

# Central Illinois Walk to Emmaus Newsletter

## LETTER FROM OUR SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR

Central Illinois Emmaus is ALIVE!

Yes, Covid-19 placed us on a pause for 2 years; but not even COVID-19 can or will stop the Spirit and will of God! In September of 2022, we had 2 successful, Spirit-filled walks! God showed up and showed off in unique and life-changing ways!

Having pastored churches of 8-10 and churches of 150, I can say that there is one thing that is common across churches of all sizes, they suffer from Spiritual apathy. Oh, they are so, so faithful in church attendance and hosting church fundraising dinners, but ask them to pray, ask them to do something with significant and spiritual depth, and suddenly they have closets that haven't been cleaned in 30 years that take precedence. And if you doubt it, try hosting a Bible study or prayer group, and you'll likely draw 3-10 people. Now host a 31, Mary Kay, Tupperware, or Pampered Chef party or group trip to a sporting event and invite the same folks and you'll quickly have 3-4 times that amount. And yet when most churches are asked what they desire most, they will respond with "more people".

To experience growth a church MUST be bathed in prayer and plugged into the Holy Spirit. Which begs the question, how does an individual or church do such a thing? The short answer is intentionality. In other words, one must be actively seeking the life-changing movement and Spirit of the Living God! We must move from knowing about God to knowing God personally. That seems like such a subtle difference, but nothing could be further from the truth; that difference is monumental.

What does Emmaus have to do with any of the above? I'm glad you asked! While Emmaus is not a cure-all be-all, and it is NOT a magic experience, it does unequivocally offer the opportunity for individuals to meet God in a powerful way! It helps reveal God's grace and show us that we are saved and called for a purpose, and that purpose is not to simply sit on a church pew and wait for Jesus to return and hope we've been good enough to be admitted into the heavenly eternity.

If you want to grow in your faith, I invite you to attend a Walk to Emmaus! If you have previously attended and feel like your church is Spiritually lacking, invite friends and church family to attend a Walk to Emmaus weekend. I promise that Spirit is alive and will move in our lives and churches if we invite the Spirit in and submit ourselves to the work, movement, and power of that same Holy Spirit!

De Colores!  
Pastor Gene Turner  
CIE Emmaus Spiritual Director



## Walk to Emmaus

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### OUR NEXT GATHERING:

July 15th  
Sugar Creek United Methodist  
Church  
1022 New City Road,  
Chatham, IL 62629

Doors Open at 5 pm  
Meal Served at 6 pm  
Service starts at 7 pm

Bring a dish to share and invite a friend to join us! Families are welcome at Gatherings!

## UPCOMING WALKS

Our Fall Walk Prep will take place on Saturday August 5<sup>th</sup> and Saturday August 19<sup>th</sup>. The women's team will be at Harvard Park Church and the men's team will be at Sugar Creek Methodist Church.

Team Orientation and Anointing will be held on September 23<sup>rd</sup> at:

Camp Cilca,  
4124 Country Road 4 1/2 W, Cantrall, IL.

Men's Walk #276 will be held Thursday, September 28<sup>th</sup> through October 1<sup>st</sup>.

Women's Walk #277 will be held Thursday, October 26<sup>th</sup> through October 29<sup>th</sup>.

Bruce Campbell has been named as the Lay Director for Walk #276. His Bible Verse guiding him is 1 Corinthians 13:13. "And now these three remain: faith, hope, and love. But the greatest of these is love."

Joann Woolums has been named as the Lay Director for Walk #277. Her Bible Verse guiding her is Lamentations 3:22-23. "Because of the Lord's great love, we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."

Please hold them and those who have been called to serve on the team alongside them in your prayers as they prepare. As they are preparing, consider:

- WHO you can sponsor.
- HOW you can serve behind the scenes
  - Agape Chapel
  - Baking desserts or snacks
  - Making agape
  - Showing up for weekend events
  - Setting up / Tearing Down

If you would like to help serve, please contact the Emmaus Board at [CIEcontactlist@gmail.com](mailto:CIEcontactlist@gmail.com) to serve as Christ's hands and feet.

## CURRENT SERVING OPPORTUNITIES

- Sponsor Pilgrims! Applications are currently being accepted. **Deadline to receive applications for both walks is September 22<sup>nd</sup>. Both Sponsor and Pilgrim along with deposit must be in hand to Lyndsay Withey by noon on 9/22.**
- Sign up to serve as background help! Stuffing packets, making agape, speaking to local churches to share about Emmaus.
- Reaching out to CIE Community Members to update contact information.
- Hosting Gatherings and Reunion Groups
- Serve on the Board. We are always looking for volunteers to serve. Board meetings are open to the community. We meet the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month at Harvard Park Church in Springfield at 6:30 pm.
- Watch Facebook Group and emails for more opportunities.
  - Join Our New Facebook Group - [Central IL Walk to Emmaus Private Group](#)
  - Join Our Email List – [Central Illinois Emmaus Contact List](#)

## **WALK #275 FROM PAT THEOBALD**

This Walk was a “God Thing” from the get-go. He often makes or allows great frustration to move us from the first step to the result. So, I guess my frustration was a signal He’s moving, and I better hang on for the ride.

I made initial calls in March of 2020 making the last ones before getting on a plane to the Middle East to visit family. Then, by March 20 the world stopped and my return from my visit required some shifting and 6 stops on the way home including a miracle meeting with a handicapped couple and an hour ride with a Nigerian Christian to pick up my car and go home. God showed me things only he knew would be revelations of His presence in my situation. He was guiding and I was riding. Then nothing until March of 2022. I had already called a whole team and now needed to see who would still be available. Some new folks got called and God put together such a good fit of personalities, experiences, abilities, and faith journey’s that I could never do. He led me to call certain people at certain times. Whatever response I got from each woman was the right one. And we became the Team for Walk #275.

Leadership met first so we’d all be on the same page to make plans and progress together. It was very moving to be in the same room with these leaders...humbling. I gave the ALD’s jobs, and they got to it immediately. The ALD’s and I met again to clarify, and problem solve so as not to take up valuable time making decisions that needed to already have been made. We had to make the best of our training time which was limited in my estimation and do it with Christian love and service to our Savior. The pilgrims would see our love, service, and faith on display. We had to work out the kinks.

The training at Little Galilee was nurturing to all of us. Our team of pastors happened to be a lot of fun. The building had 4 corner dorms with a dozen or so bunk beds. Close quarters and no outside responsibilities can make a team strong and united. Everyone did their part and then some. The food was excellent and there were many servants in the kitchen. Training seemed to go as it should with few glitches.

As I sat at the leadership table during the Walk, I could observe the big picture and be amazed at how God had orchestrated all this with a few phone calls. The talks were excellent, the fellowship at each table started to be evident very early on. Music, Tech, and that Board Advisor who quietly moved mountains in the background were the icing on this cake. The weather was great as we walked or rode between buildings. The ALD’s had figured out the movement and best use of the building available to us and they did a wonderful job. A huge group of community came out to Candlelight and that was amazing as were the many who came for Gut Bucket. These were WOW moments! Outback was outstanding finding and doing everything we needed.

Closing is a blur in my mind. I didn’t want it to end but was exhausted. I’m sorry I’m only allowed to be LD once. So, I joined the Central Illinois Emmaus Board thinking I have something to offer. We’ll see.

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Pat Theobald, Lay Director of Walk #275.

### **NOTE FROM CIE TREASURER:**

The CIE Short Form of Organization Exempt from Income Tax (Form 990-EZ) and the Illinois Annual Report (AG990-IL) has been filed for the year ending 12/31/2022.

The CIE Board of Directors made the decision to leave the cost of the weekends for 2023 for both team and pilgrims at \$125. There will be an additional cost from Camp CILCA for the Men’s Weekend this fall. This additional cost is due to Camp CILCA providing the meals on that weekend. After this set of walks the board will reevaluate if our operation costs have increased to the point of increasing future weekend costs.

Our goal as a community is to never turn someone away from attending a weekend for financial reasons. We do offer scholarships to both team members and pilgrims. Any donations are freely welcome to help cover these costs. You can send tax-exempt donations to:

Central Illinois Emmaus  
PO Box 13244  
Springfield, IL 62791

Donations can also be made online through our website:

[DONATE HERE](#)

Thank you.

Pat Wright, CIE Treasurer

## **FROM THE REGISTRAR**

De Colores Central Illinois Emmaus Community!

My name is Lyndsay Withey, and I am the Registrar for the Central Illinois Emmaus Board. For those who are unaware what this role is, I am the person who receives all the applications and registrations for all upcoming Walk to Emmaus Walks. I have recently taken on the role of Database Manager for our community. I am excited to serve the board and our community in each of these roles.

Upper Room has launched a new program for communities to utilize in maintaining their rosters. This program is called Ministry Manager. Every new pilgrim will be added, and an invite will be sent out to confirm contact details. This program will be used to help build team service as well as send out communication to our community members. I have included more details on how to verify your information is correct at the end of this newsletter. If you have any questions or need help verifying your contact information, do not hesitate to send me an email.

In addition to Ministry Manager, we have an email mailing list. If you are interested in being added to our email mailing list, please email me at [CIEcontactlist@gmail.com](mailto:CIEcontactlist@gmail.com). Our email mailing list is utilized not just for newsletters but for prayer requests, our weekend prayer vigils, monthly gathering information and other up to date information. It is the quickest way for us as your board to get you the information you need.

If you are interested in serving on a weekend, we have a team service form where you can list exactly how you want to serve. We have multiple opportunities to serve from background to the conference room to candlelight service. I have attached a copy of this form that can be mailed directly to me or sent electronically.

If you have served with a different Walk to Emmaus community, we would love to know about it so we can update our records.

De Colores!  
Lyndsay Withey

## **MINISTRY MANAGER FOR FIRST TIMERS**

Ministry Manager is not only a database of CIE members, it's a tool available to all Emmaus communities to assist our ministries. This information is provided to help you with logging in.

**To Log In:** Go to [ministrymanager.upperroom.org](http://ministrymanager.upperroom.org).  
Select Log In

Use the email address you provided during your most recent weekend (If you did not provide an email address, contact our Data Administrator, Lyndsay Withey, at [Lyndsay.withey@gmail.com](mailto:Lyndsay.withey@gmail.com))

Enter Password.

If this is your first time logging in or you do not remember your password, click “forgot password”.

**Account Information:** Once you’ve logged in, you can update your contact details by selecting the “My Account” icon. Make sure to “Save” any changes you have made.

**Email Preferences:** While in “My Account” you can set, change, or update your email preferences by scrolling across the menu that appears under your name and follow the prompts.

**Explore Ministry Manager:** We are still learning as a community how to utilize all the different offerings from the site. We will list upcoming weekends and hopefully soon, gathering information.

**FAQ** – At the very bottom of each page, you will find a link to FAQ. Upper Room has been fantastic at making different training videos on the areas of the site. Feel free to explore.

**FALL 2022 WALK PHOTOS**



**Walk to Emmaus - 274  
October 6, 2022**



**Walk to Emmaus - 275  
October 20, 2022**

## **Central Illinois Emmaus Board (2023)**

### **Class of 2023:**

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Gene Turner, Community Spiritual Director, Fourth Day-  
Pawnee, IL  
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If you are interested in serving on the board, please contact Mary Jean Sheets for more information.



Husband and wife applications should be submitted at the same time. Any exceptions will be at the discretion of the Spiritual Director & Executive Committee.

Date of Walk \_\_\_\_\_

Men or Ladies \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to :  
 Lyndsay Withey CIE Registrar  
 8 Rutherford Ct  
 Bloomington, IL 61705  
[Lyndsay.withey@gmail.com](mailto:Lyndsay.withey@gmail.com)  
 309-750-0048

**Circle Bold Answers Below Where Applicable**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: (must have to email confirmation letter) \_\_\_\_\_

Name Preferred on Name Tag: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Sponsor's name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Single Divorce Widowed Separated**

If Married, Spouse's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Will They go on an Emmaus Walk? **Yes No**

Has Spouse ever attended: **Emmaus Chrysalis Cursillo**

Emergency Phone# \_\_\_\_\_ Name of Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Church now attending: \_\_\_\_\_ Pastor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

In what religious or community organizations are you active: \_\_\_\_\_

Has the Walk to Emmaus been explained to you? **Yes No**

Have weekly reunions and other Emmaus follow-up meetings been explained? **Yes No**

Are you on a special diet? **Yes No** If so, what? \_\_\_\_\_

Do you have any health problem or physical handicap which may effect your participation on an Emmaus

Weekend? **Yes No** If yes please specify:

\_\_\_\_\_

State briefly why you wish to be involved in an Emmaus Community and what you expect from it.

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Signature of applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

All of the above information is necessary for your proper placement in a Walk to Emmaus. Please fill in all the blanks. Please enclose a pre-registration deposit of **\$50.00**. This deposit is not refundable. A **\$75.00** donation at registration (\$125 total) is suggested to partially offset the expenses of the weekend. Make your check payable to: **Central Illinois Emmaus Community**





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Deposit Received: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to :  
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8 Rutherford Ct  
Bloomington, IL 61705  
[Lyndsay.withey@gmail.com](mailto:Lyndsay.withey@gmail.com)  
309-750-0048

TO BE COMPLETED BY SPONSOR: (Duplicate this form as needed)

Circle Bold Answers Where Applicable

Sponsor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Sponsor's Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Name and denomination of church you are now attending: \_\_\_\_\_

You attend regularly? Yes No When did you make your Cursillo / Emmaus / Chrysalis Walk? \_\_\_\_\_

Where? \_\_\_\_\_ Are you now in a weekly Reunion Group? Yes No

Candidate Name : \_\_\_\_\_ Are you praying and sacrificing for your candidate? Yes No

How long have you known your candidate? \_\_\_\_\_ years \_\_\_\_\_ months

Why do you feel that this person would be a good candidate? \_\_\_\_\_

Does the candidate have the physical and mental health needed for an Emmaus Walk? Yes No

Is your candidate under any temporary emotional strain which might indicate their weekend should be postponed?

Yes No

If your candidate is married do they both plan on attending the Walk to Emmaus? Yes No

If not:, explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Are you willing to attend: Sponsor's Hour? Yes No Apostolic Hour? Yes No

The Closing? Yes No Assist your Candidate to get into a weekly Reunion Group? Yes No

Are you aware of the importance of minimal contact with the candidate during the weekend, especially if the candidate is your spouse? Yes No

Does your candidate need a scholarship from the Central Illinois Emmaus Community? Yes No

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Sponsor's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_



Walk to  
**Emmaus**  
THE UPPER ROOM

## Emmaus Weekend Service Request

I would like to serve on upcoming Central Illinois Emmaus Walks in the areas marked.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail to :  
Central Illinois Emmaus  
Team Service Committee  
PO Box 13244  
Springfield, IL 62791-3244

Emmaus Walk # \_\_\_\_\_; Location: \_\_\_\_\_

### Music

I play (name of instrument) \_\_\_\_\_

I can serve as a musician at:

\_\_\_\_ Sponsors Hour    \_\_\_\_ Gut Bucket    \_\_\_\_ Apostolic Hour    \_\_\_\_ Conference Room

### Behind the Scenes

I can serve on:

- \_\_\_\_ Facilities Team—Assist with setting up facilities for the walk; set up for sponsors hour; set up for and take down after Apostolic Hour and Candlelight; help clean facility on Sunday; set up for closing and take down and clean up after closing; inventory supplies and pack trailer.
- \_\_\_\_ Registration Team—Register pilgrims and team on Thursday and assist with Pilgrims luggage upon arrival and on departure.
- \_\_\_\_ Agape Outpost Team—Assist with Sponsors Hour; distribute Agape during week-end; make up Pilgrim Agape and information packets; assist with conducting Apostolic and Candlelight (hand out and collect candles).
- \_\_\_\_ Kitchen Team—Assist in preparation and cooking of food under the supervision of a certified food handler; keep kitchen clean between meals; help serve meals—put food out, set up drink stations, clean-up after meal, assist pilgrims and team by carrying trays, etc.; inventory meal supplies and pack kitchen supplies to be stored in trailer.
- \_\_\_\_ Prayer Team—Assist in the Prayer Chapel to insure the Prayer Chapel has someone present the entire 72 hours of the walk. Participate in the 72-Hour Prayer Vigil
- \_\_\_\_ Technology Observer—Assist with technological issues in the conference room.

### On a Team

I would like to serve on the Conference Room Team as:

\_\_\_\_ Ordained Clergy    \_\_\_\_ Assistant Table Leader    \_\_\_\_ Speaker

Have you ever been convicted of any crime, including sex-related or child abuse related offenses?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, please explain (an affirmative response will not automatically bar volunteer service):