

Lagniappe Country Walk to Emmaus Community Newsletter

Spring 2008

A Word from our Community Lay Director:

Greetings to the Emmaus Community:

I would like to send my appreciation for answering the call of sponsorship. The applications for the upcoming Walks are coming in regularly, and it is evident that responsible sponsorship is occurring. When we sponsor, we are following the prompting of the Holy Spirit to better the lives of individuals and communities. As I watch the azaleas begin to bloom, I notice the various stages of the flowers. Some are new buds, some flowers are in full bloom, and others are beginning to fade. I believe our pilgrims, as we are, find ourselves in different phases of our spiritual life. Please continue to hold the teams and pilgrims in prayers during these last weeks of preparation, and ask God to take them as buds, blooms, or fading flowers and to use as He needs us. Please come and serve during the upcoming Walks! We need you, and we would love to serve with you.

NOTICE

I would like to present to you a proposed Amendment (Book of Local Policies) to the By-Laws of the Lagniappe Country Walk to Emmaus Community. In addition, there are proposed changes to ARTICLE IV, Section 6. Clergy. The amendment and article changes can be found on page 2 of this newsletter.

DeColores,
Anne Cloutatre, Community Lay Director

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Facilities Needs Your Help for Setup, Changeover, and Tear-down

A lot of willing hands are needed to enable the facilities people to keep the weekend running smoothly. Your help would be greatly appreciated throughout the weekend, as your time permits, but there are specific times when many hands are needed:

Thursday Morning - **starting at 6:00 AM**, set up Conference Room, sleeping areas, Prayer and Dining Rooms

Saturday evening - after Candlelight - move Conference Room

Sunday Morning - **starting at 6:00 AM** to convert sleeping areas back to Sunday School rooms.

Sunday evening - after Closing to restore the Broadmoor Campus to pre-Thursday condition.

According to Article VII. Amendments: Proposed amendments must be circulated through the Community Newsletter to the membership. If no petitions signed by at least twenty-five (25) Community members objecting to the new amendments are received, the amendments will be considered adopted. Any objections must be received within sixty (60) days of the mailing of the notification. If an objection petition is received, the amendment will be considered voided. If the Board then wishes to submit the amendment to the entire Community for a vote it may do so. A majority or plurality of votes cast by the membership will decide the matter.

PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

The Lagniappe Country Emmaus Community (LCEC) Board shall maintain a "Book of Local Policies" which documents clarifications, additions to, or slight changes from the accepted practices for operating the LCEC. The LCEC Board and the LCEC are bound by, and must adhere to the policies documented in this Book of Local Policies.

Additions, deletions, or modifications to policies documented in the Book of Local Policies can be made by a 2/3 majority vote of the LCEC Board of Directors, after presentation and discussion of said changes, a quorum being required for an official vote. A paper copy of the policy, signed by the LCEC Board Chair at the time of approval shall be filed in the Book of Local Policies.

Deviation from these policies can only occur with prior discussion and approval by a 2/3 majority vote of the LCEC Board of Directors, with a quorum being asked for an official vote. Any deviation from policy is understood to be a one-time nature, unless a change to the specific policy from the Book of Local Policies is enacted by the Board. Approved one-time deviations to policies in the Book of Local Policies, and the reason for the deviation, must be documented in the LCEC Board Meeting Minute from the meeting when the deviation was approved.

The policies outlined in the Book of Local Policies shall be documented in such a way as to insure clear understanding of the policy and its intent. Documentation shall include:

- A clear, concise statement of the policy
- A description of the basis/intent of the policy
- The date of the Board vote approving the policy
- A "Policy Number" (e.g., 2007-03, third policy enacted in 2007)
- The Number of the existing policy being replaced (if the policy supersedes an existing policy)
- Dated signature of the presiding LCEC Board Chair at approval.

Original copies of superseded, deleted or modified policies will be maintained as an "Appendix" to the Book of Local Policies as a means of maintaining a history of changes, for the benefit of future Boards.

CHANGES TO : ARTICLE IV. BOARD OF DIRECTORS, Section 6. Clergy

Section 6. Clergy

- a. Community Spiritual Director:** The Board of Directors shall select the Community Spiritual Director annually at the March meeting. Term of office shall begin April 1. The Community Spiritual Director may succeed himself/herself if selected by the Board for another term. The Spiritual Director may be removed during the term by nine (9) affirmative votes.
- b. Clergy Board Member:** The Board of Directors shall select an additional clergy representative annual at the March meeting. The term of office shall begin April 1. A clergy member may succeed himself/herself if selected by the Board for another term. This clergy member may be removed during the term by nine (9) affirmative votes.

There is no description of the responsibilities of the additional clergy in the By-Laws. In view of the above we would like to make the following proposal.

Section 6. Clergy:

- a. Community Spiritual Director:** Add the following to the existing paragraph.
"This clergy should meet the "Clergy Qualifications" as described in The Upper Room Handbook on Emmaus, pages 29-30."

Section 6.

- b. Clergy Board Member:** Add the following to the existing paragraph.
"The additional clergy elected to serve on the Board of Directors may serve as the Observing Community Spiritual Director. The following year the Observing Community Spiritual Director (OCSD) may be elected to serve as the Community Spiritual Director (CSD). The OCSD will assist the CSD as directed by the CSD. To serve as the Observing Community Spiritual Director the clergy person must Be an ordained clergy with the authority to administer Holy Communion and have the same qualifications as one elected to serve as a Community Spiritual Director. This clergy should meet the "Clergy Qualifications" as described in The Upper Room Handbook on Emmaus, pages 29-30. This would not prevent the Board from electing a clergy other than the OCSD clergy to serve as the Community Spiritual Director."

The above recommendation gives the Board of Directors an option regarding the additional clergy elected to the Board.

The rationale for the above recommendation is that this would allow the additional clergy serving on the Board to become familiar with how the Board functions and what the role of the CSD is before serving as the Community Spiritual Director.

A WORD FROM OUR LAY DIRECTORS

Brent Loupe, Lay Director - Men's Walk #47

"I can do everything through him who gives me strength." - Philippians 4:13

The team is set and preparing for the Walk to Emmaus #47. God's hand has been at work preparing us for the upcoming walk. We ask that you pray for the team so that the pilgrims may experience the grace of God on the weekend. It seems so fitting now, that the talk I have prepared "Perseverance" has a deeper meaning than before. After the Walk was canceled in the fall, this team has once again committed to act as servants of Christ and we have continued our preparation for Walk #47. The team is strengthening the bond as the meetings have begun and I am confident the servants of Walk #47 will persevere as representatives of Christ's and deliver God's message to the pilgrims of Walk #47.

I am honored and humbled to see the hand of God at work as the details for the walk approach. We will continue to work diligently to prepare ourselves so that we may serve the pilgrims unselfishly. It is our prayer that God's will be done on this walk. We are deeply honored and glorified to serve our lord and savior Jesus Christ.

The scripture for the weekend is: Philippians 4:13

DeColores,
Brent Loupe, Lay Director - Men's Walk #47

Becky Melancon, Lay Director - Women's Walk #48

(Jesus prayed) "I in them and you in me. May they be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me." - John 17:23

How encouraging to know that Jesus prayed in John 17- even for us- the believers in 2008. His desire is for **us to be one**, just as the Father and Son are One. He wants **Them to be in us** so He has given us His Holy Spirit. He knew that only by Him in us could we be brought to **complete unity**. Wow! That unity has purpose: to let the world, and specifically the Pilgrims of Walk 48, know that God sent Jesus, and that the **Father loves each of us**, even as He loved His Son! What I remember so well about my Walk is the tangible expression of God's love for me. In the years since, expressing that love to others through Emmaus continues to bless me.

As I write this, it is still 2 weeks before our first Team meeting and I look forward with eager longing to see this prayer of Jesus answered in our midst. The Fruit of the Spirit- Him in us- unifies us. He will give us all the *love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control* needed so that His love will be demonstrated through each of us – Love which is immeasurable! How exciting it is to see the unified community demonstrating the love of Christ! I thank the Lord for the Team He has put together and for each of you who will be behind the scenes!!!!

I am looking forward to God's mighty power at work in and through all of us on Walk #48! I can hardly wait to see the impact of that marvelous love.

Glory to God!
Becky Melancon, Lay Director - Women's Walk #48

Teams for the Spring 2008 Walks

Men's Walk #47

Women's Walk #48

Brent Loupe
 Rev. Stephen Fleming
 Rev. Tommy Bergeron
 Rev. Matt Turner
 Tre' Wharton
 Leroy Perot
 Ken Music
 Chris Riche
 Ken Garrett, Chris Polk, Arnold Comer,
 Randy Pierce

Leroy Perot (ALD)
 Rev. Tommy Bergeron
 Tre' Wharton (ALD)
 Rev. Matt Turner
 Ken Music (ALD)
 L.N. Coxe (Table Leader)
 Rev. Stephen Fleming
 Phil Moser (Table Leader)
 Rev. Matt Turner
 Jay Coats (Table Leader)
 Bob Dennis (Table Leader)
 Rev. Tommy Bergeron
 K.E. Mathew (Table Leader)
 Brent Loupe (Lay Director)
 Bart Kennedy (Table Leader)

L.N. Coxe, Phil Moser, Jay Coats, Bob Dennis,
 Bart Kennedy, K.E. Mathew

Scott Thompson, Ray Stickman, Robert Dillard
 Tommy Girior, Curtis Tureau, John Schatzle

Dianne Stilley, Jim Sandifer, Connie Arvin,
 Jackie Dennis

Alan Towe, Debra Towe

Keitt Hane, Tony Parnell, Jim Gilbert, Allen Posey

Patricia Poulter, Theresa Sandifer, Stacy Garrett

Cyndie Schmidt, Eddie Bennett

Celia Music, Ginger Hughes, Celestine Davis
 Daphne Yaun, Donna Combre

Lay Director
 Spiritual Director
 Assistant Spiritual Director
 Assistant Spiritual Director
 Assistant Lay Director (ALD)
 Assistant Lay Director (ALD)
 Assistant Lay Director (ALD)
 Board Representative
 Music Team

Talks

Priorities
 Prevenient Grace
 Priesthood of All Believers
 Justifying Grace
 Life of Piety
 Growth Through Study
 Means of Grace
 Christian Action
 Obstacles to Grace
 Discipleship
 Changing Our World
 Sanctifying Grace
 Body of Christ
 Perseverance
 Fourth Day

Table Leaders

Assistant Table Leaders

Team Assistants

Prayer Room

Facilities and Setup

Altars

Kitchen

Agape

Becky Melancon
 Rev. Monica Monk
 Rev. Carol Civils

 Debra Towe
 Vickie Evans
 Jo Anne Lewis
 Pam Toney
 Susie Blanchard, Gloria Robertson, Sandra Smith

Debra Towe (ALD)
 Rev. Monica Monk
 Kathy King (Table Leader)
 Rev. Carol Civils
 Mary Beth Fesmire (Table Leader)
 Stacy Garrett (Table Leader)
 Rev. Monica Monk
 Pam Tremblay (Table Leader)
 Rev. Carol Civils
 Vickie Evans (ALD)
 Dana Murray (Table Leader)
 Rev. Monica Monk
 Lisa Davis (Table Leader)
 Becky Melancon (Lay Director)
 Jo Anne Lewis (ALD)

Lisa Davis, Mary Beth Fesmire, Stacy Garrett,
 Kathy King, Dana Murray, Pam Tremblay

Johanna Awotwi, Elise Hane, Shari LeBlanc,
 Theresa Sandifer, Liz Walker, Patricia Martina

Ron and Susie Newton, Connie Arvin,
 Mike Hollahan, Sally Genovese

Marilly Comer, Toni Sparks

Allen Posey, Phil Chambliss

Cheri Coats

Duane Denham, Buzz Horsfall

Celestine Davis, Barbara Girior, Donna Combre,
 Becky LeDuff

THE PILGRIMS OF WALKS #47 and #48 - Spring 2008

Men's Walk # 47

Curt Bailey
 Alex Balducci
 Daamon Ball
 Steve Boothe
 Tom Dunstan
 Paul Farmer
 Richard Langlois
 Brett Mativi
 Zack Morales
 Kevin Odom
 Shawn Perkins
 Louis Smith
 Richard Stiltner
 Mark Syvertser
 Kemper Todd
 Tommy Waguespack
 David Zalfen

Women's Walk # 48

Beverly Bailey
 Jeanette Boothe
 Lynn Boudreaux
 Lorna Clemente
 Amy Farmer
 Christina Felder
 Donna DeJean
 Liz Hefner
 Daryl Johnson
 Darnell Lassiter
 Delphine Lyons
 Sandy Martin
 Alisa Mercier
 Stacey Morales
 Laura Rentrop
 Trish Roman
 Kathy Stanley
 Betty Watts

*** Pilgrim Lists Subject to Change**

Schedule of Talks

Please pray for our speakers as they give their talks. The talk schedule is listed below.

If you plan to pray in the Prayer Room with a speaker, please at least arrive 30 minutes prior to the time Talk is to be given.

<u>Friday</u>	Priorities 9:15 AM	Prevenient Grace 11:15 AM	Priesthood of all Believers 1:45 PM	Justifying Grace 3:15 PM	Life of Piety 6:30 PM
<u>Saturday</u>	Growth Through Study 8:55 AM	Means of Grace 10:20 AM	Christian Action 2:30 PM	Obstacles to Grace 4:30 PM	Discipleship 7:00 PM
<u>Sunday</u>	Changing Our World 8:30 AM	Sanctifying Grace 9:45 AM	Body of Christ 10:45 AM	Perseverance 12:45 PM	Fourth Day 1:45 PM

Meal Schedule

There is always room for help in the kitchen. Please contact Doug Bennett at (225) 931-5219 for more information.

Friday
 8:00 AM - Breakfast
 12:00 PM - Lunch
 5:30 PM - Dinner

Saturday
 7:30 AM - Breakfast
 1:00 - Lunch
 5:40 PM - Dinner

Sunday
 7:15 AM - Breakfast
 *The Community will no longer
 serve lunch

"...Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did it to the least of these brothers of Mine, even the least of them, you did it to Me." Matthew 25:40 You CAN and DO make a difference!

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

One of the foundations of the Walk to Emmaus experience is servanthood. It is through servanthood that we experience anew, the joy and excitement of the weekend. You don't have to be "on conference room team" to be a major part of the weekend experience. The support role is the engine that drives the weekend. By contributing your time and talents, the weekend flows smoothly and everyone can experience the presence of God. Not just the pilgrims...EVERYONE!

"How can I serve?". . .

PRAYER - Pray for the pilgrims. Pray for the team. Come to the Prayer Room at least 30 minutes before each talk and pray for the speaker (times of the talks are listed on page 5). Pray at home, pray at work,.....pray without ceasing!

KITCHEN - Why is working in the kitchen during the weekend so much fun? Is it the fellowship, the sense of creating, or just the experience of serving? Whatever it is, it is essential. Your contribution is both needed and appreciated.

AGAPE - Oven agape is a sweet, warm way to spread God's love. Gather some ideas or recipes now and mark your calendar for baking time for the Spring Walks. Often it is more convenient to bake ahead and freeze for the weekend. Bring homemade oven agape to the kitchen on Thursday of the Walks. - **OR** - It is never too soon (or too late) to be thinking and praying about ideas for agape, those tangible sign of God's unconditional love. The upcoming walks will need 60 items for each weekend. Some articles are tried and true, but new ones are always welcome. God's favorite hobby is creating, so get Him in on the planning! Avoid that last minute rush and gather your group together for an agape party NOW! You might feel some of that unconditional love in the making!

CANDLELIGHT and CLOSING - What experiences they are! An opportunity to worship and to demonstrate community spirit to the pilgrims.

REMEMBER, CANDLELIGHT IS AT 8:00 PM ON SATURDAY AND CLOSING IS AT 4:00 PM ON SUNDAY!

Jesus Teaches about Serving Others

Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came over and spoke to him. "Teacher," they said, "we want you to do us a favor."

"What is your request?" he asked.

They replied, "When you sit on your glorious throne, we want to sit in places of honor next to you, one on your right and the other on your left."

But Jesus said to them, "You don't know what you are asking! Are you able to drink from the bitter cup of suffering I am about to drink? Are you able to be baptized with the baptism of suffering I must be baptized with?"

"Oh yes," they replied, "we are able!"

Then Jesus told them, "You will indeed drink from my bitter cup and be baptized with my baptism of suffering. But I have no right to say who will sit on my right or my left. God has prepared those places for the ones he has chosen."

When the ten other disciples heard what James and John had asked, they were indignant. So Jesus called them together and said, "You know that the rulers in this world lord it over their people, and officials flaunt their authority over those under them. But among you it will be different. Whoever wants to be a leader among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first among you must be the slave of everyone else. For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Mark 10:35-45 (NLT)

LCWE COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Men's Walk #47 - April 3-6, 2008

Send-off - Thursday, April 3, 2008 @ 6:30 PM

Women's Walk #48 - April 24-27, 2008

Send-off - Thursday, April 24, 2008 @ 6:30 PM

Candlelight starts at 8:00 PM on the Saturday of each Walk - Closing starts at 4:00 PM on Sunday

Fourth Day: May 1, 2008 (Thursday)
Location - Broadmoor UMC
New Members - 6:00 PM
Community - 6:30 PM
(Be sure to bring snacks and/or soft drinks)

The next Gathering will be on May 10, 2008. Check the website(www.lcwe.org) for the location.
Fellowship starts at 6:30 PM - bring your cross, name-tag & a snack to share

Child care will be provided

Please note -- *Gatherings are held the 2nd Saturday of each month except during the months when the Walks are held.*

Fall 2008 Walks:

Men's Walk #49 - September 18-21, 2008
Women's Walk #50 - October 9-12, 2008
Fourth Day - October 16, 2008 (Thursday) at Broadmoor UMC

Visit the Lagniappe Country Emmaus Community website for information regarding upcoming Walks and Gatherings, and to obtain Pilgrim-Sponsor Applications, Team Service Applications, past Community Newsletters, and information on Reunion Groups.

www.lcwe.org

Need An Application, Lost Your Nametag? No Problem!!

Need a Pilgrim, Sponsor, or Team Application? Did you lose your nametag and need to buy a new one? Then Twila Pernicaro, our registrar, is the person you need to see. Twila can be reached at (225) 293.4706 or e-mail at tperni19511@cox.net. Nametags are \$4.00 each. Also, don't forget to submit a Team Service Application each year.

Pilgrim/Sponsor and Team Service Applications can be printed from our website -- www.lcwe.org/Forms

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Thanks again for YOUR PART in making the Lagniappe Country
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