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Perth Emmaus Community Newsletter – June 2022

### Community Lay Director

Psalm 23 “The Lord is my Shepherd, I shall not want”  
This has been going around and around in my head for the past few days, what is God trying to tell me?  
I find it really pertinent that its only verse one of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Psalm, as I have centred most of my life around the whole Psalm. It reminds us that in life and in Death - in times of plenty or want - God is good and worthy of our trust. The Psalm uses the metaphor of a shepherd’s care for his sheep to describe the wisdom, strength and kindness of our God.  
So I feel God is trying to tell me that we are all enough and we can be his hands and feet as we work together. As shepherd’s Showing God’s loving care and understanding to all the people we welcome into the Emmaus Community, everyone we walk alongside before and during the walk’s.

It could also mean that we need to go and gather some of the lost sheep back into our fold.

And as we go through these unusual times of the Covid 19, I would pray that we really reach out to one another and stay in much closer contact than perhaps we have done in the past. May God’s Love and healing be with all of you that have had covid, and for all those that have stayed free from it, I pray that you can remain that way.

As some of you may already know, God has been gracious and enabled Alf Standen to accept the call from God to be our Men’s Director in September. Thank you Alf for accepting God’s call. May we all continue to pray for Alf and Nicole as they finalise their Teams.

Our orientation Day on the 25<sup>th</sup> June is getting ever closer, for all of you on team I look forward with excitement to meeting you all on the day, and I pray that many of the Emmaus Community will Come along to the gathering after orientation to welcome you all and to show their support.

Our gatherings may be small in number but remain a great time of fellowship, so I put it to you all that you might try and bring someone with you to the next one. It will be on the 25<sup>th</sup> June at 7 pm at South Perth Uniting Church. You could even come early and meet the teams as they enjoy their meal together.

I would really like to thank the Board for all the work they have done so far this year, as there have been some really hard decisions to make at times. Our Spiritual Director John Whaley has led our meetings with some extremely moving devotions that always help us to see things differently, and point us towards God’s way, not our way. I praise God for his direction.

“Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labour in the Lord is not in vain.” 1Corinthians 15:58

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May God’s richest Blessings be with you all  
Heather Haggerty  
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## A Call to Prayer.

One of the most powerful elements of the Emmaus community is Prayer. I have often commented that I could work in a congregation for years and not see the same change in people that we see over the three days of an Emmaus Walk. I'm not suggesting that there is no prayer in the church, but I feel the way every minute of the Emmaus weekend is saturated in prayer is the defining and central component that makes the difference.

Just recently, the Rev. Christine Rose was elected to the role of National Spiritual Director. She has suggested a prayer initiative as a way of enlivening and refreshing the Emmaus communities around Australia. Many of our communities are experiencing decline and a number have closed.

I am including Christine's email here in the hope that the Perth Emmaus Community will take up the challenge to prayer. Christine writes:

Good afternoon one and all.

Over these last few weeks, I have been wondering what is the best way forward for us all to be on the 'same page' so to speak when it comes to praying not only for our individual communities but for our nation of Emmaus communities.

I am so reminded that our Lord 'commands His blessing' when we unite together in one voice and one purpose. The other morning, I awoke in the early hours of the morning with an answer.

I would like to propose to us all that on the first day of every month we 'unite' in prayer. It could be a few minutes while on the way to work, or when you arise in the morning, there is no time, no rules, just being available to ask our precious Saviour and Lord to awaken our nation and to allow Emmaus to rise again to equip the saints for service in these last days of 'harvest'.

Maybe you could put this in your newsletters that on the first day of the month we as a nation of believers in the Emmaus communities will be as one to pray for leaders to arise and all the saints to 'march' forward to reap a harvest for Jesus.

Please join me in the Father's love  
Rev. Christine Rose  
Emmaus National Spiritual Director  
0413994673

Could I Please encourage you to put a reminder in your diary or on the fridge to **pray on the first day of each month** for the Walk to Emmaus communities around Australia and the world. Some suggestions to begin are: Health for those in need of a healing touch, Chrysalis, Pilgrims, Caterpillars, All other groups in Emmaus – Face to Face etc., Leaders and Teams for the walks ahead and for Clergy to arise to see how Emmaus can be a magnificent tool to 'equip the saints for service'. Please also pray for a new generation to be inspired and take the reins for the coming generations.

A flyer is included which you can use to invite others to pray and put in some prominent place to remind you of this request.

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Rev. John Whaley

Perth Emmaus Community Spiritual Director.



**June 2022 AGAPE:** I would like to encourage all the Reunion Groups to keep up their good work of providing Meaningful, useful, colourful, creative items of agape – all with a suitable **Scripture verse** and the Reunion **Group name** on the back or in smaller print on the front.

With items such as scarves, exercise books and other items we have more than enough, at the moment, **due to the Great Southern giving theres to us** (for Emmaus and Chrysalis), after their last Board Meeting, which was held in May, all their supplies were separated for various purposes and gifting.

\*Great Southern Reunion Groups – if you are willing to continue to support the Perth Walks in this way, PLEASE forward me your contact details – so that you are not forgotten. THANK YOU.

\*\*Be sure to be **praying** about and **asking** prospective PILGRIMS, so that our agape is given out with the love from which they were made.

**GATHERING DATES:- >> COME – SING - LISTEN - SHARE – FELLOWSHIP – REUNITE <<**

PLEASE PLACE THESE DATES ON your CALENDERS to **be kept free for encouraging others.**

**ALL GATHERINGS WILL BE HELD AT THE SOUTH PERTH UNITING CHURCH,** Sandgate street.

**Saturday JUNE 25<sup>th</sup>:-** The Commissioning Service for the Teams and support for the September Walks. Team to be there early for the 4.15 – 4.30pm start. A Pizza dinner will be supplied for them. \*The Gathering for the Community will commence **at 7pm.** All at the South Perth Uniting Church.

**Saturday JULY 30<sup>th</sup>:-** Emmaus Community Gathering **7pm,** venue ‘as above’.

**Sat. AUGUST 27<sup>th</sup> :-** Emmaus Community Gathering **7pm.** Venue ‘as above’.

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**Walks will be held at the Advent Park in Kalamunda RD, Maida Vale.**

**Sat. 17<sup>th</sup> SEPT:-** Men’s Walk Candle-lighting service **8pm for the Community to attend.**

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> SEPT:-** Men’s Closing Service **3.30pm start. Community to attend.**

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**\*\*SUNDAY 25<sup>th</sup> SEPT:-** Ladies’ Walk Candle-lighting Service **8pm for the Community to attend.**

**\*\*MONDAY 26<sup>th</sup> SEPT:-** Ladies Closing Service. **3.30pm start. Community to attend.**

**Sat. OCTOBER 29<sup>th</sup> AGM -** Post Walk Gathering for the Walk’s, AND the **COMMUNITY. 7pm.**

**Sat. NOVEMBER 26<sup>th</sup>:-** Emmaus Community Gathering **7pm.** Venue ‘as above’ in South Perth. **PRAYER VIGIL and Palencia:-**

**Please feel free to dabble in Making a Poster for another community’s walk.**

**Please be in PRAYER** for these coming walks, for the WLD’s and their teams; Support team; Sponsor’s; and the prospective PILGRIMS to be accepting and receptive to the Lord’s voice. And for The Board and the Community’s active support and encouragement. Come Holy Spirit Come.

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1. TO ADD YOUR NAME to our Prayer Vigil – PLEASE, PLEASE do it.

2. **Application forms** will be found here and **info for Sponsors.** Click on one of the individual Walks.

### **2022 PERTH EMMAUS REUNION GROUPS CONTACT LIST and INFO**

Joining and participating in a reunion group is a great way to stay connected within the Emmaus community. At the present time there are FOUR reunion groups active within the Perth Emmaus Community, **ALL of whom meet monthly.**

**Willetton Warriors** –southern suburbs.

Julie Marshall

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Meeting at 5 Corsair Drive, Willetton.

**Joondalup Joybells** - northern suburbs.

Darren - 0404 751 981/ Carolyn 0409 901 854. Meeting on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month. **7 to 9pm.** at **9 Nimrod Place, Hillarys.**

**Hillbillies** - eastern suburbs (Heather– 0408 565 315)

**Time: 7.30 to 9.30pm**

**Meeting at John and Anne Steeds’ 12 Mustang Court, High Wycombe.**

**Peel Pilgrims** - far southern suburbs (Joy and Eric – 0408 675 163)

Meeting at 22 Murdoch Drive, Singleton. Mostly the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month. However the Next dates: **2pm on 26<sup>th</sup> June, ( 24<sup>th</sup> July maybe phone to check if it’s on)**

**Boddington Agape group** (Cathy O’Dea – 0439 696 010) Meet the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month.

*Be sure not to miss out – pick up your phone and check one of these out.\** Each of the reunion group’s above, are currently hosting two of the *Board Gatherings* this year, together with the ones that the Board itself host for you all.

**>>>Please use these Gatherings as Your Reunion Group –**

**if you belong to another accountability group.**

Board rep responsible for these, is Joy Loughton, 08 9537 2541 [ericjoy1@tpg.com.au](mailto:ericjoy1@tpg.com.au)

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**PERTH EMMAUS ON THE WEB –**

We have a Website [www.perth.emmaus.org.au](http://www.perth.emmaus.org.au) where you can obtain all the information for our Walks, you can download the applications for the Walks here the Information for sponsoring a Pilgrim, Candle lighting and Closing Dates and times.

And you can also go onto the Prayer vigils on this Website to commit to pray for these Walks.

The Perth Emmaus Community also has a Facebook page that you can ask to join, we would love to have you aboard.



**INFORMATION-**

The sole purpose of the Emmaus Movement is to strengthen disciples within the ministry of individual congregations.

Emmaus is in partnership with the church to inspire its leaders to become more effective and intentional in their ministry. Emmaus is neither competitive with nor a substitute for your own church. Although the Walk to Emmaus is a unique and powerful instrument through which faithful people are renewed and inspired, it cannot provide the well-rounded programs such as education, evangelism, missions, and stewardship that are provided by an individual congregation. In short, Emmaus does not intend to become anyone's "new church".

However, Emmaus does have a unique role in the life and ministry of the church in the church's task of nurturing strong committed disciples compassionately serving Christ in the world. The unique role of the Walk to Emmaus is spiritual renewal.

From The Upper Room Handbook on Emmaus (chapter 15)

Is anyone reading this Email willing to be the Perth Emmaus newsletter Person.

Its only 4 newsletters per year.

Heather Haggerty 0408565315

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**PERTH EMMAUS WALKS - SPONSORSHIP**

An application form for the Men's & Woman's Walks in SEPTEMBER in Perth is attached.

Please prayerfully consider who you could give the Emmaus experience of grace to.

Sponsoring does not mean you have to pay the Pilgrim's fees; it means you will support and encourage the Pilgrim in experiencing the grace of God afresh. What a privilege!

Our Perth Emmaus Registrar Cathy O'Dea, is ready and waiting for your Pilgrims Application Forms to start coming in.

You may like to fill your part of the Application in at the same time they fill in theirs, then you can send it all in together.

To The Registrar:

Cathy O'Dea [symetric@inet.net.au](mailto:symetric@inet.net.au)

Then your journey as a sponsor begins as you walk alongside them preparing them for their wonderful Walk. And reassuring them that their Family members will be looked after in their absence.

Any questions or concerns can be asked of Cathy O'Dea or myself.

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Heather Haggerty

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Act Justly

Love Mercy

Walk Humbly with  
your God

Michah 6:8



## **WALK SUPPORT**

Thank you to those who have already committed to walk support, but we please need more of you – there are many opportunities to serve the Emmaus community during our upcoming walks. Some serve in the conference room but can only do so when they have an army of servants busily supporting them behind the scenes. There are so many different opportunities that everyone is likely to find something they enjoy.

We have lots of fun and work together in Community, and best of all, if you are extremely busy, you may choose to serve in a limited capacity eg. Assisting with candelighting or helping out with cleaning at the end of the walk. We ask you to prayerfully consider the following roles:

Walk support leaders:	Someone who leads all the roles below (preferably someone who has previous experience in this role)
Kitchen Helpers:	Help the cook ensure meals are served on time Prepare and serve meals Keep the kitchen clean, wash up and fill the dishwasher
Dining Room:	Change table positions each day Set the tables and clear after meals Make sure everything is ready for each meal.
Saturday Night:	Decorate the dining room for the evening meal Serve each table their meals and clear up afterwards Set up ready for breakfast the next morning
Candle lighting:	Help set up the chairs for the community Service prior to Candle Lighting. Pack up after community service and help set-up chairs for candle lighting. Help put out all the candles along the walk into Candle lighting. Help hand out the candles for the community to hold
Cleaning:	Vacuum and tidy each and every room that we use.
Morning & Afternoon Tea Helper:	Ensure that there is enough food each day Set up the urns etc in time for morning & afternoon tea each day Clean up afterwards
Closing Ceremony	Set up and pack up

We are also seeking a cook for both the men's and ladies walks. If you know anyone who may be interested in this important role please contact me with their details.

Being a walk support Helper is a fulfilling important role and it is a wonderful opportunity to have some fun while serving our wonderful conference room teams and pilgrims.

Give me a call or drop me an email, if you would like to be a part of this team.

God is calling on you.

*de colores*  
*Carolyn Gibbon*  
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## LAY DIRECTOR WALK #69

After an absence from the Emmaus program of nearly four years the call to be the Walk Lay Director for Men's Walk #69 came totally out of the blue and I want to thank the board for their confidence in me. It was a privilege to be approached and I thank God for His encouragement to accept. Having done so, in my early contact with potential team members I have been heartened and delighted by the level of enthusiasm demonstrated in my conversations. I look forward very much to working with the men (and lady) who will form the team for this year's Men's Walk to Emmaus. I would ask each of you reading this newsletter to uphold the team members of both Men's walk #69 and Ladies walk #70 in prayer as we approach our orientation and commissioning. May the Lord bless you and your families and I thank you on the team's behalf for your forthcoming prayers and support.

De Colores,

Alf Standen

WLD Men's Walk #69

## DIRECTOR WALK #70

The ladies' team is so close to being complete and I am really looking forward to meeting everyone for the first time at the Orientation and Commissioning in just over a week's time – it has been a loooooong time coming! We have an enthusiastic bunch of women who have committed to this walk in uncertain times when anything can and has happened! We had planned to meet up for a social get-together earlier this month, but it was not to be with many of us having to stay home in isolation at the last minute. This year we have a mix of team members from Perth Emmaus Community, Great Southern Community and Perth Chrysalis Community and have some younger people on team. We hope this mix will help Emmaus to keep moving forward. When you are thinking and praying about who you might sponsor this year, I encourage you to consider inviting younger men and women from your churches as well! I know I've got a few in mind.

Please pray for us!

- that we would be able to finalise the team before Orientation on the 25th of June
- talk allocation
- for our team musicians who will play at the Commissioning Gathering
- for the health and protection of those on team, that walks and training days will be delayed no more by COVID
- for sponsorship – that God would prompt us and give us the courage to invite the people God wants to be there. May we be enthusiastic and committed sponsors
- for the Board as they organise and run the orientation and training days

We would really love you to gather in strength as the Emmaus Community at the South Perth Uniting Church on Saturday June 26<sup>th</sup> to Commission the Men and Women from Teams #69 and #70.

God bless and de colores,

Nicole Sampson

Lay Director Walk #70

