

BRISBANE NORTH COAST
EMMAUS COMMUNITY
NEWSLETTER
June 2018

Face to Face
Candle Lighting & Closing

Candle Lighting (see *Face to Face* article for further information)

When: Tuesday – 19th June at 1.30pm

Where: Connect Baptist Church cnr Braun St & Depot Rd, Deagon. (left turn only from Depot Rd)

Closing Service (see *Face to Face* article for further information)

When: Tuesday – 26th June at 2.25pm assemble.

Where: Sandgate Uniting Church, 116 Board St, Deagon.

love to see you there!

De Colores



From our Community Lay Director

Hello Brisbane North Coast Emmaus Community. How exciting is this month! The first Face to Face Encounter in Australia is now underway and by all accounts is being well received by the Pilgrims and thoroughly enjoyed by the Team. Please continue to pray for this new ministry, the team and the pilgrims.

I encourage anyone who is available to come to the Face to Face Candlelighting Service on Tuesday 19 June from 1:30 pm at Connect Baptist Church, 21 Braun Street, Deagon. Please note this will also be our June gathering. The closing service for the Face to Face Encounter will be the following Tuesday, 26 June, at Sandgate Uniting Church starting at 2:40 pm. Again it would be great if you could come and support the pilgrims and team as they complete the Face to Face Encounter.

We will be travelling up to Gympie for our July gathering. So start planning now for a day 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. 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

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Andrew Krosch

From our Community

Spiritual Director



As I write this month, and as this goes to publication we are in prayerful consideration of our Face to Face Encounter No1. What a privilege as a community to host this event, the first in Australia. From the beginning of this communities prayerful seeking of God's grace in this Encounter I have pondered the outcomes, for the pilgrims, the team members, our community and for the Emmaus ministries in Australia. The thoughts and contemplations I keep finding myself in is that of our own individual Face to Face Encounter with God.

During the program these older pilgrims will have opportunities to contemplate issues of end of life, certainly our physical journey however more importantly our spiritual journey. Look at our strengths and our losses, and how these effect and enrich our lives.

An important and life changing discovery for me is that 'As we age, we don't change, who we are becomes magnified.'

My prayer for those who participate is that the question, 'Who we are in Christ, becomes the ultimate contemplation.' called by God to support and encourage through physical and prayerful activities.

As we pray for all those who will come, those whom we have commissioned to lead, may we as a community find ourselves called by God to support and encourage through physical and prayerful activities.

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Margaret Niethé

Face to Face Encounter #1



What an exciting journey we've had to get this far! Wow! What can I say, we had a wonderful and uplifting day on Tuesday 5 June 2018. The first day of the first Face to Face Encounter in Oz was most definitely a hit. The Holy Spirit was there!

We have 11 pilgrims, 4 men and 7 women. I know the team are really looking forward to our next session on Tuesday 12 June. I think the pilgrims are looking forward to our next day together as well.

We are so thankful and grateful to God for the pilgrims we have. I have no doubt whatsoever they will draw closer to the Lord during our 4 days together and have a more intimate relationship with Jesus when the Encounter has finished. Whilst I don't want to anticipate, I'm sure the pilgrims will experience first-hand just how much God loves them. (The same goes for team members!)

It was such a blessing to receive Agape letters from other Emmaus and Face to Face communities around the world and also to receive agape gifts on our tables in the conference room! As usual the food was wonderful and there was plenty of it. All of us felt and witnessed God's love through the servanthood of those people helping behind the scenes. I can't wait for our second session!

God has been at work throughout our preparations for Face to Face. Each and every member of the team has felt privileged to be involved and to offer their minds, hearts, hands and feet in service to God and the pilgrims for this history making event. Yes, we have encountered some hurdles along the way, but our prayers have been answered and each hurdle has been swept aside. God is good!

The community gathering prior to candle lighting for Face to Face is to be held on 19 June 2018 at 1.30pm 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, which is scheduled for 2.45pm. Please note: Connect Baptist Church carpark entrance is by left turn only from Depot Road.

My prayer is that the Brisbane North Coast Emmaus community will turn out in force for this first ever candle lighting for Face to Face Encounters.

The closing ceremony for Face to Face will be held on Tuesday 26 June 2018 at Sandgate Uniting Church, 116 Board Street, Deagon at 2.25 pm. Please come along and bless the first next dayer's, by welcoming them into our Emmaus community.

De Colores

Lyn Chalmers

Lay Director

Men's Walk # 101

There has been a slow start in the formation of the team for Walk # 101 but, I know, God will supply the team He wants on the walk. I currently have 2 dedicated Prayer Director who are now praying for the team formation & upcoming pilgrims, the Dining team is also almost in place & I have 1 ALD.

I will be contacting other shortly to consider take a role on the team. So that the community is forewarned, I am including the dates of the Formation Day, Training Days & Walk Dates so that is going the community can look at their calendar and see if they have those day free before I phone.

Formation Day is on the 18th August

Training Days will be 8th and 9th September and the team will be commissioned at the gathering on the 8th.

Walk Dates are 11th to the 14th October.

Please pray for the team preparations, and for the pilgrims who are being called.

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Paul Fletcher (LD)

WOMEN'S EMMAUS WALK #102

The team for Walk #102 is coming together really well. Still require 2 Assistant Table Leaders, Agape and 2 Dining Room Coordinators to compliment the lovely couple I already have in the Dining Room.

Am looking forward to working with everyone and what they bring to this walk.

Just a gentle reminder that now is the time to start considering sponsoring someone on these walks that are coming up.

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Leane Edgar

Lay Director – Women's Emmaus Walk #102

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Other ways to participate

Because of workplace health and safety we are unable to provide morning and afternoon teas as special agape. We have to allow the campsites to provide these. This means we need more monetary donations as Special Agape to be able to do this. We have provided 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

BSB: 334-040

A/c No: 000 0553 890 883

Walk Agape Donations

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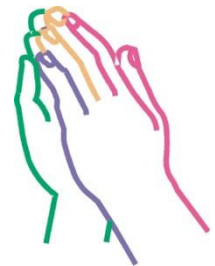
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You can also give the donations to Carol, or put it in the offering.

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 Christiane Nivala.



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



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.



2018 CALENDAR

DATE	TIME	PLACE	COMMENTS
19 June 2018		Face to Face Encounter – Session 3 Sandgate Uniting Church, 116 Board Street, Deagon	
19 June 2018	1:30 pm	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	2:25 pm	Face to Face Encounter # 1 Closing Service Sandgate Uniting Church, 116 Board Street, Deagon	
8 July 2018	4:00 pm	Gympie Regional Uniting Church 15 Red Hill Road, Gympie	GATHERING FOLLOWED BY POTLUCK 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)