

BRISBANE NORTH COAST EMMAUS COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

November 2023

We are the Body of Christ

Next Gathering

When: Saturday, 11 November @ 5.30pm

Where: Morayfield Community Uniting Church

12-16 Weier Road

Morayfield QLD 4506

This will be our final gathering for the year.

Please bring some food to share for dinner and a chair.

Looking forward to seeing you there.



De Colores

from the Community Lay Director

Hello everyone,

We ran a special event last month called "Why Emmaus". Whilst there was only a small number of our community that were able to attend, those who did come had a great time sharing their Emmaus Ministry experiences. We were able to reconnect with the purpose of Emmaus Ministries and why we as a Community would choose to run these ministries. We also spent time reflecting on the areas that we as an Emmaus Community are doing well and what areas we could do better. The group was then able to feed back to the Board some ideas to work on over the next 12 months to better support the running of Emmaus Ministries.

We have started planning Emmaus Walks next year. At this stage we are looking at running these walks from 23 – 26 May 2024 and from 30 May – 2 June 2024 at Glendalough Outdoor Education Centre, Peregian. We hope to be able to announce the Lay Directors soon. If you would like to be involved in these teams please let either myself or David Close know. Now is also the time to start thinking about who you might be able to sponsor for these walks. It is an amazing privilege and responsibility to sponsor someone on an Emmaus Walk. We encourage you to carefully and prayerfully consider who you might approach because it is important that we sponsor well. Please contact me if you would like to find our more information about how to responsibly sponsor.

Finally, we have our last gathering for the year on Saturday 11 November 2023 from 5:30pm at Morayfield Community Uniting Church. Please bring a chair & some food to share and let's celebrate together what God has done through our Emmaus Community this year.

Looking forward to seeing you then,

De Colores Michelle Krosch



De Colores

from the Community Spiritual Director

The last newsletter for the year and what a year it has been. What a joy it was to do more than meet together as a group but return to our "core business" of running walks.

"Core Business" for councils used to be defined as "Roads, Rates and Rubbish". It's November already and as I move around the Sunshine Coast I can see that the local council is starting to get active and put up Christmas Decorations.

As we think of Christmas I wonder, as a Christian what is our "Core Business", in the Christmas season? A common theme over the last few years has been "Keep Christ in Christmas" or "Jesus in the reason for the season". To me these sayings are wonderful sound bites that remind us that God wanted to reconcile with humanity so much that he was prepared to sacrifice his only son.

In Jesus Christ we see God made human! We see the love of God personified. So perhaps that might be our "Core Business", to demonstrate to the world the saving love that God showed to us in the form of Jesus Christ.

May you and yours all have a blessed Christmas and look forward to seeing you all next year as you participate in the walks.

De Colores Neil Storey Community Spiritual Director

Music

Music is vital to Emmaus Walks, Face to Face Encounters as well as our Gatherings

Always 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 could be for a <u>Walk</u> an <u>Encounter</u> or for a <u>Gathering</u>.

Do you now a person who might like to be a part of this ministry?

Please contact Leanne

Leanne Close Music Co-ordinator

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Email: music@brisbanenorthcoast.emmaus.org.au



Emmaus Ministries Australia

The latest Emmaus Ministries Australia Newsletter is now available.

Link to the National Website: Emmaus Ministries - Australia

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



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

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

Contact our Prayer Co-ordinator – Jenny Sims

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This will be the last newsletter for the year, so as we head into the Christmas celebrations here is a verse to ponder.

May we live out the good news and show the great joy that Jesus brings and share that with those around us.

"And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord."

CALENDAR EVENTS 2023-2024

Date	Time	Place	Comments
Saturday	5:30pm	Morayfield Uniting Church	End of year celebration.
11 November 2023		12-16 Weier Road	Bring a chair and food
		Morayfield	to share for dinner.
Saturday	5:30pm	Morayfield Uniting Church	Gathering
10 February 2024		12-16 Weier Road	
		Morayfield	
23-26 May 2024		Glendalough Outdoor	Men's Walk
		Education Centre	
		Peregian	
30 May-2 June 2024		Glendalough Outdoor	Ladies Walk
		Education Centre	
		Peregian	

Let us know if you have any prayer requests and we will pray for you

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Please send Newsletter Items to

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WEBSITE ISSUES

Due to the changes to the website, things are not working as they should.

I am unable to upload the newsletter into the main screen on the newsletter section hence the Newsletter does not appear as it did. I am currently able to attach the current newsletter to the "Open Newsletter in New Window". To view the current newsletter, click on this link and the newsletter will open.

I am sorry for the inconvenience but it is beyond my control. Once it has been resolved I will let you know.

Paul Fletcher

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