



# LEWE NEWS

## March 2009

### Emmaus Board Seeks to Solve Newsletter Woes

Over the years the Little Egypt Walk to Emmaus Community has grown to its present size of well over 1500. While most pilgrims are from right here in southern Illinois, we have had pilgrims from all corners of the state as well as a number of surrounding states and as far away as Colorado. Communicating with a community that size poses many obstacles and problems, one of which is the cost of printing and mailing a newsletter. Through the years we have gone from no newsletter to a monthly newsletter, to quarterly, to whenever we can, to an email newsletter and back. While email newsletters are least expensive, only about 10% of the community have provided an email address and email addresses tend to change and get lost or spam blockers tend to filter them out.



Nevertheless, we feel an obligation and responsibility to maintain a line of communication with the community in an effort to enhance and encourage greater participation by the community in subsequent walks and gatherings. To that end, we are sending this newsletter to you seeking your guidance and help. If you are willing to receive newsletters by email, please mark your preference on the appropriate section of this newsletter and provide your current email address. If you prefer to receive the newsletter in the regular mail please the mark that box. Further, if you would be willing to give a donation to help cover the cost of mailings, please make your check out to "LEWE" and enclose it **along with the ballot** in an envelope and mail it to: Fred Whitlatch, 1302 East Main Street, West Frankfort IL 62896. Depending on the response, we hope to commit to at least a quarterly newsletter.

### Board Seats 7 New Directors

In a typical year the Emmaus Board of Directors seats 5 new members in January. Because of the early departure of one director and the late departure of another, 7 new members were seated at the January meeting. The Board of Directors is listed below with new members in bold.

Immediate Past Lay Director	Rodney Gholson
Community Lay Director	Fred Whitlatch
<b>Community Spiritual Director</b>	<b>Michael Neubert</b>
<b>Assistant Lay Director</b>	<b>Roger Smith</b>
<b>Agape Training</b>	<b>Jeannie Housewright</b>
<b>Set up/clean up Secretary</b>	<b>Tim Weaver</b>
<b>Music</b>	<b>Dillard Scruggs</b>
Finance	Nancy Shearer
Set up/Clean up	Scott Farren
Prayer/Reunion Groups	Pat Weber
Registration	Mike Hollobaugh
Kitchen/Communion	Gary Motta
Chrysalis Liaison	Rhoda McGee
Transportation	Clayton Coffey
Worship/Outreach	Anne Bothe
	Michael Sharp
	Mike Ebersohl

### LEWE SEEKS NEW HOME

Pressed by rising fees and new restrictions, the LEWE board is considering moving the Fall walks to another location. Hoping to keep the registration fee at \$125, the board approved contracts for the Spring walks at Little Grassy, but did not sign contracts for the October walks. Camp Director Larry Kalas said that, while sympathetic to our situation, rising maintenance cost and expenses are forcing them to re-evaluate their fee structure for all events including the Walk to Emmaus. By not signing the October contract, Kalas said our spot in the Fall is likely to be taken by another group.

Among sites that are being investigated and may be considered are Touch of Nature just south of Little Grassy, Camp Oxford where Chrysalis held their January Flight and the Southern Illinois Christian Camp in West Frankfort. In 2006, LEWE held a winter walk at Epworth Camp near Lewisville, IL.

Any one who knows of a camp, lodge, or facility that might work for the Walk to Emmaus should contact a board member or Fred Whitlatch at 937-2079 or fwhtlatch@hotmail.com.

### Board Seeks Votes on Bylaws Revision

In an effort to "clean up" the LEWE bylaws, the Board of Directors in January approved a number of changes. Thanks largely to the efforts of past lay director Ron Taylor, a number of discrepancies in wording and terminology have been corrected. In addition, a major section concerning the requirements of clergy training for service as assistant and weekend spiritual directors has been added in response to changes handed down by the Upper Room, the overseeing organization for the Walk to Emmaus. Finding 10 clergy for each Walk...5 for the men and 5 for the women...can often be a difficult task. The changes in the bylaws clarifies the qualifications for clergy and somewhat eases some restrictions for those who are willing to serve on the walks.

Also addressed was election and service of the Board Treasurer. Currently the treasurer can be elected to a maximum of 3 consecutive one year terms. In the event a person leaves in the middle of the year the lay director appoints a person to finish the term. The bylaws have been clarified to make it possible for that person to then be elected to 3 one-year terms.



Because the bylaws requires a community wide vote before any changes become official, the Board of Directors is seeking your input and vote on the changes. The proposed By-law changes are also posted on the LEWE website at [http://www.geocities.com/lewe\\_web/](http://www.geocities.com/lewe_web/). You can vote by returning the enclosed ballot in the mail.



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## 2009 Gathering Schedule

Jan 10	Marion First United Methodist Church	6:30 pm
Feb 14	Trinity United Methodist Church	6:30 pm
Mar 12	Herrin Presbyterian Church	6:30 pm
Apr 11	Crab Orchard United Methodist Church	6:30 pm
May 9	Grace United Methodist Church - Pottluck	6:00 pm
Jun 13	Goreville United Methodist Church	6:30 pm
Jul 11	Carbondale First United Methodist Church	6:30 pm
Aug 8	Trinity United Methodist Church	6:30 pm
Sep 12	Crab Orchard United Methodist Church	6:30 pm
Oct 10	Marion First United Methodist Church	6:30 pm
Nov 14	Aldersgate United Methodist Church -Pottluck	6:00 pm
Dec 12	No Gathering	6:00 pm

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## Songbook Revision Nearing Completion

After years of planning, threatening, wishing and procrastinating, the Emmaus Songbook is being updated with new songs and music and community programs. Began in earnest by past community music director Mark Stallons, the project is now in the hands of new community music director, Scott Farren.

In 2008, the Emmaus board approved membership in Songselect.com, a service that manages the licensing and distribution of copyrighted material and is critical to legally obtaining the rights to print these songs. Not only are the lyrics needed for the community songbooks, but music books are needed for the community piano and keyboard players and chord music books are needed for the community guitar players. Songselect is a one-stop source for all this information to be legally obtained and reprinted. The new songbooks should be available this summer.



## Chrysalis Flies at Camp Oxford

Pressured by rising costs & changing policies, the Little Egypt Chrysalis Community, after much prayer and consideration, felt God leading them to Camp Oxford for Fight # 20. Camp Oxford, located just off route 34 about 12 miles south of Harrisburg in the tiny town of Rudement, took some imagination, a few coats of paint, a nip here and a tuck there and after several hours of volunteer labor greeted the flight #20 with frigid temperatures and bright blue skies. The camp was most accommodating, allowing us to prepare our own meals and welcoming Big House to stay and dine at the camp as well.

Counting the team, Big House and the caterpillars, over 125 people experienced the grace and glory of God and appreciated the abundance of agape and food shared by the community. Satan also took a swipe at the weekend as nearly 30 people felt the blahs of the flu bug, yet God worked through it all bringing Christians closer to one another and closer to Him.

Please be in prayer for the new butterflies, 22 girls and 18 boys, as they extend the Spirit into their Fourth Days. For more information about Chrysalis, please check out our Chrysalis webpage ([www.littleegyptchrysalis.com](http://www.littleegyptchrysalis.com)) For Hoot dates, flight information and applications.

## Bylaws Ballot

In regard to changing the bylaws, I:

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Approve

Disapprove

My email address is: \_\_\_\_\_

You may also email your response to:  
[fwhtlatch@hotmail.com](mailto:fwhtlatch@hotmail.com)

## Walk #36 A First For LEWE

A dream of Becky Reeder was to have a LEWE Walk that included the deaf and hearing impaired. Having experienced such a walk in Maryland, Becky trained there and agreed to serve as the Lay Director for Walk #36. The Board was able to help offset some of the expenses for additional servants flying here from Maryland to participate and guide us in our first hearing impaired walk.

Success was not the word. It was a total blessing to all who were there and resulted in a wonderful experience that many of us will never live. Below are the Walk #36 Pilgrims. Welcome!

### Men

Bill Absher, Bob Chambliss, David Chick, Todd Pierrmayer, Isaac Goins, Terry Moore, Alan Sanner, John Stanley, T. Scott Williams

### Women

Sandy Absher, Brooke Barlow, Leda Brown, Kelly Latham, Dawn Carlson, Jeni Chambliss, Sara Chick, Angel Colquit, Kristena Duermyer, Maribeth Gilbert, Brandi Goins, Shirley Green, Addie Gulley, Lois Hancock, Jennifer Kreuter, Rebekah Mahoney, Mary McGrew, Judy Moore, Rebecca Muzzarelli, Nancy Riggan, Syndi Thompson, Darlene Trexler, Jennifer Watson, Kathy Wilson

## Walk #37 Off the Ground

LEWE Walk #37 is fast approaching and has room. Lay Directors Debbie Goins and Joe Hale are filling their respective teams and are making preparations for the Team Formation Meetings beginning Feb. 28th. Danny and Janet Kirk, as support team leaders are seeking community support in a number of positions as well as filling orders for agape items and snacks.

New this year is an early registration fee reduction of \$25, making the total fee \$100 instead of \$125. Candidates registered at least 6 weeks prior to the Men's Walk, or February 17<sup>th</sup>, received the break on fees. Both walks have ample room and need applications. Walk dates are April 16<sup>th</sup> - 19<sup>th</sup> for men and April 23<sup>rd</sup> -26<sup>th</sup> for the women.

## Newsletter preference:

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