



# Northern Lights Emmaus/Chrysalis Community -Summer 2024 Newsletter-



## Happy Summertime Northern Lights!

Greetings to all of our brothers and sisters in Christ of the Northern Lights Emmaus/Chrysalis Community! The summer's coming: graduations are happening, grills are getting fired up, pools are opening. Our prayer is that everyone will have a safe and blessed summer; including many traveling mercies for those heading out on vacations or to serve as God's hands and feet on mission trips around the world. May God send His love before you and bring you back home safely.

We had a very successful Men's Walk during the first weekend of May! And you'll find write-ups in this edition from both the Lay Director of the Walk and the Spiritual Director in addition to the regular articles written by our Community Lay Director and Community Spiritual Director.

### ONE LAST THING:

We're asking everyone to please take a moment and read through the page on "Ministry Manager." This is a web-based software that Upper Room (publishers of the Walk to Emmaus and Chrysalis) has created to help with communities and their information database. It's a great way to keep your information current and also help us keep up with the various areas you've served on teams. Thank you, in advance, for helping us and logging into "Ministry Manager" with the help of that write-up on the next page.

### DATES TO KNOW:

Women's Walk: Nov. 7-10 @ MonroeUMC  
GATHERINGS (Sundays at 5:30pm @ MonroeUMC):  
June 9<sup>th</sup>, August 11<sup>th</sup> (NO JULY GATHERING!)

### Emmaus Board Members:

Community Lay Director – Larry Maher  
Community Lay Director Emeritus – Carl Barrows  
Community Spiritual Director – Linda St. Myers  
Assistant Spiritual Director –  
Secretary/Communication – Jason Twyman  
Treasurer – Doug Lantz  
Agape –  
Registrar – David Martin  
Team Selection/Sponsorship – *Vacant*  
Music Coordinator – Andy Garitson  
Chrysalis Relations – Jim Singer

### Committee Members:

Kitchen – Robbie & Barbie Casey  
Information Management – Greg Conrad  
Good Shepherd/Outreach – Donna Walker  
Good Shepherd/Outreach – Kathy Edwards  
Logistics – Frank Catanzaro

### 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

## From Your Board of Directors:

Greetings, everyone!

Today we would like to give you some background information on Ministry Manager, the application and database system supplied by the Upper Room for the use of the Northern Lights Community as well as ALL of the worldwide Emmaus communities. Ministry Manager (MM) will be used by the Northern Lights Community to maintain data about Walk participation (including attending as a pilgrim and/or serving on a team), and to help with the Team Selection process for future Walks. In other words, if you want to be considered for future teams, you need to make sure your data is in MM and is correct. We are requesting that you sign into MM and verify your data. Here's how to get into MM, provided you know the email address:



- In a browser, go to <https://ministrymanager.upperroom.org>
- If you've signed in to MM before, click the "Log In" blue button
- Enter your email address and password
- Click the "Log In" button
- If everything is correct, you'll be logged in. *(Skip to the "verify your information" below)*

If you've signed in but you don't remember your password:

- Click the "Forgot Password?" blue words
- On the next screen, enter the email address
- If the address is not valid in MM, it will tell you that it's an invalid address. If you still have access to older emails that might be used, you can try them as well. *(Skip to the "How to get/set my MM email")*
- If the address IS valid in MM, you'll get an email with instructions on resetting your password. Check your email after a few minutes, and be sure to check your spam/junk folders if you don't see it. Follow the instructions to get logged in.

There's also a "Sign Up" blue button on the log in screen. At this point in time, we ask that you **NOT** use this. You can get a profile set up, but getting it associated with *OUR* Emmaus Community requires Upper Room assistance. It's better to use the next section: "How to get/set my MM email".

### **How to get/set my MM email:**

If you've been associated with the Northern Lights Community at all in the past, chances are good that you've got information in MM. This is especially true if you were a pilgrim in the NLE or if you've served on an inside team in the last 10 years, possibly more.

### **Verify Your Information:**

Once you are logged into MM, there are multiple screens to be aware of, and to look at. In particular, go to your profile by clicking on the small person icon at the right hand side of the screen in the top menu bar. Once there, you should see your information and be able to update most of it. We recommend that you look around; if you see anything that needs to be updated, click on it and see if you can update it yourself. If not, please send an email to Diane Chance at [dianeChance17@yahoo.com](mailto:dianeChance17@yahoo.com) with your MM email address and what needs to be updated.

Also, once you are logged in, you can scroll to the bottom of the screen and click the "FAQ" button to see a series of Video Tutorials about using and updating MM. Note that for most people, only the first 6 videos are applicable; the remaining videos are for the Board of Directors, Database Administrators, and Community Leaders.

We appreciate your help in our organizing efforts!  
Diane Chance ([dianeChance17@yahoo.com](mailto:dianeChance17@yahoo.com))

Brother and sister Pilgrims, past and present;

When I first went on my Walk in April of 1994, I pledged to count on Jesus and that He could count on me. I proudly wore my original cross for several years until the yarn was worn out and the cross was pretty worn, too.

I have worked over 25 walks in many capacities since then and given all of the Lay talks except Study. I started working on walks as soon as I could; as a ChaCha at first (now called Agape) then moved inside the Conference room. After a few years I led Agape, Prayer, and moved into the ALD positions. I worked my way up and in 2016 was Lay Director of Walk 29 at Lebanon Presbyterian Church.

I also was on the Board of Directors three times before being selected to be the Community Lay Leader in 2023. That time is coming to an end this fall as I pass the torch to Pam Ferber when she returns from her great lakes trip this Summer.

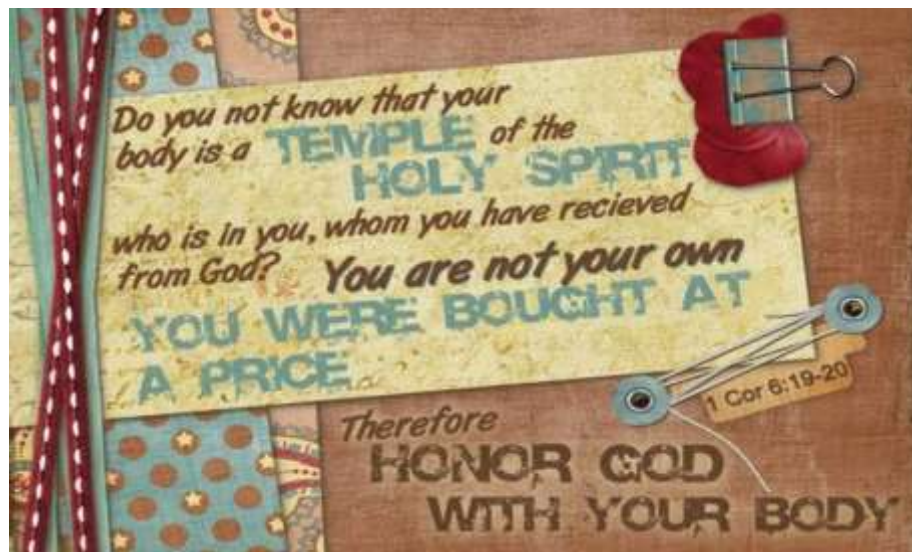
Each and every step along the way has helped me to increase my love and admiration for all of the Willing Servants who have stepped forward to work on walks and join the Board for however long and at whichever position they were called - truly using our Spiritual Gifts to further the Lord's Kingdom.

I will continue to Sponsor Pilgrims, work on Walks and aid the board in every way I can. I appreciate all of the help I have had from the current and past board members and look forward to another 25 years of the Northern Lights Emmaus community serving God in our area.

De Colores!  
Larry Maher







Where has time gone? I can't believe summer is just around the corner and we just completed our Spring Men's Walk #38. "The Best Walk Ever." Thank you, John Pfeiffer and the rest of the team for a job well done. Pilgrims welcome to the Community. I look forward to seeing you newbies around at our Gatherings and helping at the Women's Walk coming up this fall. Volunteering and getting involved is very, very rewarding.

To the Community:

As I am thinking about summer and watching God's Creation come to life I am watching my mother's life coming to an end. She has lived a good life (she is 101). I am with her as I am writing this.

God spoke the earth and heavens into existence from nothing. But most important he made man and woman to live fruitful lives. Genesis 1:28, Genesis 2:15. Everything God created belongs to him including taking care of our bodies. We also have the obligation to take care of the land around us. When you're out this summer and admire the beauty please take care of it. If you see something that needs attention maybe by picking up a trash left along a sidewalk. Maybe a neighbor's yard needs to be mowed. If you can, just mow it. Respecting what God created is our responsibility.

Our bodies are God's temple, and we must take care of it. 1 Corinthians 3:16-17 says "Do you not know that you are God's temple and that God's Spirit dwells in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy him. For God's temple is holy, and you are that temple." We should fight against anything that makes us unhealthy.

My mother has lived an amazing, good life. They gave us 6 hours to 6 days when we brought her home from the hospital on Tuesday. She opted for no more treatment, but we do have oxygen for her. She still has her sense of humor and very much alert. She is so calm and at peace because she is ready to meet Jesus and her family. Our prayers are she just closes her eyes and goes to sleep. Thank you in advance for including us in your prayers.

Pastor Linda St Myers  
Community Spiritual Director

THANK YOU to the Community for your support of Men's Walk #38! Whether you served, prayed, sent Agape, or attended Candlelight and Closing, you were part of the Holy Spirit moving powerfully among our twelve Pilgrims, and also among the team. Our theme verse was Micah 6:8: "He has shown you, O man, what is good. And what does the LORD require of you but to act JUSTLY, to love MERCY, and to walk HUMBLY with your God?. We all entered our Fourth Day more committed and energized to do just that. It was the "Best Walk Ever" (I'm contractually obligated to say that!)

Speaking of the Holy Spirit, we experienced a dramatic parting of the heavy weather which allowed us to hold Dying Moments outside by a fire despite the torrential forecast. There's a screenshot of the weather map that is quite impressive (not that we should be surprised). While the weekend was all about Grace and Agape Love, it also coincided with two important holidays; May the 4<sup>th</sup> (be with you) and Cinco de Mayo. This did not go unnoticed by Andy, our Tech Guru. You'll just have to ask an alum about that ...



Thanks again for your support, and keep praying for our Pilgrims and the Community.

De Colores! -John Pfieffer (Lay Director)



Greetings Emmaus Community,

It's hard to believe that almost a month has passed since we gathered together in Monroe, OH for the Northern Lights Men's Emmaus Walk #38. Once again, I had the privilege of being Spiritual Director for this important weekend.

One thing I have learned when taking time to look back and reflect on our time together, is not to compare it with the previous or other walks that I have been part of and experienced. What I have learned in these times of reflection is the beauty that was presented where God provided the right people, with the right talks, and the right support, so these particular pilgrims that came into our midst over that weekend were truly presented with the risen Christ as they needed.

If you were able to be at our gathering you heard some of the testimonies of what our new community members received during their time with us and how thankful we are once again we have gathered, shared, and sent out into the world some men who have strengthened their relationship and will be the Disciples that Jesus has called them to be.

Another blessing came for this pastor when seeing the team that John called together. The abundance and wealth of experienced servants along with some new servants that to me was coming full circle from my walk, #1 back in 1996. I thank you for the privilege to serve you and I ask that you please join me in praying for these particular men and all of our Community as our board works hard to prepare for future walks that will allow many more individuals to experience God's love in the wonderful way.

Blessings,  
Rev. Chris Trumbull

It's not too early to start making Agape for the next Walk coming up this fall. Giving is the nature of God's love. Agape received during a Pilgrim's Walk to Emmaus experience has a ripple effect. As pilgrims reflect on being showered with nonstop agape in all its forms, many recognize the love of Christ in ways they have never imagined before. The hope is that they will return to their church and communities ready to share God's unconditional love with others. Thank you for making tangible signs of Agape through small gifts to be given to the Pilgrims. If anyone would be interested in an Agape Party, please let Pastor Linda know:

[patchworkministry@gmail.com](mailto:patchworkministry@gmail.com).

