



**BRISBANE NORTH COAST
EMMAUS COMMUNITY
NEWSLETTER
May 2019**

Next Gathering

**When: *May 11th Starts 5.30pm*
*Gathering and Welcome to Chrysalis***

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

***Bring a plate of food to Share for
Dinner***

De Colores



From our Community Lay Director

Hello Community

We enjoyed our celebration of Walk #101 at last month's gathering. We were privileged to listen to a Fourth Dayers journey which encouraged the newest members of our community on how to be involved and what they can do to be the Lord's hands and feet in future Emmaus Ministries.

Preparations for Walks #103 and #104 are now underway with the first foundation day on 8 June. Please uphold the team in prayer as they come together and get to know each other to enable the walks to glorify God. I would like to thank Malcolm James for stepping up and accepting the role of Lay Director for Men's Walk #103, so that this walk can proceed. Let's now support Malcolm and Leanne by sponsoring pilgrims, as these walks cannot proceed without pilgrims. Please prayerfully consider who you can bless with a once in a lifetime 72-hour spiritual experience.

Face to Face Encounter #2 is happening in Gympie in June. Please pray for the Lay Director, Judy, the team and the pilgrims who will be participating in the Encounter. Please pray that they face no major obstacle as we continue to develop the Face to Face ministry.

I look forward to seeing you at our next gathering at Morayfield Community Uniting Church on 12 May.

De Colores

Andrew Krosch

From our Community Spiritual Director

Our Fourth Days and Next Days

It's Easter Sunday night and I am reflecting on that night centuries ago as our risen Lord appears to his frightened and confused disciples. We can try to put ourselves in their sandals, but we can't really appreciate what they had been through and continue to struggle to understand! The word was out that Jesus' tomb was empty and some were saying he was risen from the dead!



Two thousand years later and WE continue to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus on this third day. Recently we have watched Lee Strobel's movie, "The Case for Christ". After his careful research into the historic accuracy of the documents, the medical evidence and validity of the resurrection, he believed, and is now a pastor at the large church where it all happened. It's a worthwhile movie to watch!

Believing that Jesus rose from the dead makes all the difference to our fourth day. In his life, and death, he had shared our human struggles and pain, suffered a horrendous death but rose again! Jesus lives! death has lost its sting, and He will never leave us or abandon us. By his wounds we are healed. Through his death the veil that separated us from God has been torn and we can come near and talk with Jesus face to face just as Moses did.

Knowing the reality of that third day, the reality of the presence of the Risen Lord, makes all the difference to our fourth day! Why then do we sometimes ask Jesus to be present with us as we leave a meeting or leave home on a new morning? The Lord has promised that he is with us always and will NEVER leave us or forsake us. As a spiritual discipline try practising, until it becomes second nature, being aware of God's presence and saying, "Thank you Lord that you ARE with me as you promised. Remind me of your presence and jog my awareness so that I know that your Spirit is with me and lives within me. Remind me that I am in you and you are in me."

Praise God that our life in Christ is this ever-present relationship and reality. Pray more for awareness of the Spirit's presence in the everyday moments and hours of each day. May you become more and more aware of God's presence with you in your fourth day and next day as you trust in his amazing grace. This is the life in all its fullness that Jesus came to bring and in his presence there is fullness of joy.

Next Board meeting May11th @ 3.30pm @ Morayfield Uniting Church.

Our current Board Executive members are:

Community Lay Director	Andrew Krosch
Past Community Lay Director	Christiane Nivala
Community Lay Director Elect	Paul Fletcher
Community Spiritual Director	Rev Jenny Sims
Past Community Spiritual Director	Ps Margaret Niethe
Registrar	Rebecca Fletcher
Secretary	Linda Waldock
Treasurer	Gary Nicholls

Co-ordinators are:

Prayer	Margaret Niethe
Walks	Michelle Krosch
Face to Face	Lyn Chalmers
Supplies	David Close
Music	Leanne Close
Dining Room	Wayne & Janelle Morrison
Agape	Lu Evans
Gatherings	Ian Riding
Website	Paul Fletcher
Newsletter	Helen Nutley; Margaret Niethe



Music is vital to Emmaus Walks and Gatherings

I am looking for people who can play music and lead worship. Please let me know if you like to lead singing, play the piano or other accompanying instrument; this can be for a walk or for a gathering.

Women's Walk #104

It is a blessed and interesting journey towards Women's Walk 104 (22-25 August) at Glendalough. God is building his team and there has already been some mighty responses to prayer and responses to our needs in advance. Thank you to those who have said yes, I am still looking for a Table Leader and Assistant Table Leaders as well as a music team. I know that God knows what we need in advance and is preparing the way. I am enjoying the process of team building. It is clear God uses Emmaus to create Christian leaders who go forth to serve their communities.

Please prayerfully consider sponsoring someone to be blessed as she shares this special walk with Jesus. Prepare some agape gifts, volunteer to help in the dining room, attend Candle Lighting at Coolum Uniting Church on the Saturday evening and the closing service on the Sunday. Allow these women to be blessed over the weekend with your acts of Agape love. I look forward to welcoming and journeying with them through the weekend.

Training days will be held Saturday 8 June, Saturday 22 June and Sunday 23 June at Grace Lutheran College, Caboolture.

The theme for the weekend is **Proverbs 31: 25** *'She is clothed in strength & dignity, and she laughs without fear of the future.'*

Lay Director

Leanne Close



Don't forget



The bank details for General Donations just in case you missed the Gathering and would like to contribute. Also, bank details for donations to provide Agape gifts of- flowers, rainbow cake, Ice-cream & toppings, Communion Elements etc.

General Donations

BSB: 334-040

A/c No: 000 0553 890 883

Walk Agape Donations

BSB : 334-040

A/c No: 000 0554 465 053

For any prayer needs that you wish to share with the Emmaus Community, please contact our Prayer Co-ordinator, Margaret Nieth

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phone: 0416 070 852



Face to Face Encounter #2

Our team is coming together well, but God has the names of persons He wants to call to fill the remaining spots.

The Orientation Day went really well and we are all a bit clearer on each job that we have been called to do. Thanks to Lyn and Margaret for their expert help.

The next training days are 10 – 11th May and then on to the Encounter in June. Don't forget the Community Gathering, which will be held in the Uniting Church Hall at Red Hill, Gympie, at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday, 18th June, followed by the Candlelighting ceremony in the Church. We would love to see a great roll-up to bless the new pilgrims.

One thing we would love to see is lots of Agape. This is very important for the pilgrims to realise that people from so many different areas are thinking of them.

Closing will be June 22 @Gympie Uniting Church to start @ 2.30pm(approx.).

Please note for Agape a Face to Face Encounter is both Male & Female, thus Agape needs to appropriate for both.

Blessings

Lay Director

Judy Ironside



Agape



Thank you: to all Agape Groups that have made agape gifts at various times. Your ongoing support will be appreciated by the pilgrims and teams throughout 2019.

Face to Face #2 at Gympie will be our next event so it is requested that agape be brought to the **May Gathering**. If this is not possible please contact Lu Evans to arrange collection/delivery details.

Please make **50 pieces of each item** (with a small safety pin attached where possible) There will be 11 times when agape is put out for the pilgrims (during Face to Face) Also make sure your containers have the name of your group and contact phone number attached so that all unused agape can be returned to you.

When planning what you will make please remember the **Focus of each Day** varies:

Firstly – **God calling us**

Secondly – **Jesus died for us**

Thirdly – **Holy Spirit empowers us to be the Body of Christ in the world.**

It will be helpful if groups could let me know what you will be making so we can eliminate the possibility of double-ups.

De Colores

Lu Evans

Agape Co-ordinator

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2019 Calendar

DATE	TIME	PLACE	COMMENTS
11 May 2019	5:30 pm	Morayfield Uniting Church, 12-16 Weier, Street, Morayfield	Gathering –Chrysalis
8 June 2019	8.30am 5:30 pm	TBA Morayfield Uniting Church, 12-16 Weier, Street, Morayfield	Walk Orientation Gathering Commissioning of Face to Face Encounter #2 team
11 June 2018		Gympie Regional Uniting Church, 15 Red Hill Rd, Gympie	Face to Face Encounter –Session 1
15 June 2019		Gympie Regional Uniting Church, 15 Red Hill Rd, Gympie	Gympie Face to Face Encounter –Session 2
18 June 2019		Gympie Regional Uniting Church, 15 Red Hill Rd, Gympie	Face to Face Encounter –Session 3 Candlelighting (In the Hall)
22 June 2019		Gympie Regional Uniting Church, 15 Red Hill Rd, Gympie	Face to Face Encounter –Session 4 Closing (In the church)
13 July 2019	5:30 pm	Morayfield Uniting Church, 12-16 Weier, Street, Morayfield	Gathering, Face to Face Encounter celebration & Commissioning of Walks #103 & #104

God Bless You as you Walk with Him