings will begin soon, so we want to act quickly. If you are not already sponsoring a Pilgrim, you can download everything you need from www.nlemmaus.org or signup directly on the website. Be sure to make some agape, signup for the Prayer Vigil and attend the Candlelight on Saturday, October 7th at 8p. Again, visit nlemmaus.org for all the details.

We are already gearing up for the Boys and Girls Chrysalis Flights in January and February. Check the website for more details and sponsor/Caterpillar information.

Most importantly, I am inviting you to remember your Walk; the joy and change it brought to your life, your increased personal relationship with Christ. If you are not currently in a Reunion or Share Group, take the time to find or start one. I have been in one since my Walk. Not always the same group of men, but some of us for many years. The Gatherings are a great place to reconnect with your Pilgrim and Team friends from your Walk or one you worked on. Two hours just once a month or so can really bring back the excitement and love you felt on your Walk.

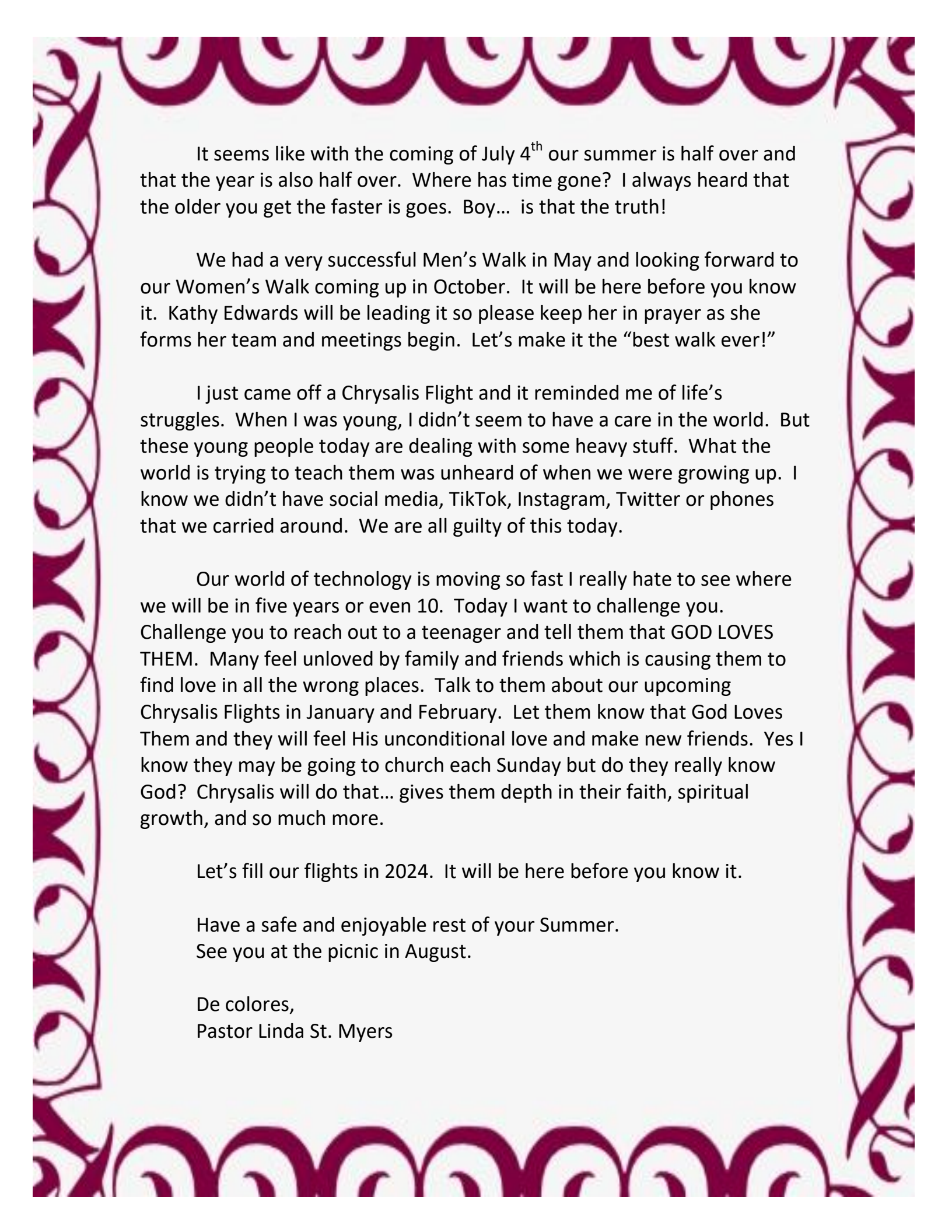
Christ is counting on You and You are counting on Christ.

De colores!

Larry Maher

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It seems like with the coming of July 4th our summer is half over and that the year is also half over. Where has time gone? I always heard that the older you get the faster it goes. Boy... is that the truth!

We had a very successful Men's Walk in May and looking forward to our Women's Walk coming up in October. It will be here before you know it. Kathy Edwards will be leading it so please keep her in prayer as she forms her team and meetings begin. Let's make it the "best walk ever!"

I just came off a Chrysalis Flight and it reminded me of life's struggles. When I was young, I didn't seem to have a care in the world. But these young people today are dealing with some heavy stuff. What the world is trying to teach them was unheard of when we were growing up. I know we didn't have social media, TikTok, Instagram, Twitter or phones that we carried around. We are all guilty of this today.

Our world of technology is moving so fast I really hate to see where we will be in five years or even 10. Today I want to challenge you. Challenge you to reach out to a teenager and tell them that GOD LOVES THEM. Many feel unloved by family and friends which is causing them to find love in all the wrong places. Talk to them about our upcoming Chrysalis Flights in January and February. Let them know that God Loves Them and they will feel His unconditional love and make new friends. Yes I know they may be going to church each Sunday but do they really know God? Chrysalis will do that... gives them depth in their faith, spiritual growth, and so much more.

Let's fill our flights in 2024. It will be here before you know it.

Have a safe and enjoyable rest of your Summer.
See you at the picnic in August.

De colores,
Pastor Linda St. Myers



**Northern Lights
Emmaus/Chrysalis
Summer Cookout**



**Saturday, August 12th @
MONROE UMC, 6pm**

Please bring a dish/dessert to share.

**Worship and Gathering meeting will
begin after the meal, around 7pm.**

**Remember:
Gatherings are open to everyone!
Please invite someone who may
have an interest in
attending a Walk/Flight.**