



**BRISBANE NORTH COAST
EMMAUS COMMUNITY
NEWSLETTER
February 2020**

Welcome

***Let us approach the New Year with
Thanksgiving & Grace
Weaving God's Love to one another***

**When: *Each 2nd Saturday*
 @
 *5.30pm***

**Where: *Morayfield Uniting Church*
 12-16 Weier Rd, Morayfield**





From our Community Lay Director

Welcome to an exciting new year for the Brisbane North Coast Emmaus Community. I pray that you all had a Blessed Christmas with friends and family and are prepared for the exciting adventures that God has prepared for our community this year.

Plans are well under way for the Men's and Women's walks in May with the teams coming together. We are also planning another Face To Face early this year with confirmation of a venue just coming through when writing this report. In Genesis 12, Abram was called to be obedient to God's call so he left his home to build a great nation with the promise that he would be blessed so that he could be a blessing to others. I know many of us were blessed when we became pilgrims on an Emmaus Walk through the invitation of others so now is your opportunity to be a blessing to others by praying about sponsoring pilgrims for both Walks and the upcoming F2F. God is not short in giving His blessings and I know as he pours out His blessing on the new pilgrims He also pours out blessing on all who are willing to share in His work through the Walks and F2F.

I was hoping that the new community website would be up and running before I penned this report but it hasn't happened as yet but it shouldn't be far away.

I look forward to seeing as many as possible at the first gathering this year on the 8th February.

Paul Fletcher

De Colores



From our Community Spiritual Director

Happy New year to all the Brisbane North Emmaus Community!

2020 is now into its second month. The New year is unfolding as we welcome each new morning. Days rush by and months fly by! I am looking forward to this year! What are your hopes for the year ahead? Perhaps you made New Year resolutions or maybe you thought about how this year might be different from last year. You may look forward to new opportunities, a new job, fresh new experiences, new contacts, new friends. You may be looking forward to welcoming a new family member or developing some new relationship or new program. What would you like to do this year which is new or different?

Whatever unfolds for us, we cannot know exactly what or how or when those hopes might take shape. We do know where we have been, and in faith and hope, trust that God walks before us guiding our steps and preparing the way so that we can follow more closely the plan God has for us.

Jeremiah 29:11-13

¹¹For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. ¹²Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. ¹³When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart, ¹⁴I will let you find me, says the LORD... [New Revised Standard Version)

God has plans for us! Plans to give us a future with hope. When we pray God will hear us. When we search for God with all our heart, "I will let you find me." I wonder what God's plans for me are? What about God's plans for you!

We hear again the heart of the Biblical message, God wants a relationship with us. God will be found by us! When we open our hearts and want to grow that relationship, God is delighted! Do you remember at your Emmaus Walk what the Spiritual Director said to you as you stood before the community after you had walked through the candle lit pathway?

"These people who do not know you, have come from many places to be here just for this moment. They have come so that you may experience the deep love God has for you...."

"Come follow me," says Jesus. "Come walk with me and learn from me."

This year Our Community will host two Men's Walks and 2 Women's Walks.

Pray about how you might be part of this ministry, the new opportunities open for you to grow in faith and in leadership, how you will be open to God's plans for you as you let go of the things that hold you back.

Pray about who you might be able to sponsor so that others will be drawn close to Christ and enriched in their Christian Walk.

May God's blessings be showered on you this year so that you might bless others with the love and grace of God.

The peace of the Lord be with you.

De Colores

Jenny Sims



Music

Music is vital to Emmaus Walks, Face to Face Encounters as well as our 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 and Encounter or for a gathering.

Leanne Close Music Co-ordinator

'Phone 0414 768 329

From the Board

**Next Board meeting February 8th @ 3.30pm Board Members @ Morayfield Uniting Church,
& 4.30pm Co-ordinators**

Our current Board Executive members are:

Community Lay Director	Paul Fletcher
Past Community Lay Director	Andrew Krosch
Community Lay Director Elect	Michelle Krosch
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	Karren McDermott
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

As 2020 unfolds may we all experience
God's Grace

Men's Walk #105



Lay Director

David Kanowski

It has been quite a while since the last newsletter, Christmas has come and gone, we have seen the New Year in and now the first month has gone. A little late to wish everyone a Happy New Year but we pray that the Lord is keeping everyone safe and He is leading you a new direction. A theme I believe is going to be good for the men's walk is "A New Vision" as 2020 we recognize as perfect vision, a new year and a new vision for each one of us.

We have gathered together most of the team before Christmas and set training days for ALD'S and for the team. Please hold each one of the team up in prayer as they prepare their talks, that the ideas flow and that talks come together, hold their families in prayer so that the enemy doesn't attack them and disrupt their commitment.

You can start thinking of pilgrims to sponsor, prayer for them to open up to the walk and where God might be leading them. Each of us knows what the walk to Emmaus has meant to you and I prayer that you can help a pilgrim to be blessed in such away.

Thank you, Emmaus community, for holding us up in prayer as we prepare and the pilgrims as they venture further in their Christian walk.

De Colores

David



Women's Walk #106

Lay Director

Anitta Kanowski

Christmas came and went, 2020 is well and truly rolling along. Life continues with every day full and not enough hours for what I'd like to do in a day. I'm learning to just let it roll by and do what I can.

I pray your days are full with God moments that help you know that whatever you are doing it is for His Glory and your Joy in Him.

Preparations for Walk 106 are all a part of my daily thoughts and have become a part of my weekly activity. Our prayer directors are faithfully meeting weekly and keen to learn all about their role and anticipating the walk with some excitement.

The Team is all together minus knowing who our ASD's and the Board appointed members are. It is with some anticipation that I await the full list.

ALD training is currently on the agenda and planned for the end of February.

I will be learning all about the training days over the next few weeks going towards March and planning for that.

Your prayer support for the team and all of the above is sought as well as prayerfully consider who to sponsor for this walk. Now is the time to get a registration form and have it in hand when approaching the people God places on your heart to ask them to attend.

'You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you.'
Isaiah 26:3

De Colores

Anitta



***Updates on this new and thus far fulfilling part of our ministry
will soon be with us.***

Queries should be directed to Face to Face Co-ordinator Karren McDermott



AN INVITATION TO MEET WITH OTHER EMMAUS MEMBERS:

Participate in activities while sharing your journey in your fourth days

Let us start 2020 together by continuing to support the coming Walks in May.

Making **AGAPE** with your friends and/or new members is a great way to focus on what the Walk to Emmaus means to each one of us.



Thank you in advance to those groups who always contribute in this way. Please contact me or the TEAM AGAPE person as to how many different pieces you are intending to make (50 pieces of each will be required) To new members (recent pilgrims) please contact me if you would like to join a group or start a new group.



Although the walks are not till May, the whole of April will be very busy in everyone's calendars with Easter events, school holidays and Anzac day.

We will need to know numbers as early as possible to be sure there will be sufficient for each of the Walks.

Men's Walk – 21 to 28 (minimum) different pieces

Women's Walk – 21 to 28 (minimum) different pieces



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Lu Evans

Community Agape Coordinator

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Don't forget



The bank details for General Donations just in case you missed the Gathering and would like to contribute.

Bank details for donations to provide Agape gifts of- flowers, rainbow cake, Ice-cream & toppings,

Communion Elements etc.

General Donations BSB: 334-040 Walk Agape Donations BSB: 334-040

A/c No: 000 0553 890 883

A/c No: 000 0554 465 053

For any prayer needs that you would like to share with the Emmaus Community,

Contact our Prayer Co-ordinator - Margaret Niethe

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phone: 0416 070 852



CALENDAR EVENTS 2020

Date	Time	Place	Comments
8 February 2020	5.30 pm	Morayfield Uniting Church 12-16 Weier Rd, Morayfield	Gathering
14 March 2020	5.30 pm	Morayfield Uniting Church 12-16 Weier Rd, Morayfield	Gathering
4 April 2020 (Easter is 12 April)	5.30 pm	Morayfield Uniting Church 12-16 Weier Rd, Morayfield	Gathering and Commissioning Walks #105 and #106
14-17 May 2020		YMCA Camp Warrawee 81 Byrnes Rd Nth, Joyner	Men's walk #105
16 May 2020	7.00 pm	Sandgate Uniting Church (TBC) Board Street, Deagon	Men's walk #105 Candlelighting Service
17 May 2020	3.30 pm	YMCA Camp Warrawee 81 Byrnes Rd Nth, Joyner	Men's walk #105 Closing Ceremony
21-24 May 2020		YMCA Camp Warrawee 81 Byrnes Rd Nth, Joyner	Women's walk #106
23 May 2020	7.00 pm	Sandgate Uniting Church (TBC) Board Street, Deagon	Women's walk #106 Candlelighting Service
24 May 2020	3.30 pm	YMCA Camp Warrawee 81 Byrnes Rd Nth, Joyner	Women's walk #106 Closing Ceremony
13 June 2020	5.30 pm	Morayfield Uniting Church 12-16 Weier Rd, Morayfield	Gathering
11 July 2020	5.30 pm	Morayfield Uniting Church 12-16 Weier Rd, Morayfield	Gathering

May God Bless each one as you seek to know Him more