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Hi-Sky Emmaus

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COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

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Greetings Hi-Sky Emmaus Community!

I thank God that we get to witness the Body of Christ moving in our lives and in our Emmaus Community. Fourth Days aren't always easy, - but, anything worthwhile never is. God has given each one of us different gifts, and if we embrace these gifts, we can use them to spread God's love and further His kingdom. It's funny to me how God puts us in situations that may seem impossible to us, but He always knows exactly what He is doing. Our plans don't always coincide with His, but His plans are perfect every time. We need to remember to let go, and let God!!!!

Please stay prayerful for our community, our families, and our pilgrims!

DeColores,
Martin Ramirez, Community Lay Director

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IMPORTANT DATES

APRIL

28th:
Community Gathering

MAY

26th:
Community Gathering

JUNE

18th-21st
Women's Walk #222

23rd
Community Gathering

25th-28th
Girl's Chrysalis

Clergy's Call



As we complete another month in our busy lives, and we have completed another walk, I would like to ask for prayer for guidance and direction from every member of this community and for each of us to search our hearts and seek God's direction in what we need to do as a community to reach out to those who would benefit from attending a Walk to Emmaus.

We have been struggling to fill walks with 36 pilgrims for the last several walks. Let us think back to our pilgrim walk and what it meant to us to feel that agape love that was poured out on each of us during our weekend with Jesus.

Let us search our hearts and pick-up an application to put into someone's hands along with a pen and say, "brother/sister please fill this out so you can feel and see the love of Jesus and know that the body of Christ has a name and a face."

Get your applications in early so that there is not a last minute push like we have been experiencing of late. Let us fill these teams and these future walks with 36 pilgrims and celebrate with a waiting list of excited men and women waiting their turn to experience the same love that you experienced on your pilgrim walk.

In Christ's Service,
Pastor Danny Bisbee, Community Spiritual Director

Women's Walk #222

I would like to take this opportunity to tell you how honored I am to serve as the Lay Director for Women's Walk #222. It has been such a blessing watching God work in assembling His amazing team! We had our first two team meetings this month, previewed 5 incredible talks, and had a wonderful time making new friends and reuniting with old ones.

So far, God has blessed us with 3 beautiful pilgrims, and I have no doubt He is preparing 33 more wonderful women to be a part of the best walk ever! We have several team members and community members who would like to sponsor a pilgrim, but they have no way of taking the pilgrims to Circle 6 on Thursday, attending Sponsor's Hour or picking them up on Sunday. If you would like to co-sponsor and help with travel arrangements please contact me or my Board Rep, Melanie Huddleston, if you are willing and able to help.

As a community, let's try and make sure these ladies have the opportunity to experience God's amazing love by helping them attend a walk. I appreciate any help you can offer.

Dani Pool is the Logistics Coordinator. Food Agape Coordinator is Debbie Baxter, and Gift Agape Coordinator is Martha Manulik. You can drop off agape at 1408 W Cuthbert Ave and 911 Goliad Dr. Both drop-off locations are in Midland.

Thank you again for this wonderful opportunity. I ask that you please continue to cover WW #222 in prayer as we continue to grow into the walk God is faithfully preparing.

DeColores,
Erra Bachman, Lay Director WW #222

Food for Thought...



Community meeting is right around the corner and we need YOU to complete the circle of fellowship, fun and FOOD by bringing your favorite snack to the community meeting to share!!

I look forward to seeing you and your special "offerings."

As you have been blessed, be a blessing,
Paula Yates, Community Gatherings Chair

COMMUNITY

Tuesday, April 28th
Our Savior's Lutheran
3309 Neely Ave.

Babe-Chick Meeting:
6:15 p.m.

Gathering:
7:00 p.m.

Fellowship
8:30 p.m.



Thank You!

The Hi-Sky Emmaus Board and Community would like to sincerely thank Bailey Lively for her wonderful and selfless service as the Community's Registrar for the past several years.

We would also like to thank Rhett Lively for his service as the communications guru for so many years. Both Bailey's and Rhett's hard work has certainly been a blessing to this Community.

Our registration process, the database and our website are all in better shape because of your dedication and many hours of hard work.

Thank you for being the hands and feet of Christ for our Community. You both are truly a blessing!



WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF CHRYSALIS?



The purpose is "To encourage a young person to become intentional and more mature about living out his or her faith in God through Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit."

Youth are called to "**seek** a dynamic friendship with God", and to "**grow** towards the unique person that each was created to be so that each can **serve** as Christ served the world."

It is the "intention of Chrysalis for each person to **experience** the living Christ through **worship**, scripture, **systematic teaching** and the **living** Christian community." Chrysalis is a movement where the Christian community **walks beside** youth. It is a part of the process in **journeying** toward Christ.

A former participant has said, "The Chrysalis weekend was a wonderful experience that helped bridge my childlike faith to the vital and intense spiritual hunger I have as an adult."

Another participant said, "At first, I thought being a butterfly was wimpy, now that I have been transformed, I really like being a new creation as a butterfly."

The Chrysalis experience is open to youth of any Christian denomination ages 15 - 19, or having completed their freshman year of high school.

Girl's Flight:
June 25- 28, 2015

Boy's Flight:
July 23 - 26, 2015

Both Flights will be held at Circle Six
Cost is only \$125

More information and reservation forms can be found at www.hiskyemmaus.com under the Chrysalis tab.

Fly With Christ,
Wilma Stirl, Chrysalis Chair



April Financial Report (Mar 17 - Apr 21)

Gross Profit:	\$4,877.00
Expenses:	\$12,090.47
Net Income:	(\$7,213.47)

Financial Factoid:

Hi-Sky Emmaus has to submit walk dates to Circle Six a year in advance. To secure the dates, HSE must sign a contract. One non-negotiable term of the contract states that HSE is contractually obligated to pay Circle Six \$9,000 if we have to cancel a Walk.

NOTE: Monthly financial reports are available under the Board Info tab on the website.



The Hi-Sky Emmaus Board would like to welcome Ashley Tercero as its new Community Registrar effective **May 1, 2015**.

Ashley attended WW #200. She has served on the Servant Team, as an Assistant Table Leader, and she has given the talk "Growth Through Study."

Reservation requests for Walks or Flights can still be mailed to the HSE Post Office Box or they may be dropped off at 2101 Mark Lane.

Welcome aboard, Ashley!



YOU...

are the piece of the puzzle we are missing!!

The Hi-Sky Emmaus Board is looking for several servants of God to be His hands and feet in our Community. Currently, every Board member chairs a committee/team. So that more of our Community Members may be involved and play a more active role in ensuring our Community is healthy and thriving, the Board is seeking the help of our Community members to be servants on these teams.

Each month we will spotlight one team that needs help from our Community. The first team is:

THE GOLF CART TEAM

I have been blessed over the past several years to serve the Hi-Sky Emmaus Community by managing the golf carts used during the walk weekends. Regretfully, the time has come for me to pass this blessing on to other community members. In fact, a team of community members can and should share the responsibilities for the golf carts.

Responsibilities/Requirements include:

- ✦ Securing a safe location to store the golf carts;
- ✦ A 14-foot trailer (at least) for hauling golf carts to and from Circle Six;
- ✦ Ensuring the carts are delivered to Circle Six on Wednesday night before each walk/flight;
- ✦ Retrieving the carts on Sunday after the close of each walk;
- ✦ Maintain the function and safety of carts including tires, batteries, battery cables, switches, etc.; and,
- ✦ Ensuring repairs are completed as needed.



If you are interested and able to serve the Hi-Sky Emmaus Community by helping on the golf cart team, please contact Martin Ramirez. If you have questions about the responsibilities or requirements, please feel free to contact me.

Steve Chilcoat
Facilities Chairman/Golf Cart Coordinator

If this team is not the right fit for you or your talents/passion, don't worry. Another group will be highlighted in next month's newsletter! Our Community cannot do this without you. So, if you feel Christ calling, please answer. He is counting on you... and so is our Community!



Things You Might Not Know About...

EMMAUS TRADITIONS

1. “DeColores”...we sing it, we say it, we love it, we wear it, we live it!
2. All agape is labeled with the Reunion Group Name only. This extends the concept of anonymous servant hood for the Walk Weekends.
3. The Emmaus community doesn’t clap or cheer when pilgrims are introduced at Thursday send-off, at closing or at community gatherings. The lay director on Thursday night and the community at gatherings need to hear the person properly pronounce their name. During closing on Sundays, we also want to make sure every person feels equally welcomed into the community. The communities’ response after each Pilgrim speaks is “DeColores”. There is always time to cheer for the collective group after everyone has been introduced and/or has spoken. This is when we get to cheer loud and cheer often.
4. Any member of the community is welcome to come help serve at the Saturday night dinner unless you are related to or are close friends with a pilgrim. This ensures that all pilgrims are equally loved and served.
5. “Have you seen Jesus My Lord? He’s Here in this room...” a long standing Emmaus closing song which only a handful of people actually know more than the chorus to and is sung with interlocking arms and uncoordinated swaying.*
6. Emmaus reunion groups, as an act of agape, provide meals for Walk Team Meetings. In case you didn’t know, we Emmaus folks love to eat!!!
7. Every community member is invited to attend the Walk Send-Off lunches on Thursday before each Walk. We enjoy breaking bread together and prayerfully sending the team off to Circle Six. The lunch location and time is posted for each walk on the Hi-Sky Emmaus website.
8. All snacks and drinks for the Walk Weekends are lovingly provided as an act of agape by the greater Hi-Sky Emmaus Community.
9. Both the music team and the spiritual team from each walk lead worship for the following community gathering. This provides familiar faces and a welcoming atmosphere for our newest community members as they begin their 4th days.
10. 4th days...whether you are on your first 4th day or your millionth 4th day, it’s still your 4th day. That’s a good thing.

Dani Pool
Assistant Community Lay Director

* In all honesty, this is one of my very favorite Emmaus songs!!