

Ashland Area Emmaus Community Newsletter

April 2018 Edition

Have you ever given much thought to being ready for an emergency that comes your way? There are news reports daily of natural disasters, man-made catastrophes, and terrible consequences of actions perpetrated by one human being on another. All of these types of events are what those in the emergency services world call predictable and preventable. We can prepare and have contingency plans to mitigate the damage or out-comes in the temporary circumstance. That is why we buy insurance.

But what about the eternal? Can we prepare for the 'emergency' of the soul? I say, YES! This is truly the message of Christ. He came to Earth for just that purpose. He became a human, flesh and blood person, to suffer for our sins so that we could have "soul" insurance.

As we approach the celebration of Easter, we have the awesome opportunity to be reminded of who Jesus is and what he did for us. Many observe the season of lent leading up to Easter by fasting, devotional practices and prayer. Others observe Holy Week with special services. Although we should keep Christ in our minds eye at all times, each Easter season presents a time for reflection and renewal. A reason to commit ourselves afresh to the relationship we have with God through Christ. To solidify our "emergency" plan for life's challenges and secure the eternal status of our soul. What are you doing to prepare?

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Sandy Ott, CLD

Prayer & Action Opportunity

As of Wednesday, March 28th there are 7 pilgrims for the Men's walk and 8 pilgrims for the Women's walk. In order for a walk to be held there must be a minimum of 12 pilgrims per walk. Let's not only be in prayer about those we should invite, let's take action and be the hands and feet of Christ by extending an invitation to friends, co-workers and family members. This may just be their "special" Kairos time.

The registration deadline for the Men's walk is this Friday, March 30th and for the Women's walk it is Friday, April 13th. Applications are on-line at www.Ashlandemmaus.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>

Be the hands and feet of Christ

Help is still needed to prepare meals for the Men's Walk so please contact Jennifer Conley at jconleyins@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

SPRING WALKS

Men's April 12-15, 2018

Women's April 26-29, 2018



New Gathering Format begins in May

We are going to try a new program for the Community Gatherings beginning with the May gathering. We will still have our potluck meal to encourage fellowship time as we break bread together. However, we will begin having the worship service in the Fellowship Hall instead of moving to the Sanctuary. SAUMC holds their contemporary service in the Fellowship Hall so it is equipped for use. Our hope is that we can make a better use of our time together and be respectful of those who have longer drives.

We hope you join us as we begin this new program schedule!

Friday, May 18th -Potluck Dinner/Dessert 6:30pm in the Fellowship Hall
Worship to begin approx 7:00pm also in the Fellowship Hall

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

