



**BRISBANE NORTH COAST
EMMAUS COMMUNITY
NEWSLETTER**

March 2024

We are the Body of Christ

Next Gathering

When: *Saturday, 9 March @ 5.30pm*

**Where: *Morayfield Community Uniting Church*
12-16 Weier Road
*Morayfield QLD 4506***

Please bring some food to share for dinner after the service.

Looking forward to seeing you there.



De Colores

from the

Community Lay Director

Hello Everyone,

It is an honour to commence as the Community Lay Director for our wonderful Emmaus Community. My name is David, and I did my Emmaus walk with this Community in 2008. Firstly, I would like to thank and acknowledge Michelle for the way that she served as our Community Lay Director since 2021.

The February gathering saw the commissioning of Jill Fletcher and Chad Teschward as the Lay Directors for the next walks, which will be held in May this year. What a wonderful way to start the year. Put in date claimers for the 23-26 May for the Men's Walk and 30 May-2 June for the Women's Walk, both Walks are to be held at Glendalough Outdoor Education Centre, Peregian.

As Michelle shared at the end of last year, we held a special event, 'Why Emmaus' in October 2023. During that event we were able to explore the purpose of Emmaus Ministries and why we as a Community would choose to run these ministries. In reflecting on what to share with you at the start of this year, I believe it is worth starting the year revisiting the purpose of Emmaus Ministries. A good place to begin is with the Emmaus objective, taken from the national home page; *Our objective is to inspire, challenge, and equip local church members for Christian action in their homes, churches, communities and places of work.*

The first time that I was on team, I was given Talk 13, Body of Christ to deliver. This talk contains many gems that fits with the objective of Emmaus Ministries. You may remember that this talk explains the church's mission is to **tell** about God's grace (Kerygma), to **live** together in God's grace (Koinonia), and to also share God's grace in deeds of love and **service** (Diakonia). I would like to share with you the summary from this talk that I believe applies not only to the churches that we are members of, but also to our Emmaus community.

The Body of Christ needs to offer a real alternative our society. Just as the early church offered a place where people could find love, support and moral integrity, our churches need to do the same. The early church grew not only through its missionary efforts, but though it being an attractive, supportive place to be, a real alternative. Our churches need to be alive and life giving, equipping members to serve and be a witness to their community. May we all participate to ensure that our church (Emmaus Community) truly is the Body of Christ, proclaiming the word, being Christian Community and serving the world by sharing the love that only comes from God.

As we prepare for the next walks for our community, I urge you to prayerfully consider sponsorship. Who from your church or circle of friends is being placed on your heart to approach to be on an Emmaus walk? If you are unsure about sponsorship or concerned about the associated finances, consider talking to other Community members about joint sponsorship. It is an amazing privilege and responsibility to sponsor someone on an Emmaus walk.

If you would like to be involved in the teams for the next walks, please let myself, Chad or Jill know. Please uphold Chad and Jill in prayer as they continue to fill all the positions in their teams.

A couple of date claimers, Candle Lighting will be 25 May for Men's walk and 1 June for Women's walk, venue to be advised. The April gathering on 13th will be the commissioning of the teams at the Morayfield Uniting Church.

Looking forward to having a great year for the Emmaus Community and love to see you at the next gathering on 9 March, 5:30pm at Morayfield Uniting Church.

De Colores

David Close



De Colores
from the
Community Spiritual Director

Hello Everyone

It seems like we have barely put away the Christmas decoration and we are already into the season of Lent.

The busyness of the world has the capacity to overwhelm us if we are not careful. The season of Lent is a wonderful opportunity to take some time out and reflect on what is important in your life and remember just how God has journeyed with you.

I encourage you to take some time to sit with God in the Lenten season and as you do think of the many people who have been part of your Christian journey. Think about how they have encouraged you along the way, and ask yourself the question who can I encourage this month in their journey.

De Colores

Neil Storey

Community Spiritual Director

Emmaus Walks 107 & 108

Dear Emmaus friends

Thank you to all those who have answered the call to serve on Walks 107 & 108. The teams are coming together well with just a few spots to fill.

It have been wonderful to have many people who have been so excited to be asked to be on team and their enthusiasm has been such a blessing to us. So continue to pray for our teams - that the last few places will be filled quickly.

Pray too for pilgrims and to ask God to show you anyone that you might sponsor and, if need be, get a few friends together to share the cost of sponsoring, or maybe even seek financial assistance from your church. There are many options, so do not let that stop you from approaching people to ask to come and experience the walk.

Thank you for your support and please continue to pray for the team, the pilgrims and the walk itself. The 72hr prayer vigils for both walks are also now available and we would love to see it filled prior to the walks. This can be accessed via the link on the website, <https://vigil.emmaus.org.au/>.

De Colores

Chad Teschward & Jill Fletcher

Lay Directors Walks 107 & 108

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 Walk an Encounter or for a Gathering.

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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Emmaus Ministries Australia and International Newsletters

The latest Emmaus Ministries Australia and international Newsletters are available using the following links.

National Website: [Emmaus Ministries Australia \(campaign-archive.com\)](http://campaign-archive.com)

International Website: [The Upper Room \(campaign-archive.com\)](http://campaign-archive.com)

72 Hour Prayer Vigils

Check out the Walks or Encounters being held by other communities. You could join in upholding them in prayer on <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

A/c No: 553 890 883

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

Contact our Prayer Co-ordinator – Jenny Sims

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As we head towards Easter may I encourage you to do as Neil said - to sit with God a while and ponder all he means to you and what he wants from you.

May you be challenged and blessed as you recall the events of the first Easter and what Jesus did for us on the cross.

1 Peter 1:3: "Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead."

CALENDAR EVENTS 2024

Date	Time	Place	Comments
Saturday 9 March 2024	5:30pm	Morayfield Uniting Church 12-16 Weier Road Morayfield	Gathering Please bring some food to share for dinner
Saturday 13 April 2024	5.30pm	Morayfield Uniting Church 12-16 Weier Road Morayfield	Gathering Commissioning for Walks 107 & 108 Please bring some food to share for dinner
Saturday 11 May 2024	5.30pm	Morayfield Uniting Church 12-16 Weier Road Morayfield	Gathering Commissioning for Walks 107 & 108 (for those not there on 13 April)
23-26 May 2024		Glendalough Outdoor Education Centre Peregian	Men's Walk
30 May-2 June 2024		Glendalough Outdoor Education Centre Peregian	Ladies Walk

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

prayer@brisbanenorthcoast.emmaus.org.au

Please send Newsletter Items to

newsletter@brisbanenorthcoast.emmaus.org.au

WEBSITE ISSUES

The newsletter is again able to be added and viewed to the BNC website.

I am in contact with National webmaster as to updating the board details.

I will let you know when the current issues have been resolved.

De Colores

Paul Fletcher

BNC EM Website Coordinator

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