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## Blessings for a New Year

by Patty Trone, Community Lay Director



As I write this last article of the year, and last as CIE's Community Lay Director, I am sad, but I am also excited for the future. As I reflect over the past year, I am happy that we had successful walks. It is only by a lot of hard work and dedication to the Walk to Emmaus movement that I can say they were successful walks. It takes a lot of individuals coming together to work as a team to make the walks possible. The compassion and agape love are evident in these walks and I could not be more proud of everyone who helped in any way.

Looking ahead to next year, we are again using the Camp Warren facility. The spring walks will be held in late February and early March, but we are changing the time frame for the second set of walks. Instead of late fall, we will be holding the walks in late summer. Men's Walk #260 is Aug. 25-28, and Women's Walk #261 is Sept. 8-11. The Board made this change hoping that farmers who are in the fields later in the fall might be able to serve late summer.

The Board welcomes Jack Hull, Jenny Fox and Steve Fox. They are newly elected to the Class of 2018. We offer congratulations and thank them for their spirit of servanthood.

We bid a fond farewell to board members Mark Freeman, Cathy Apel, Tom Brookens, Mary Richardson and me (Patty Trone.) We offer our thanks for everyone's service.

As a board, we are blessed to have Kathy Hull, who is the new CIE Community Lay Director for 2016. Congratulations, Kathy! We know you will lead us graciously!

Be in prayer now about who you can sponsor to the Walk to Emmaus. Take a moment to reflect on your original walk and walks you have served on. Did you receive such a blessing that you could not contain it? Share that with someone!



## Residing in the Old Testament: Jesus

by Bob Greene, Community  
Spiritual Directors

While listening to the radio I heard of a book, The Emmaus Code: Finding Jesus in the Old Testament, which made the NY Times' best seller list. It caught my attention because it is an attempt to craft what Jesus was saying to the two downcast disciples as they were walking home to Emmaus following Christ's death and resurrection.

The Emmaus story is presented each weekend to set the context of traveling down the road of life and meeting Jesus. Instead of reading the story I would tell the story or craft the story as a drama, in an attempt to present the story in a fresh way. The book attempts to summarize the scriptures (the OT) to point out things concerning Jesus coming. For instance, the sacrificial system points to Jesus being the final sacrifice, proof of God's ability to forgive sins. The act of sacrifice does not cause forgiveness, but

## This 'n That

**The spring newsletter for CIE will be distributed by email only** - not mailed. If you wish to receive an electronic copy, please forward your email address to Patty Trone at ptrone2@gmail.com.

**Communion bread** served at Apostolic and Closing services is now gluten-free.

**It is not to late** to make a 2015 year-end contribution to CIE. Your gift or pledge can be forwarded to CIE, P.O. Box 13244, Springfield, IL 62791-3244.

our belief in God's power to forgive enables God to bring healing of relationships. The blood of the lamb painted on the door posts and lintels of the Israelites' homes prior to the Passover is an act of faith in Jesus' saving power - the blood of Jesus is the final sacrifice.

There are indicators of the Trinity from the beginning: "*Let us make man in our own image.*" The book of Judges shows a pattern of people choosing their own way, then getting into trouble and needing a savior. A person steps up and provides salvation - a hint of Jesus' power and presence.

The story of Ruth is one of salvation as Boaz chooses Ruth as his wife, just as Jesus later picks His followers as His bride. We are also chosen to be His bride.

Scripture continues to call us into a relationship with Jesus. As we drift away in life, Jesus continually calls us to be holy and to live a holy life. His presence is with us.

I know this is not anything new. During my scripture reading this morning, Stephen's message in Acts 8, Stephen tells of Jesus in the scriptures and reminds the professional clerics of their own rebellion.

Jesus was acting as the host to the two disciples, serving the bread of life as they walked along. They realized it when Jesus took the bread and broke it, serving physical bread. The scriptures, as Jesus knew them, hints of our need for a savior, and His presence with us.



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Men's Walk #258, Feb. 25-28, 2016, Greg Wrenn, LD  
Women's Walk #259, March 10-13, 2016, Mary Frederick, LD  
Men's Walk #260, Aug. 25-28, 2016  
Women's Walk #261, Sept. 8-11, 2016  
*For more information, go to [ciemmaus.net](http://ciemmaus.net)*

**Great River Emmaus  
Quincy University**

Men's Walk #9, Jan. 28-31, 2016  
Women's Walk #10, Feb. 18-21, 2016  
*For more information, go to [greatriveremmaus.org](http://greatriveremmaus.org)*

**Illinois Heartland Emmaus  
Spalding Renewal Center, Peoria**

Men's Walk #85, July 14-17, 2016  
Women's Walk #86, July 28-31, 2016  
*For more information, go to [ilheartlandemmaus.com](http://ilheartlandemmaus.com)*

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more, go to [ciemmaus.net](http://ciemmaus.net).*

*Sponsor's Hour: Thursday 8:00 p.m.*

*Apostolic Hour: Saturday 8:30 p.m.*

*Closing: Sunday 5:00 p.m.*