

Evansville District Walk to Emmaus Newsletter

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December Monthly Gathering

December 14, 2019

St. James West

3111 Hillcrest Terrace, Evansville, IN 47712 Witness Speaker: *to be announced*

Family, Friends and Children are always welcome to attend our Gatherings and we encourage you to invite them.

Social Time: 6:30 Gathering: 7:00 pm



Upcoming Events / Gatherings

January 11 - Aldersgate UMC - Evansville Walk Critiques will be prior to January Gathering at 5:30pm.

February 8 - Trinity UMC - Rockport

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To our new 4th Day of Walks #92 and #93, please make sure to attend your

Walks Critiques

These will be held on January 11th at 5:30 before the monthly Gathering.



Wisdom - 10 Prayers God always answers — Prayer 4 of 10



"Give me your Wisdom." - As the Bible tells us, we are not to lean on our own understanding. This can be especially hard in difficult times. When you are facing a situation where you don't know what you should do, ask him to give you his wisdom. It may help to speak with your pastor or a trusted friend as well. Sometimes when we are all stressed out and "in our own minds" he will speak through a trusted clergy member/friend as to what you should do. Other times he will speak to you directly.

Ta Ta for Now (TTFN) - Melodie & Darrell Roedel

We are very sad to see the Roedels go but we know that they are going to be very happy in their new Florida home. From the entire EDWE Community we wish you the best of everything that you endeavor in life!

Your Brothers and Sisters in Christ, EDWE 4th Day



Community Classifieds

- > Please make note of EDWE's new address. EDWE, P.O. Box 805, Evansville, Indiana 47705.
- When there is a death of a family member connected to our EDWE Community, please contact an EDWE board member. This will assist us with extending our condolences, prayers and support to the family.
- New Pilgrim Applications are available on the www.edwe.com website.
- ➤ If you are interested in working on a Walk, Volunteer forms are available on our website. The following link will take you to all EDWE forms: http://edwe.com/index.php?page=forms member. You can turn them in at a gathering or mail to: Team Selection Committee Chair, C/O EDWE, P.O. Box 805, Evansville, Indiana 47705.
- EDWE needs <u>Musicians and Song Leaders</u> for our Gatherings and/or upcoming Walks. Please contact our Worship Coordinator Mike Bass.
- If you would like to share what the Lord is doing in your life, please consider being a **Monthly witness speaker** at an upcoming Gathering. Please contact Rebecca Fenn.
- Each month we will be having a door prize drawing for those in attendance. If your name is drawn you may choose any clothing item or up to \$15 worth of other items available. Come by and check out the inventory.
- > A special Thank You to Don Roettger for stepping up and finishing Darrell Roedel term as Gathering Coordinator.
- Evansville District Walk to Emmaus has a few positions open on the Board of Directors. If you are interested or willing to serve in an interim or full time capacity, please contact Rebecca Fenn. rebeccafenn1983@gmail.com
- The EDWE Board is looking for someone to serve as the EDWE/Chrysalis Liaison. If you're interesting in serving in this capacity, please contact any Board member.

From your Board of Directors

One of the best ways to be accountable in piety, study, and action is to participate in an Emmaus reunion group. Reunion groups are small groups of fellow believers who are Fourth Day who support, encourage, and celebrate each other. EDWE has many reunion groups, and I would be thrilled to help you get plugged into a group. If you would like my help getting connected with a reunion group, please contact me at 812-430-9386 or illmoeding@gmail.com.

I chose to get involved with the EDWE community because I know the Walks are life-changing for many pilgrims.

Healing, forgiveness, and peace are just of few of the blessings that come from the walks. Over and over again, I have seen what God can do when He gets us out of the world for three days. In addition, the EDWE community encourages and supports each other. "Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor. If either of them falls down, one can help the other up." Ecclesiastes 3:9-10. I have met great friends in the EDWE community who have a heart for the Lord and serving others. I hope you choose to be a part of our community! If you are new to the EDWE community or have been a member for years, we would love to see you at the monthly gatherings. Please come to see how God is moving in our community.

Thank you to the Fourth Day for all of the agape love you showed by sponsoring, working a walk, praying for the walks, serving meals, attending services and candlelight, and much more. Thank you also to those who made the beautiful agape for the pilgrims and teams.

It was inspiring to see the participation and selfless acts of so many of our Fourth Day. Wow!

DeColores, Jill Oeding Agape/Reunion Groups Board Member



Dear EDWE

Dear EDWE: I have a friend that I have been praying for a long time and who is interested in attending an Emmaus Walk. Unfortunately their spouse is not at the same level in their spiritual journey. I have always heard that couples should attend the walks at the same time. What should I do? - Anxious Sponsor

Dear Good Sponsor: First, the fact that you're seeking guidance in this matter is a sign of good sponsorship. Remember it is not about filling the walks but rather sponsoring pilgrims that are going on the walk for the right reasons.

Emmaus encourages married couples to attend a weekend at the same time when possible. This is referred to as "Equal Commitment". This does not mean that Emmaus primarily focuses on married persons. Single persons are as welcome to participate in Emmaus as married couples. However, it does reflect a concern and hope about the effect of Emmaus on marriages and families.

First, equal commitment guards against the Emmaus experience becoming a divisive influence in a marriage. Emmaus can be the occasion for commitments to new life directions that one's spouse may not understand or appreciate at the time. The Emmaus Movement attempts to strengthen marriages and to avoid practices that may have the potential to affect a marriage adversely.

Second, Emmaus can indirectly strengthen the spiritual bond in a marriage and family. So sponsorship of married persons involves approaching both husband and wife together and encouraging them to make an equal commitment to participate.

Third, equal commitment results in increased participation of many grateful husbands and wives who probably would not have attended a Walk otherwise but did so in order to make it possible for their spouse to participate. While their initial motivation for going on a Walk may not have been personal, they came to realize during the course of the weekend that the Walk was also meant for them.

The equal commitment does not mean a spouse can never go to Emmaus unless the other has gone first. It is always best to schedule spouses' participation in the same set of weekends so they can share their experience and support each other. However, circumstances may arise when husbands or wives must attend their Walks at different times. In these cases, the order of participation is secondary and becomes a practical matter.

Thank you for your Good Sponsorship, EDWE





Welcome New 4thDay

Dear new 4th Day of Walks #92 and #93,

Welcome to YOUR 4th Day! We are so excited that you got to experience a closer relationship with Christ through the Walk to Emmaus. We know that you have gone back to your churches ready and willing to serve Him...to be Christ's hands and feet here on earth.

Every one of us has been in the amazing position where you are. We, like you, were covered in prayer and loved unconditionally on our weekend and we want to continue sharing that love with you at our Gatherings, in Reunion Groups and through prayer for each other. We want to share the incredible love of God with you through Emmaus by working the Walks, serving meals and making agape for Walks, serving on an Emmaus committee or on the Board of Directors. There are so many ways to be Christ's hands and feet in the world!

We look forward to seeing you at our December 14th Gathering at St. James West UMC in Evansville starting at 6:30 with social time and worship at 7 pm. It'll be wonderful to see you all again! And remember to mark your calendar for the January 11th Walk Critique Sessions that start at 5:30 pm at Aldersgate UMC in Evansville which will be followed by the Gathering which starts with the social time at 6:30 and Worship at 7pm.

May you be mightily blessed during this Christmas season as we prepare to celebrate our Savior's birth.

Rebecca Fenn

EDWE #38, Table of Esther

EDWE Community Lay Director

Please join me in welcoming our new 4th Day:

Walk #92

Clarence Dennison, Joshua Dimmett, Ian Elmeier, Greg Gordon, Jimmy Kulbeth, Trevor Manley, Richard Mayne, Nathanael Nesmith, Alexander Tyler Payne, Tony Schauberger, Andrew Scheller, Brandon VanHorn, Brian Waninger

Walk #93

Yvonne Baur, Ruth Ann Burch, Kelly Cazzell, Janet Cunningham, Morgan Devine, Bonnie Russell Gordon, Kara Greenwood, Pamela Harvey, Carolyn Hawkins, Jessica Heathman, Amanda Hudson, JoAnn Krantz, Loyce Kulbeth, Sarah Maddox, Erin Marchand, Ella McNeely, Miranda Moyer, Regina Murphy, Jennifer Roedel, Sandy Scott, Kelli Steiner, Shay Thomas, Carolyn Vollman, Emilia Weflen

EDWE Needs You



Over the course of the next several months, it is the EDWE Board of Directors intention to provide updates and enhancements to our website and social media sites.

We need your Help!

If you any have expertise administering or setting up websites or social media pages and can help, please contact Shannon Gehlhausen at Shannon.Gehlhausen@Gmail.com or (812)453-5496.

Next Weekend Lay Director's

Congratulations to <u>Shannon Gehlhausen</u> and <u>Kimberly</u> <u>Elzer</u> on being named our next Weekend Lay Directors!



Chrysalis Corner



Attention EDWE,

Our Chrysalis Community will have their next Flight (#52) on February 28th through March 2nd.

Chrysalis can be as life changing of a weekend for our youth as your walk was for you. Our youth is our next generation and can you imagine any more powerful of a gift?

Please prayerfully consider a High School student that you should sponsor.

Pray for Emmaus December Walks

Remember at your walks when they announced all those who were praying for you. Your sponsors, Friends, People in your church and community, people in prison, people around the globe? This is real and you all know how powerful prayer is. We can pay it forward. This is a new article that will be included in each newsletter and includes a list of walks that are occurring in the next month. Please be in prayer for these walks and God's will for each and every pilgrim and team member.

Indiana

December 5 – 8 Southwest Indiana Emmaus Men's Walk #59 Petersburg, Indiana

Texas

December 5 – 8 Cross Country Emmaus Men's Walk #250 Graford, Texas