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Crossroads Emmaus

March 2022

Special points of interest:

- CRE Board Meeting
April 19, 7:00 pm
JEC, 8925 Hwy 111,
Ganado
- April Gathering—
FUMC El Campo,
April 24, 6:30 pm
- May Gathering—
Danevang Lutheran,
May 13, 6:30 pm
- Women’s Walk #89,
July 14-17, 2022,
SRC
- Men’s Walk #90,
August 25-28, 2022,
SRC

Crossroads Emmaus Board Meeting

The Crossroads Emmaus Board met on February 15, 2022. After Community Spiritual Director Richard Young opened the meeting with prayer, the January 11 meeting minutes were approved. Treasurers report was received. The 501(c) 3 application has been filed by the CPA firm.

The contracts have been received from the SRC for the upcoming Walks and signature have been gathered. The Community trailer tags have been paid for. The annual Franchise Fees will be paid upon receipt of an invoice.

Women’s Walk #89 is scheduled for July 14-17 under the Lay Direction of Tana Martin.

Men’s Walk #90 is still in need of one table leader according to Lay Director Mike Myers. The Men’s Walk is scheduled for August 25-28 at the SRC.

Community Registrar Retha Hahn is prepared to receive pilgrim applications.

Kimberly Blezinger is working through the approval process to become the Community Trainer with the assistance of Neta Ripple.

Linda Alderson suggested that perhaps we need to update the music used at Gatherings. Rev. Young felt that we need to maintain a good mix of music.

Rev. Young updated the Board on

plans for a meeting to discuss outreach to members of the community to fill our Board vacancies. Rev. Young has issued an urgent call for leaders to step forward. His letter can be read on the CRE website.

The Nominating Committee will bring Mike Alderson, and Caiti Durham before the Board of Directors at the next Board meeting. Karen Webb has also expressed an interest in serving on the board. The CRE Community Lay Director position is still open.

Editors Note— This report provides coverage of the February 15 meeting and the business meeting held at the March 18 Gathering.

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Pilgrim Sponsorship Part One

Editor’s Note- This is the first installment of a three-part series on sponsorship. This section originally ran prior to the pandemic. It appears here again to help prepare for the upcoming Walks.

The Crossroads Emmaus Community is always looking for pilgrims when a walk is at hand. But are we not actually looking for sponsors? Maybe we need a few fresh sponsors. We probably need a fresh approach by some that have sponsored before. It seems that we often get so caught up in ‘making the numbers’ that we

forget how we should be accomplishing this. (Yea, I know... sometimes it’s more like “their breathing and have a pulse, make sure you clean all of the duct tape off of them before you drop them off at the SRC” but we all know that should not be that way we spread our love all over these people.)

Whether this is your first sponsorship, or you have done a dozen, let’s look at this with a fresh

heart. A heart that is open to the Holy Spirit.

Pray for guidance. Is our heart in the right place? Sponsorship is the most important job in Emmaus. The quality of sponsorship influences the pilgrim, the health of the Emmaus movement, and the Church in which the Pilgrim will serve.

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“Jezebel threatened to kill Elijah, just as he had killed the prophets of Baal”

Fighting Through

We have all felt the anxiety of “fighting through” something. Sometimes even after God helps us accomplish much, we still feel anxiety, even fear. If we look back to I Kings, the 18th chapter portrays for us the magnificent victory of Elijah on Mount Carmel over the prophets of Baal. Elijah then declares the end of a great drought, which occurs. This was a great victory for Elijah, but whose victory was it really? The 46th verse of chapter 18 tells us “The hand of the Lord came upon Elijah”.

The 19th chapter tells that Jezebel threatened to kill Elijah, just as he had killed the prophets of Baal. Elijah loses faith briefly and runs. He asks God to let him die as his

fear and disbelief is no better than his fathers before him. Instead, God sends Elijah an angel who feeds him, telling him will need his strength for a journey. He eats and drinks and is sustained for forty days and nights as he journeys to Mount Horeb, the mountain of God. As he spends the night in a cave, the word of the Lord comes to him and asks why he is there. He is told to go out and stand on the mountain where he endures strong wind, earthquakes, and fire, then a small still voice. Only at this point is he given instruction by God.

Within this, God teaches us to never act or make a serious decision after He has given us a victory unless He tells us to. The best

of men are only men at best!

Don’t be alone at times when you should not be. Doing so often let’s us lose perspective.

When God has led us through spiritual warfare to victory, He realizes that we are often exhausted, and depleted. This may not be a great definable crisis, but a slow, steady, prayerful concern for a loved one, an illness, or the soul of a friend (or enemy).

You may not have to sit under a broom tree, baking bread in the coals, and sipping from a jar of water that an angel dropped by, but God will sustain you. God sustains us supernaturally; we just have to recognize it and accept it.



Pilgrim Sponsorship Part One *(continued from page 1)*

Your dedication and effort promote the Emmaus vision of developing Christian leaders who will strengthen the local Church. It is important for the success of this Pilgrim’s Walk for you to be a fully participating Sponsor.

Pray for the potential pilgrim’s openness to God’s call to discipleship, not for how to get him or her to go on a walk.

Extend an invitation. Invite them

to attend for the sake of a more vital relationship with Jesus Christ, not just a weekend to go on. Share your faith. Explain the basic elements and purpose of the walk. Explain that you will follow up, answering any questions about how the walk helps us live in grace for the rest of our lives. Do not explain or promote the walk as something they “need to do.” Instead, have the attitude that you are giving them a wonderful gift.

Make an appointment with the potential pilgrim for the purpose of discussing their participation in Emmaus. Ask them to make a commitment by filling out the registration form. If the person is married, speak with both partners and encourage an equal commitment by both spouses.

Next month we will review the proper application process; the letter gathering campaign, and support during the walk.

CROSSROADS EMMAUS COMMUNITY **WALK TO EMMAUS THE UPPER ROOM**

PILRIM APPLICATION

- ALL PERSONS AND PAYMENT TO SEE AND RECEIVED BEFORE APPLICATION CAN BE PROCESSED
- THE REGISTRAR, SPONSOR, AND PASTOR MUST COMPLETE AND SIGN THEIR RESPECTIVE SECTIONS
- REGISTRAR CANDIDATES WITH INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL BE PLACED ON THE WAITING LIST AND THEIR PARTNERSHIP RETURNED UNTIL A COMPLETE APPLICATION, INCLUDING FULL PAYMENT, IS RECEIVED
- BEYOND THE WAITING LIST TO YOUR PERSONAL, TO THIS MAIL WILL BE THESE SECTIONS
- COMPLETE WITH YOUR REGISTRATION THAT YOUR APPLICATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED AND IS COMPLETE

PLEASE CHECK WITH THE CHURCH GROUP HOSTING THE WALK FOR PAYMENT AND BOOKSHELF INFORMATION.

Walk _____ Date: _____ Cost \$ 225.00 Location Victoria, BC

Last Name: _____ First Name: _____ Home Tag: _____
 Male Female Date of Birth: _____ Email Address: _____
 Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Home Phone: _____ Walk Phone: _____ Cell/Other: _____
 Church Name & Address presently attending: _____

Marital Status: _____ Number of Children: _____ Do you smoke? Yes No

Children Chaperone Yes No Occupancy: _____
 Has the walk been fully explained to you? Yes No Has Post-Walk follow up been explained? Yes No

Name of local Emmaus 40 Day Group for Post-Walk gatherings that you will be attending (check with your sponsor if unsure what the name is): _____
 Do you have any special dietary needs? Yes No

Are you over 65? Yes No

Do you have any physical health problems or physical needs? Yes No

REGISTRATION CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY: _____
Changes in plans or cancellations will be accepted only if approved in writing by the Registrars. Refunds will be processed only if you are a member of the local church. All fees are non-refundable. Refunds will only be processed if you have a confirmed walk or pilgrim before the cancellation deadline. Full refunds will only be issued for a walk. After registration has been a 100% processing fee.

Pilgrim Signature: _____ Date: _____
 Sponsor Signature: _____
 Pastor Signature: _____
 Walk Church Pays For: _____

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That Doubt

I know that EVERYONE reading this understands the grace that is Jesus. Everyone reading this feels the day to day pull and sometimes conviction of the Holy Spirit. And I know that everyone reading this perceives and discerns the presence of the Father God in Heaven. We all have belief and hopefully a relationship with our Triune God.

Problem is we sometimes seem to have a 'disconnect' with our Triune benefactor, at least momentarily, when we try to jump in and handle things ourselves. Try as we may to live in that life of grace, we still succumb to our 'humanness' on occasion. The question is, do we sometimes slip into just enough conscious or subconscious doubt to not truly believe in God's ability to be the God we believe in?

Maybe we don't take enough stock of the Old Testament. We remember the scripture as bits and pieces of many years without fully appreciating the constant flow of illustration of the coming of the Christ. Sometimes we lose sight of the epic power exhibited by God in those times and these. Consider the hundreds of eyewitness accounts of six days in June of 1967.

The next time you are sitting in *your spot* in *your pew* in the clean, temperate, well lit, pristine church that you attend, as you wait for the Sunday morning service to start, take a moment to consider the "cup" that Christ Jesus accepted on your behalf. Let your mind drift to somewhere you have never been. Imagine a terrible stench filling the air. As you look at the pulpit, envision it as an altar, stained with the dried blood of bulls, goats, and sheep. Maybe you have a profound sense of violence. The Bible clearly tells us in Hebrews 10:1-10 that these sacrifices did nothing to appease our sin. But those sacrifices do point out to us that our sins deserve death.

That same Bible tells us that our debt has already been paid. That debt was paid because an omnipotent God worked from before time as we know it to orchestrate the payment of that debt, by sending his pure, sin-free Son to live among us and die for our sin.

A buzzword of our era is to "live a purposeful life." Maybe we should purposefully lay any doubt, conscious or unconscious, at the foot of every Cross we pass by.

I love you all,

De Colores,

Vernon



"Let your mind drift to somewhere you have never been..."

