

BRISBANE NORTH COAST EMMAUS COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER May 2021

Together we are the Body of Christ

<u>When</u>:

Are you ready? Saturday, May 8 @ 4:00 pm to 6:00 pm

<u>Where</u>: <u>Mudjimba Beach,</u> <u>Mudjimba Esplanade, Mudjimba</u>

This will be a family friendly gathering. BYO chair/rug, afternoon tea and something suitable for communion.

> We look forward to seeing you De Colores



from the Community Lay Director Hello everyone,

It's hard to believe that we are already a third of the way through the year. This time last year we were right in the middle of COVID lockdown restrictions. The last 12 months have really highlighted for me the importance of connection and community, especially in sustaining me as I seek to follow God's calling on my life. Emmaus Ministries recognises that connection and community are vital components of Christian discipleship and encourages this through sponsorship, reunion groups and gatherings.

We are not designed to do life in isolation. If you are struggling with a sense of disconnection, I would encourage you to come to our community gatherings, join a reunion group or reach out to people you have met through Emmaus or Face to Face.

This month our gathering is a little different in the hope that we may be able to build community and connection. This month's gathering will be at the park at Mudjimba Beach. This will be a relaxed, family friendly gathering. So, bring your own chair and food or you can purchase something from the local cafes and let's enjoy sharing our stories and encouraging one another in our Forth Days.

Hope to see you there.

De Colores

Michelle Krosch



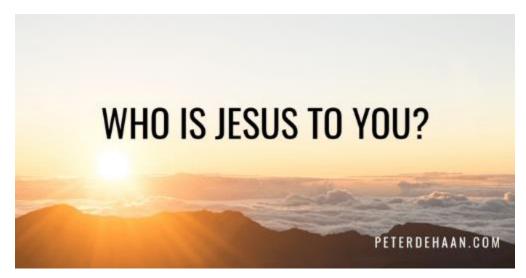
From our Community Spiritual Director

Brisbane North Coast Emmaus Community

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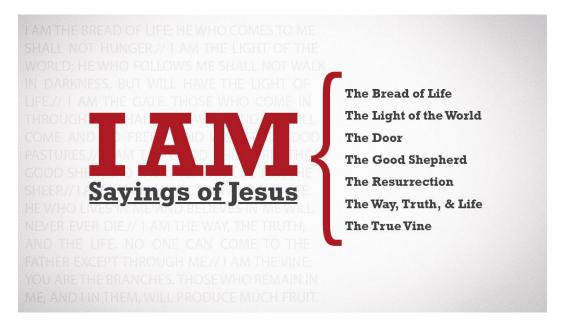
Time passes slowly sometimes. Somehow time stretches. Time can rush by leaving us catching our breath! At other time, time can seem to stand still. This captures something of our changing lives and experience.

Over Easter, we have enjoyed the short break. In these post-Easter weeks, we have celebrated Christ's risen presence and taken up our everyday routines. How are you in your Fourth day? How are you travelling? How has the Pandemic affected you and those close to you? It's more than a year since the Pandemic hit with force and it continues on it rampage especially in India and Brazil. We are living in challenging and fast changing times and in the midst of life, we hear God's revelation in Exodus that God is "I am". Not past of future but the ever present One.



On seven occasions in John's gospel, Jesus uses the phrase 'I am' to explain who He is, why He came, and what He offers to those who choose to follow Him. These 7 'I am' statements that Jesus' makes are amongst the best known and loved verses within the whole Bible.

Take a little time to let these images of Jesus touch your life. Which image that Jesus shares about himself speaks most strongly to you as you journey on in Christ?



Receiving and responding to the words of Jesus transforms life, our lives! In the introduction to his gospel, John writes, 'From the fullness of his grace we have all received one blessing after another' (John 1:16). All of the 'I am' statements reflect this sense of the fulness of life that Christ offers. In these deeply personal sayings, Christ offers us Himself, and through receiving and responding to His words, we receive Christ, and all that He offers

Day by day take time to be nurtured, and renewed in the love of God through Jesus, as you abide in the vine! His life in us and our lives in him! Jesus came to bring us life in all its fullness [John 10:10]. Take time now to reflect on this amazing truth. Take time in the present moment to know that You are in Christ and Christ is in you.

God bless you today and every day for I AM is with us and in us.

De Colores

Jenny Sims

IMPORTANT MESSAGE from our NATIONAL EMMAUS BOARD



Emmaus Ministries Australia

Communication

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARIES

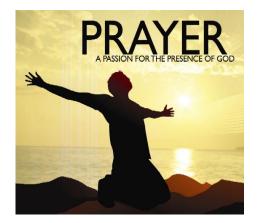
National is holding a National Virtual Secretariat meeting May 22 beginning @ 2pm with a National Mega Gathering to start @ 4.30pm.

Watch for news as the date comes closer.... you may have to register your interest for the Secretariat meeting so you can be sent the LINK to the meeting.

Please note that there are Prayer Vigils at the below address: Check it out!

Emmaus Ministries thrive on PRAYER.

Active Prayer Vigils: https://vigil.emmaus.org.au/





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

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Queries please contact Face to Face Co-ordinator

Karren McDermott – 0423767496





Please uphold one another in Prayer as we continue as a community to face the trials of Covid-19

Please lift one another in prayer as we continue to experience the trials of LOCKDOWN.

Ephesians 3:20

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us.

CALENDAR EVENTS 2021

Date	Time	Place	Comments
8 May 2021	4-6pm	Mudjimba Beach, Mudjimba Esplanade, Mudjimba	Gathering This will be a family friendly gathering. BYO chair/rug, afternoon tea and something suitable for communion.
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 2021	5.30 pm	Morayfield Uniting Church 12-16 Weier Rd, Morayfield	Gathering
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

Wash hands

Please stay at home if you are unwell!!!

Let us know and we will pray for you

Please send Newsletter Items to <u>newsletter@brisbanenorthcoast.emmaus.org.au</u>