



BRISBANE NORTH COAST
EMMAUS COMMUNITY
NEWSLETTER
April 2018

Walk Candlelighting

Men's Walk

7.00pm Saturday, 21st April, 2018

Women's Walk

7.00pm Saturday, 28th April, 2018

Where: Sandgate Uniting Church

Who: all members of Emmaus BNC Community, i.e. **YOU**

love to see you there!

De Colores



From our Community Lay Director

I'm excited because both the Men's and Women's Emmaus walks are happening this month and I hope you are too. The Men's walk is happening this weekend, 19 – 22 April, and the Women's walk is the following weekend, 26 – 29

April. The teams are prepared and ready to go. Please continue to keep them and the pilgrims in your prayers as they make their final preparations. I encourage you to come to the Candle Lighting Services at Sandgate Uniting Church and the Closing Services at Marsden Hall. It would be great to see you there showing the love of Christ to the pilgrims and team members.

The Face to Face team is also gearing up for the first Face To Face Encounter to be held in Australia in June. Please keep this exciting new addition to the Emmaus family. The team would greatly appreciate your prayers as they negotiate uncharted territory with this new program.

It's an exciting couple of months in our Emmaus Calendar. I pray that you will be filled with the excitement and maybe even a little anticipation about what God has in store for his children through the Emmaus movement.

De Colores

Andrew Krosch





From our Community Spiritual Director

What does a God package look like for those of us who are part of this amazing gift of God this movement called the Walk to Emmaus?

We have our next walks imminent the Men's is happening and the Women's the following week, and our Face to Face Encounter in June, what an exciting time to be part of the Kingdom in our place.

As we come together as a community supporting these events we must be prepared for all that is needed, preparing ourselves asking the tough questions..... Do we believe in God, the Bible, ourselves, our faith, that Jesus is truly the way to salvation, do we truly believe in the transition of this life into eternity?

When we come to the realisation of our relationship with God, our faith becomes meaningful and vital, it is this vitality that we need to be in a right space to offer the support needed for these upcoming events, to not only be available for these walks / events for the pilgrims and team members, but to be willing to listen to the stories of those pilgrims after the events. The ability of us all to listen to one another brings forth encouragement and then confidence in how individuals and our community moves into the future.

The hymn 'God gives us a future' relies on us and our experience of the reality of the sacred, to walk through the narrow gate that leads to a walk in faith. When we walk in faith trusting that God is in control we have the foundation for the positive strength that grows our faith and shows this faith to the pilgrims and to the world in which we live.

We need to stop struggling with our pre – mind pictures of God (the Sunday School head knowledge), and step up in our relationship with God with those around us and those He brings to our path. When our fears, our doubts take hold ... focus on the Fruits of the Spirit and we will be able to meet the challenge.

May you each answer the questions of your faith, and find the sacred moments where the spirit leads you.

De Colores

Margaret Niethe

Men's Walk # 99 &

Women's Walk # 100



Please pray for the pilgrims and team members of these Walks as God works in each person's life as the Walks progress. There is still opportunity to put your name on the 72 hour prayer vigil on the

website. It would be great to see this filled with no spaces left at all, please help with this.

It would be wonderful to have as much support as possible at each Candlelighting, times are on the first page and each Closing Service to welcome the new members of our community, commencing at 4pm.



Face to Face Encounter #1

The Face to Face team concluded team formation and critiquing of the talks on 13 March 2018. The team jelled immediately and the talks are moving and powerful.



It has been wonderful and very encouraging to see the Lord's hand at work, in choosing a terrific team and seeing the talks dovetail. I can honestly say we all thoroughly enjoyed our time together on 6, 7 and 13 March 2018. A real praise point is the Lord provided safe travel for those team members who travelled long distances to be available. A bonus for me was meeting those people from other Emmaus communities.

All team members participated in the team formation and training with enthusiasm and eagerness to serve the Lord for the first Face to Face Encounter. Whilst we recognise we are pioneering a new ministry in Australia we are all eager to witness what the Lord has in mind for the actual Encounter. Dare I say, **WE ARE ANTICIPATING** a wonderful first Face to Face Encounter.

Promotion of Brisbane North Coast Face to Face #1 has begun in earnest. At the time of writing we have seven pilgrims. We are praying for and will be able to cater for 36 pilgrims, 18 men and 18 women. I encourage all members of our community to prayerfully consider sponsoring someone to Face to Face.

Face to Face Encounter #1 is on the prayer vigil website. Please sign up to the prayer vigil as soon as possible as we still have some spare spaces. Prayer is the power base of any ministry and it will certainly be the case for Face to Face.

Candle lighting for Face to Face is to be held on 19 June 2018 at approximately 1.45pm so please mark this in your diaries. The venue for the pre-candle lighting service is to be held at Connect Baptist Church, corner of Braun Street and Depot Road, Deagon. It is only a 5-

minute walk to Sandgate Uniting Church for the actual candle lighting. Please note: Connect Baptist Church carpark entrance is by left turn only from Depot Road.

I want to encourage members of the Brisbane North Coast Community to not just consider sponsoring but to commit to praying for pilgrims more pilgrims, pray for the team and pray that Face to Face becomes just as successful in Australia as Emmaus has proven to be.

De Colores

Lyn Chalmers
Lay Director

Reunion Groups

We are in the process of updating our list of groups. If you belong to a Reunion Group, even if we have your information, could you please still make contact so we can make sure we have the correct information?

Please give us:-

- ◆ *the name of your Group,*
- ◆ *when and where you meet*
- ◆ *and your contact details.*

Thank you,

Ray Nutley
Reunion Group Co-Ordinator



2018 CALENDAR

DATE	TIME	PLACE	COMMENTS
19-22 April 2018		Frederick Marsden Youth Centre, 10 Narangbah Road, Kallangur	Men's walk #99
21 April 2018		Sandgate Uniting Church, 116 Board Street, Deagon	Gathering and Candlelighting for Men's walk #99
26-29 April 2018		Frederick Marsden Youth Centre, 10 Narangbah Road, Kallangur	Women's walk #100
28 April 2018		Sandgate Uniting Church, 116 Board Street, Deagon	Gathering and candlelighting for Women's walk #100
12 May 2018	5.30pm	Morayfield Uniting Church, 12-16 Board, Street, Morayfield	Walk Celebrations (Board meeting prior)
5 June 2018		Face to Face Encounter – Session 1 Sandgate Uniting Church, 116 Board Street, Deagon	
12 June 2018		Face to Face Encounter – Session 2 Sandgate Uniting Church, 116 Board Street, Deagon	
19 June 2018		Face to Face Encounter – Session 3 Sandgate Uniting Church, 116 Board Street, Deagon	
26 June 2018		Face to Face Encounter – Session 4 Sandgate Uniting Church, 116 Board Street, Deagon	
8 July 2018		TO BE ADVISED BUNDABERG/HERVEY BAY/MARYBOROUGH	GATHERING FOLLOWED BY POT LUCK DINNER
11 August 2018	5.30pm	Morayfield Uniting Church, 12-16 Board, Street, 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 Board, Street, 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 Board, Street, Morayfield	Walk Celebrations (Board meeting prior)



For any prayer needs

that you wish to share with the Emmaus Community, please contact our Prayer Coordinator, Beryl Nielsen at berylnie@gmail.com or 0438488843