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Hi-Sky Emmaus

Serving Christ and the Permian Basin since 1987.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

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IMPORTANT DATES

MARCH

24th:
Community Gathering

APRIL

23rd - 26th:
Men's Walk #221

28th:
Community Gathering

MAY

26th:
Community Gathering

REFLECTIONS...



Greetings Hi-Sky Emmaus Community!

One of the best tools that God has given us is how to paint a picture without words. That beautiful picture of God's love, grace, mercy and forgiveness was revealed to me on Walk 168, my pilgrim walk. Being the hands and feet of God while working a walk is one of the most rewarding experiences one can be involved with. It is easier to paint a picture using our actions than to try and talk about our love for God, and His love for us. Sometimes words fail us, but actions can speak volumes. Let us allow God to guide all our words and actions so that His love will truly shine through us each and every day!

DeColores,
Martin Ramirez,
Community Lay Director

Clergy Call



It is such a pleasure to come to Community Meetings and see so many new faces as well as the faces of those of who have been around for awhile. The Scripture that comes to mind is in (Hebrews 10:24-25): *"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another-and all the more as you see the Day approaching."*

Let's encourage our Brothers and Sisters in Christ to come and join in the Fellowship of other Christians and to get involved in our Community's activities such as our monthly Gatherings, Walk Team Send-off Lunch on the day the Walks begin, Send-off as the Team and Pilgrims gather to begin the Walk, Sponsors Hour, Candlelight, and Closings.

We need your help to bring all our Community Members back into the Fellowship to Worship and Praise Our Lord for the Mighty Work that He is doing.

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



Tuesday, March 24th
Our Savior's Lutheran
3309 Neely Ave.

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

Gathering:
7:00 p.m.

Fellowship
8:30 p.m.



For Thought...

Greetings Fellow Community Members,

Many thanks to those of you who brought snacks to the last Community meeting - I greatly appreciate your stepping up to help. It was fabulous!!

I know there are some great cooks/bakers out there and we would love to sample YOUR "special" offerings. So, please bring something yummy to the next fellowship.

Don't cook? No problem, bring your favorite snack whatever that might be. Until we meet again, as you have been blessed, may you also be a blessing.

Paula Yates,
Gatherings Fellowship Committee Chair



As soon as every caterpillar has reached its full length and weight, it forms itself into a pupa, also known as a chrysalis. From the outside of the chrysalis, it looks as if the caterpillar may just be resting, but inside the caterpillar is rapidly changing. The once wingless caterpillar begins to become an amazing butterfly with delicate wings of stunning colors and impressive designs.

The youth version of the Walk to Emmaus is called Chrysalis because it is the perfect expression of spiritual growth that is essential between adolescence and adulthood. Healthy spiritual growth is critical for teenagers as they begin to move away from their dependence on the adults in their lives and begin to become independent. The Chrysalis weekend is the perfect foundation for youth to learn about the love and grace of Christ. Chrysalis empowers them to become leaders and to become the hands and feet of Christ.

Prayerfully consider the benefits of Chrysalis for any youth (ages 15 – 19) in your life. As the Chrysalis weekend begins, the caterpillar has fully developed, but there is so much more to be done. As the three days continue, the caterpillar is changing and finally a butterfly emerges to spread its wings and FLY WITH CHRIST!

Girl's Flight #53
June 25-28, 2015
Circle Six

Boy's Flight #18RE
July 23-26, 2015
Circle Six

Men's Walk #221

Men's Walk #221 currently has only 6 pilgrims signed up. The team members have completed their meetings and they are ready to be the hands and feet of Christ to your pilgrims. Get those applications in as soon as possible.

Registration deadline is Thursday, April 16th.

MW #221
April 23-26, 2015
Circle Six



Things You Might Not Know About a Hi-Sky Walk to Emmaus Weekend...



1. Welcome to the Walk to Emmaus. The first rule of Walk to Emmaus is: TALK about the Walk to Emmaus. There is nothing secret about Emmaus. Share your experience with others and answer their questions. Often, the greatest obstacle to Emmaus for someone is the image of secrecy.
2. Prayer is Good! Anyone from any Emmaus community is welcome to sign up for the 72-hour prayer vigil. If you would like to pray for your spouse or a friend who is giving a talk during the walk weekend, you can pray for them from your home or you are welcome to come pray in the prayer room at Circle Six.
3. The Upper Room is the creator and copyright holder of all Walk to Emmaus activities. Hi-Sky Emmaus and every Hi-Sky Emmaus board member has signed a covenant to follow the Upper Room guidelines.
4. The Lay Director is a community member who has served Emmaus in background roles (the Servant Team) and on Conference Room teams in various positions. - including 2 or more times as an Assistant Lay Director. In addition, Lay Directors should be actively participating in a local church and a Reunion Group.
5. Board members and Lay Directors are nominated by the Hi-Sky Emmaus Nominating Committee, which is comprised of both board members and community members at-large. Those recommended by this committee are then voted on by the Hi-Sky Emmaus Board. Potential board members are further elected from ballots cast by the entire Hi-Sky Emmaus community.
6. Any person who is active in the community is qualified to serve Hi-Sky Emmaus as a board member. The term for a board member is three years
7. Anyone who has attended a Chrysalis weekend (Walk to Emmaus version for 15-19 year olds) can also attend a Walk to Emmaus. The talks for each are different and the experience will also be different.
8. You do not have to have attended a Walk to attend a Community Gathering meeting. Invite your spouse, friends, and co-workers. The Community Gathering is an excellent way to begin to show someone the Love and Grace with which the Hi-Sky Emmaus community is built.
9. For 2015, all Board meetings are held on the third Tuesday of every month at 6:00 pm at Our Savior's Lutheran. The board meetings are open to community members.
10. All talks given during an Emmaus weekend are previewed during the team meetings which allows for practice and preparation for the Walk Weekend.

Dani Pool
Assistant Community Lay Director



I wanted to introduce myself. I've been the Treasurer for Hi Sky going to each candlelight meetings and seeing what a difference you have made. You have no idea how much your giving means not only to me and to our community, but to God himself. You have helped in paying for walk expenses, a trailer, music, golf cart repairs, name tags and website expenses. Most importantly, you have also blessed pilgrims by donating money for Walk scholarships for pilgrims in need.

I want to personally thank each of you for your generous giving and pray that we as community continue to grow.

DeColores!
Stacie Campbell,
Treasurer

I'm Stacie Campbell and I have been the Treasurer for Hi Sky Emmaus for the past year. I love service and to our community giving community we have. You have helped in paying for walk expenses, a trailer, music, golf cart repairs, name tags and website expenses. Most importantly, you have also blessed pilgrims by donating money for Walk scholarships for pilgrims in need.