

BRISBANE NORTH COAST
EMMAUS COMMUNITY
NEWSLETTER
July 2018

Next Gathering

When: *Saturday, 14th July 2018 – 4pm*
(Pot luck dinner to follow Gathering)

Where: *Gympie Regional Uniting Church*
15 Red Hill Road, Gympie
(Carpool with family and friends)

love to see you there!

De Colores



From our Community Lay Director

Hello Brisbane North Coast Emmaus Community.

We will be travelling up to Gympie for our July gathering. So start planning now for a trip to Gympie. Let's support and connect with our members in the northern part of our community.

Remember our community stretches from the Brisbane River through to Bundaberg. Make a day of it or travel up after lunch. Children and grandchildren are more than welcome to come, especially as it will be school holidays. The July gathering will start at 4 pm at Gympie Regional Uniting Church, 15 Red Hill Road, Gympie, and will be followed by a Pot Luck Dinner. So it shouldn't be too late a night for those who are travelling.

Teams are now being formed for Walks #101 and #102 which will be held in October and November. Please keep the Lay Directors, Paul Fletcher and Leane Edgar in your prayers as they prepare to lead these walks. Now is also the time to start praying about who you might be able to sponsor for these walks. Sponsoring early gives pilgrims time to prepare both mentally and spiritually for the Emmaus experience. It also assists with the planning and preparations for the walk. Please help alleviate the stress of both the potential pilgrims and the team by not leaving sponsorship to the last minute.

De Colores

Andrew Krosch

From our Community Spiritual Director



God's Word is in your heart.

It has been my prayer for each of the new community members from Face to Face that this is a daily prayer. I have been travelling since the closing of the first Face to Face Encounter and seeing Gods handiwork has been a wonderful blessing.

I encourage each member of our community to never give up praying for all those in your world, changing the way we think opens doorways to be able to bring our loved ones, those we know, before His throne of grace, no matter their age enables the Spirit.



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Margaret Niethe



Face to Face Encounter #1

There are no words big enough or descriptive enough to explain what our first Face to Face Encounter was like. But here goes, Face Encounter #1 was absolutely wonderful! All involved, pilgrims and team members alike, met the risen Christ face to face! It was encouraging, challenging, moving, uplifting, renewing, exciting and an absolute blessing. Wow.

The Holy Spirit was at work well and truly. I believe we all grew in grace during the experience. Judging by the comments of the pilgrims at the closing ceremony, they were drawn closer to the Lord during our 4 days together and many felt encouraged, invigorated and strengthened to offer their hands and feet in service to continue the ministry of Jesus.

I want to wholeheartedly thank the pilgrims for their involvement and commitment to the program. All of them fully engaged in the program with open hearts and minds. On behalf of the Brisbane North Coast Emmaus Community, I extend a huge welcome to the first group of “next dayers”.

On a personal level I want to extend a big thank you to the team. The success of Face to Face Encounter #1 would not have been possible, without your hard work, dedication, commitment and willingness to be humble servants of Christ. You were all wonderful in reflecting God’s grace and love! The prayer team was awesome, the Spiritual team was amazing, the table leaders were fabulous, the coaches were busy but did a wonderful job and our music team were terrific in leading us in joyful worship. Our tech/media and logistics team were outstanding. Thank you all.

I also want to extend a heartfelt thank you to Christine Litchfield, who coordinated the catering team. It was a huge commitment and she carried it out in a spectacular fashion. The catering/kitchen team worked tirelessly to provide us with wonderful morning and afternoon teas and really tasty lunches. All who helped with the catering and serving most definitely carried on the Emmaus tradition of demonstrating true servanthood, reflecting the love of Christ and providing plenty of food! Thank you too, to all who helped with the making, sorting and distribution of agape. Your invisible servanthood shouted the love and grace of our Lord.

One huge praise point was watching our awesome God at work! He strengthened a number of team members who had been quite ill, in the lead up to and during the Encounter. Our Spiritual Director Ken, had been in and out of hospital in the weeks before the Encounter and was really very unwell. At the Encounter he bounced back and he said he was feeling 98% well. There were also other team members who were in hospital just prior to the Encounter and were also very unwell but all of them were able to be there on all of our 4 days and carry out their duties. A spectacular demonstration of the power of prayer and the faithfulness of our Lord.

Thank you to all those members of the Brisbane North Coast Emmaus Community who came to our candle lighting. It was wonderful to see so many of you there. Yep, I cried! The closing ceremony was also well attended and yep I cried there too.

Personally, I was joyfully emotional and just a little bit sad when our Encounter ended. Wanted to do it all over again! I look forward to catching up with the pilgrims and team members in the coming months at our regular gatherings.

I fully commend Face to Face to the community. It is a wonderful program and is really special because it combines men and women together on an intense journey with the Lord but is more informal and relaxed than a Walk to Emmaus. Perfect for those people who would not have the stamina for a three-day camp. I ask all members of the community to encourage, older members of your churches to consider coming to the next Face to Face Encounter, sponsorship not necessary.

De Colores

Lyn Chalmers

Lay Director





Men's Walk # 101

October 2018

Let's "Ascribe greatness to our God the Rock" as He puts together the team He wants for Men's Walk # 101.

My team now consists of the 2 vital and dedicated Prayer Directors, the Senior Spiritual Director, 2 Asst. Lay Directors, 3 Table Leaders, 1 Asst. Table Leader, and the Dining team.

The positions, unconfirmed, are the Senior Asst. Lay Directors, 2 Asst. Table Leader, the Support Team, the Music Team, the Agape Team and the balance of the Spiritual Team.

An essential part for any walk is Pilgrims.

Who do you know from your church family, your circle of Christian friends or acquaintances who haven't had a walk experience that would benefit from 3 day spent with God? My challenge for you is to start praying for who you can sponsor for the upcoming Men's & Women's walks.

Please continue to pray for the team formation and for the pilgrims who are being called.

De Colores

Paul Fletcher (LD)

Don't forget

The bank details for General Donations just in case you missed the Gathering and would like to contribute. Also the bank details for donations to provide Special Agape – flowers, rainbow cake, morning and afternoon teas etc.

General Donations

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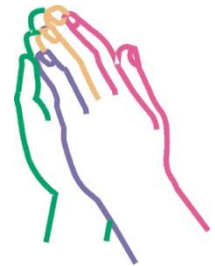
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Walk Agape Donations

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For any prayer needs that you wish to share with the Emmaus Community, please contact our Prayer Co-ordinator, Beryl Nielsen at berylnie@gmail.com or [0438488843](tel:0438488843)



Pilgrim Registration Form –

Go to www.brisbanenorthcoast.emmaus.org.au you will find “click here” for registration forms. You can register pilgrims for Walks 101 & 102 to be held at the quiet picturesque Glendalough Outdoor Education Centre as soon as you like. The sooner the better, the Prayer Directors can then be praying for your pilgrim by name.

Men's Walk 11 – 14 October. Women's Walk 1 – 4 November.



2018 CALENDAR

DATE	TIME	PLACE	COMMENTS
14 July 2018	4:00 pm	Gympie Regional Uniting Church 15 Red Hill Road, Gympie	GATHERING FOLLOWED BY POT LUCK DINNER
11 August 2018	5.30pm	Morayfield Uniting Church, 12-16 Weier Rd, Morayfield	Gathering & Commissioning of Lay Directors for Walks #101 and #102 (Board meeting prior) (Board Nominations)
8 September 2018	5.30pm	Morayfield Uniting Church, 12-16 Weier Rd, Morayfield	Gathering & Commissioning of teams for Walks #101 and #102 (Board meeting prior)
11 – 14 October 2018		Glendalough Outdoor Education Centre	Men's Walk #101
13 October 2018		VENUE TO BE CONFIRMED	Gathering and Candlelighting for Men's Walk #101
1 – 4 November 2018		Glendalough Outdoor Education Centre	Women's Walk #102
3 November 2018		VENUE TO BE CONFIRMED	Gathering and Candlelighting for Women's Walk #102
10 November 2018	5.30pm	Morayfield Uniting Church, 12-16 Weier Rd, Morayfield	Walk Celebrations (Board meeting prior)