

# Ashland Area Emmaus Community Newsletter

March 2018 Edition

## **Lent....**

*... is generally the time we spend in self-reflection and repentance so that we can turn our lives more fully to God and take a new direction. To become the disciples of Christ that we as Christians are called to be.*

*Isn't this the theme of the Walk to Emmaus Weekend that we all have experienced. First being shown the love that God has for each one. Then learning how to study and learn more fully his word. How to remove those obstacles that are placed in our path. So that in the end we will be on a journey to be more Christ like and most importantly to be the Disciples for Christ of loving, helping, guiding all those we encounter.*

Ephesians 4:11-16 (CEB)

11 He gave some apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers. 12 His purpose was to equip God's people for the work of serving and building up the body of Christ 13 until we all reach the unity of faith and knowledge of God's Son. God's goal is for us to become mature adults—to be fully grown, measured by the standard of the fullness of Christ. 14 As a result, we aren't supposed to be infants any longer who can be tossed and blown around by every wind that comes from teaching with deceitful scheming and the tricks people play to deliberately mislead others. 15 Instead, by speaking the truth with love, let's grow in every way into Christ, 16 who is the head. The whole body grows from him, as it is joined and held together by all the supporting ligaments. The body makes itself grow in that it builds itself up with love as each one does its part.

## **March Gathering**

**The next Gathering is Friday, March 16th. Covered dish dinner, dessert and fellowship at 6:30pm and Worship 7:30pm. We will be having Team Commissioning.**

## **Community Singing**

**"Hey, Delores"**

## **Special Music**

**Teresa Gilmore**

## **Snow Policy:**

**In the event of inclement weather if Ashland Independent Schools are closed the Gathering will be canceled.**

The Board of Directors of the AAEC is very sadden to announce that Jamie Prater has informed the Board that she needs to step-down as the Community Lay Director and member of the AAEC Board. We were blessed to have her as a member of the Board and are blessed to have Jamie continue to be a member of the Community and her continued Discipleship to the world for our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. May God Bless Jamie.

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*My dear brothers and sister in Christ:*

*I am sorry I couldn't be there with you tonight to deliver this news in person.*

*Because of family and ministry obligations, job demands, and my distance from the physical community, I know that I cannot fulfill the role of Community Lay Director. Therefore, I must step down from the CLD position and from the AAEC board of directors.*

*It breaks my heart to tell you this news, but after much prayer and counsel, it is my decision. I am honored and grateful to have served alongside each of you, and look forward to future opportunities of service. I treasure the agape love that each of you so generously offer as the hands and feet of Christ to this community. Thank you.*

*De colores,*

*Jamie Prater*

*2/16/18*

Also the Board has set a maximum number of Pilgrims at 18. So lets fill up those slots. Get your applications in to the Registrar ASAP. The deadline for Registration for the Men's Walk March 30 and April 6 for the Women's. We need 12 Pilgrims to have a Walk. Applications are on-line at [www.Ashlandemmaus.com](http://www.Ashlandemmaus.com)

## ***SPRING WALKS***

**Men's April 12-15, 2018**

**Women's April 26-29, 2018**

## *Share the love*

Help is still needed to prepare meals for the Men's Walk so please contact Billie Evanich at [billie\\_j\\_01@yahoo.com](mailto:billie_j_01@yahoo.com) or through the AAEC Facebook page, to help.

Help is always needed for serving the meals, setting up the sleeping rooms on Thursday of the Walks, carrying baggage for the Pilgrims when they arrive and throughout the weekend. Many Hands make light work.

Agape is looking for table Agape so get your Reunion Group together and make 55 pieces that will encourage and bless the Pilgrims. Contact Lisa Angel to help in the Agape room or even provide snacks during the Walk's, at [lisa.k.angel@gmail.com](mailto:lisa.k.angel@gmail.com)

### **The 72 Hour Prayer Vigil is on-line at;**

(For the Men's Walk)

<http://www.3dayol.org/Vigil/GetVigil.phtml?pvid=14369&commid=633> and

(For the Women's Walk)

<http://www.3dayol.org/Vigil/GetVigil.phtml?pvid=14524&commid=547>

Let us show our love for the Pilgrims during the Weekends by attending; Sendoff, Candlelight and Closing.

