



De Colores

**from the
Community Lay Director**

Hello everyone,

My name is Michelle and I did my Emmaus walk in 1999 at Margate. I am excited to be the Community Lay Director. As I reflected on what to share with you, I was reminded of the Perseverance talk. I would like to share with you some of what I shared when I gave this talk, as a reminder to keep preserving and help you get to know me a bit better.

I am a wuss! I am not a dare devil or an adrenaline junky. I enjoy having my feet firmly planted on the ground. I like to play it safe and I hate to fail. However, this is not the life God has called me to. He calls me to trust him which involves taking risks. It means stepping outside of what I am capable of doing in my own strength and trusting God will fill the gap. This is not natural for me, which is why I need the support of other Christians. The network of Christian friends I have developed over the years, encourage me, challenge me and hold me accountable to God's call on my life. They help me to overcome my fears and persevere in my faith journey.

Mission with Jesus takes us from comfort to discomfort; from familiar to the unfamiliar; from safety to adventure; from brokenness to wholeness; from fear to love; from self to other; from solo to team; from absence to presence; from blindness to seeing; lame to walking and captivity to freedom. My prayer is that through our Emmaus community, we will be able to support one another to keep persevering in our faith journeys especially when life is not familiar or comfortable.

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Michelle Krosch



From our Community Spiritual Director

May all the colours of God's grace be upon you today. How are you going in your fourth day?

It is already March! Easter will be here soon. Time marches on and we march along with it. Our Fourth Day challenge is to keep pace and not live in the past but embrace each day, to live each day following Jesus faithfully and growing in grace!

There is a story about a man who visited a church. He parked his car and began walking toward the front entrance. Another car pulled up nearby, and the irritated driver said to him, "I always park there. You took my place!" The visitor went inside and found that Sunday School was about to begin. He found an adult class, went inside, and sat down. A class member approached him and said, "That's my seat! You took my place!" The visitor was somewhat distressed by this rude welcome, but said nothing. After Sunday School, the visitor went into the sanctuary and sat down in an empty pew. Within moments another member walked up to him and said, "That's where I always sit. You took my place!" The visitor was troubled, but said nothing. Later, as the congregation was praying for Christ to be present with them, the visitor stood, and his appearance began to change. Scars became visible on his hands and on his sandaled feet. Someone from the congregation noticed him and cried out, "What happened to you?" The visitor replied, "I took your place."

In the everyday hum of life, we can easily get stuck in our own habits, assumptions and ways of thinking. We forget that the Church is still the body of Christ and it was for the Church that Christ died.

He died to make new our relationship with God and to make us new people freed from the negative shaping of our past, prejudices, our sense of entitlement and our refusal to embrace the way of Jesus. We forget that we are being changed!

During this time of Lent leading up to Easter, let's find time to search our hearts for anything that hinders our relationship with God and the work of the Holy Spirit in making us new people who reflect Jesus to those we meet!

God bless you through this season and have a really “holy” Easter as we remember that Jesus took our place!

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Rev Jenny Sims

Community Spiritual Director.

Story is from B. Richard Dennis, Over My Dead Body! at Sermons.com



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.

Should you now a person who might like to be a part of this ministry please contact Leanne.

Leanne Close Music Co-ordinator

'Phone 0414 768 329

From the Board

**Next Board meeting March 13th @ 3.30pm Board
Members @ Morayfield Uniting Church,
& 4.30pm Co-ordinators**

Board of Directors 2021

Effective Date: 13 February 2021

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NEWS from our FACE TO FACE CO-ORDINATOR

I was recently part of a 6 person task force set up by my local church to interview all of our membership. There were two simple questions to be answered by the interviewees and the responses given will now be used to inform our church council in further deliberations.

At first this task seemed daunting. So many people to be interviewed and so many people not known by many of us... But, being 'eager beavers' we pursued our mission with gusto. We emailed, rang and/ or visited around 150 people or families who had their names on our church membership list. Amazingly, it only took us two weeks to make contact with the majority of our registered congregation. We weren't able to make contact with 10, incredible!!

Participating in this very specific exercise has made me think about and wonder about what we could have been doing during Covid restrictions and lockdowns; both as individuals and as church congregations. Certainly, it's going to be some time before we can meet again in a 'Face to Face' encounter but after my experiences over the last few weeks it's quite obvious that we can be doing something for the older and retired members of our communities. And, it all seems quite simple... just make contact!!!

Our team of six was blown away by the responses of our interviewees who were thrilled to be contacted, thrilled that someone cared, thrilled that they were being invited to contribute, thrilled that their responses were valued and thrilled that **THEY** mattered.

This was a very sobering experience for each member of our team and a wakeup call to us all, reminding us that it's so important to contact every one of our church membership regularly because even when we can't meet together we are all a valued part of the body of Christ.

Hopefully, with vaccinations well underway, with restrictions easing and with people feeling more confident about participating in group activities we'll be able to meet up 'Face to Face' later in the year.

De Colores,
Karren McDermott

Queries please contact Face to Face Co-ordinator

Karren McDermott - 0423767496



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

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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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CALENDAR EVENTS 2021

Date	Time	Place	Comments
13 March 2021	5.30 pm	Morayfield Uniting Church 12-16 Weier Rd, Morayfield	Gathering
10 April 2021	5.30 pm	Morayfield Uniting Church 12-16 Weier Rd, Morayfield	Gathering
8 May 2021	5.30 pm	Morayfield Uniting Church 12-16 Weier Rd, Morayfield	Gathering
12 June 2021	5.30 pm	Morayfield Uniting Church 12-16 Weier Rd, Morayfield	Gathering
10 July 2021	5.30 pm	Morayfield Uniting Church 12-16 Weier Rd, Morayfield	Gathering
14 August 2021	5.30 pm	Morayfield Uniting Church 12-16 Weier Rd, Morayfield	Gathering
11 September	5.30 pm	Morayfield Uniting Church	Gathering

2021		12-16 Weier Rd, Morayfield	
9 October 2021	5.30 pm	Morayfield Uniting Church 12-16 Weier Rd, Morayfield	Gathering
13 November 2021	5.30 pm	Morayfield Uniting Church 12-16 Weier Rd, Morayfield	Gathering

REMEMBER BE COVID SAFE as you ATTEND

all GATHERINGS and EMMAUS EVENTS

Maintain Social Distancing

Jesus Opens the Scriptures

Luke

...**31** Then their eyes were opened and they recognized Jesus—and He disappeared from their sight.

32 They asked each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us as He spoke with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?”

33 And they got up that very hour and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven and those with them, gathered together...

What does it mean to sacrifice during Lent?

If you don't like Broccoli then giving it up for Lent is not a sacrifice!