



BRISBANE NORTH COAST
EMMAUS COMMUNITY
NEWSLETTER
May 2018

Next Gathering

When: *Next Saturday – 12th May at 5.30pm
(Please bring food to share)*

Where: *Morayfield Community Uniting Church
12-16 Weier Road, Morayfield*

Who: *All members of Emmaus Community*

love to see you there!

De Colores



From our Community Lay Director

Wow Wow Wow what an incredible couple of weeks! We have been able to see how our Amazing God was able to touch our new Fourth Dayers from the recent walks. It always amazes me to hear their stories at the Closing Service and to see how the team that was chosen for that particular walk was meant to be there for them. So again I welcome the new Fourth Dayers to the North Coast Emmaus Community and encourage you to come to the Gathering this weekend to continue to develop the new friendships that were made over the walk. I also want to encourage our existing community members to come to the Gathering and connect with the newest members of our community.

Our focus now shifts to the running of the first Face to Face Encounter in Australia in June at Sandgate. This program is designed for people over the age of 60 and who are retired. So if you know anyone who fits this category and would like to experience the Emmaus program in a more relaxed atmosphere, I would encourage you to invite them to Face to Face. Registrations are now open. Registration forms can be found on our website. Please continue to pray for the team as they prepare and also for the pilgrims who will be experiencing this first Encounter.

Finally, formation of the teams for the Emmaus walks in October/November will be commencing soon. Please keep the Selection Committee and the Lay Directors in your prayers as they start making phone calls and seeking people to be members of these teams.

De Colores

Andrew Krosch



From our Community Spiritual Director

Welcome to our new Community members from Walks #99 & #100 some questions for us all; when did the original walk to Emmaus end? Was it with the breaking of bread with Jesus in Emmaus? I don't think so! Luke tells us Cleopas and his friend rushed back to Jerusalem to report their discovery of the resurrected Lord to the eleven disciples. So then, did the walk to Emmaus end with the return trip to Jerusalem? Again, I think not. The message of God's love expressed through the resurrection of Jesus eventually spread throughout the world.

In the text of Luke 24:33-35 are the results of Jesus encounter with two lesser known disciples. And you might say that this is their 4th day testimony ... being empowered to tell others of the good news of Jesus resurrection. They began their journey to Emmaus in despair. Were you anxious on Thursday night? The disciples left Emmaus full of hope. Did you leave on Sunday evening with renewed promise? They began to live out what we would call their 4th day experience. I believe that these disciples gained a purpose and a mission that day and I marvel at how instrumental those two must have been in revealing the truth. Have you gained a renewed purpose from your Emmaus experience?

So, when did your personal Walk to Emmaus end? Was it with the Sunday closing or did it continue with a Fourth Day Reunion Group. The Reunion Group experience is vital to reinforcing the spiritual revelation you felt on your Walk, but some of us find forming and maintaining Reunion Groups to be difficult. A natural way to start is with other participants from your own church, or with participants from other churches who live close by. Your sponsor will be able to help here; we simply need to take the initiative.

You can also speak to member of your Community Board, for it is through participation in a Reunion Group we experience a revisiting of the feeling you had as your Walk ended and enables you to commit yourself to renewing and building on that experience by active participation in a Reunion Group. You might find that

simply revisiting your experience is enough to fuel the initiative in yourself to seek out or start a Reunion Group.

My prayer is that you each experience the love of Christ that you experienced on your walk, as you meet and share together, through attending gatherings and seeking out ways to serve in your church, your community and renewing friendships by serving through Emmaus events.

De Colores

Margaret Niethé

Face to Face

Encounter #1



The Face to Face team are prepared and very eager to start the first Face to Face Encounter in Australia. I'm sure all team members are just as excited as I am. Only 31 more sleeps!

Face to Face Encounter #1 consists of four full day sessions being Tuesday 5 June, Tuesday 12 June, Tuesday 19 June and Tuesday 26 June 2018. Commencement time on 5 June is 8.45am. Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea will be provided.

It has been wonderful and very encouraging to see God's hand at work, in choosing a wonderful team. The talks are moving and powerful and they dovetail. We are all very excited about Face to Face and feel truly blessed to be involved in this new ministry. We pray the Pilgrims will moved and draw much closer to God during the Encounter.

Team members who live long distances away are in our prayers as they prepare to once again travel to Queensland. We pray that God will keep them all safe while travelling.

Promotion of Brisbane North Coast Face to Face #1 has begun in earnest. What we need now is PILGRIMS. It is essential pilgrims register early, particularly those who may not be sponsored. This will ensure we have enough time to obtain letters for them and also to ensure the catering team know how many they need to cater for. 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. There are still a few places vacant, so please sign up to the prayer vigil as soon as possible. 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 community gathering prior to the candle lighting 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.

Pilgrims and conference room team members will receive agape, just like Emmaus pilgrims do. Agape is to be distributed in the conference room while pilgrims are on breaks. That is while they are at morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea.

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

De Colores

Lyn Chalmers
Lay Director

Walk #99 Report

There's one word that became well used over the weekend, and I'll use it to sum up the Walk.....WOW! (I learnt something about that word over the weekend too, that if you say it backwards, it still sounds and means the same as it does normally!)

But it truly was an incredible time. The nine pilgrims and team were blessed to experience God's spirit being very present over the weekend, with lives being touched in many different ways. Dave Thomas gave a short message at one of the gatherings that centred around 1st Samuel 14;6 ('perhaps the Lord will act on our behalf').....Well, God did show up!

I would like to say a very special thank you to the members of the community that worked tirelessly before and over the weekend to help make it the very special time it was, thank you.

The weekend is now past, but it is now that the rubber hits the road for those who are starting their 'fourth days', so please keep them in your prayers.

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Wayne Morrison

Walk #100 Report

What an incredible Walk. Up to a few weeks before the Walk we didn't have enough registrations for this Walk to proceed. This was certainly a step of faith for each of the Team Members as we continued to prepare for a Walk that appeared to have not enough pilgrims. Well, God knew and he provided the pilgrims that were meant to be there. It was a small Walk, much smaller than usual at the Marsden Centre. As the weekend progressed it became obvious why it was a small group. There were lots of tears and laughter as God worked in the lives of pilgrims and team.

There was a great feeling of peace as team and pilgrims all related well together. God's presence was very evident throughout the weekend as lives were touched and enriched.

Please continue to pray for the pilgrims as they journey on their fourth day.

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Helen Nutley

Special Information

I would like to tell you about a couple of changes effecting agape and special agape.

We were one of the very few communities in Australia who were still able to provide morning and afternoon tea as special agape. However, we are unable to do that anymore due to food regulations and so the campsite is providing them. They are providing fruit, cheese platters and other goodies. However, we need to pay for them';

So it is now possible to provide monetary donations for special agape. You can give the donations to Carol, me or put it in the offering. You can also put donations into a special account at St George Bank BSB 334 040 A/c 554465053 Brisbane North Coast Emmaus Community.

We also need to get a sewing group going to make bags for books, letters, agape and book covers and other items. Monetary donations for materials or donations would be also much appreciated. Please see Lou Edwards and she will fill you in.

We would also like to start a group of community members who will ring pilgrims and team members. If you are interested please see Andrew Krosch or me.



Christiane Nivala

2018 CALENDAR

DATE	TIME	PLACE	COMMENTS
12 May 2018	5.30pm	Morayfield Uniting Church, 12-16 Weier Rd, 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	
19 June 2018	1:30pm	Gathering & Candlelighting Face to Face Encounter #1 Connect Baptist Church Cnr Braun St & Depot Rd, Deagon	
26 June 2018		Face to Face Encounter – Session 4 Sandgate Uniting Church, 116 Board Street, Deagon	
26 June 2018	3:25pm	Face to Face Encounter # 1 Closing Service 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 Weier Rd, Morayfield	Gathering & Commissioning of Lay Directors for Walks #101 and #102 (Board meeting prior) (Board Nominations)

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