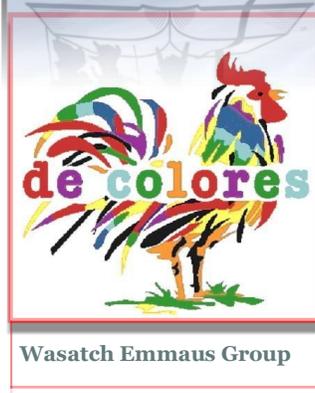


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March 2020

The Goal for this newsletter is to promote and encourage growth. Growth in our relationship with God, with others and as a community.

The Walk to Emmaus is a spiritual renewal program intended to strengthen the local church through the development of Christian disciples and leaders.



Upcoming Events

ALL DATES ARE CURRENTLY ON HOLD DUE TO COVID-19

[Prayer Vigil Is Open for COVID-19](#)

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WHO BENEFITS FROM AN EMMAUS WEEKEND ?



Disciples of Christ

Emmaus is open to members of any Christian denomination. Emmaus is for the development of Christian leaders who:

- Are members of a local church
- Have a desire to strengthen their spiritual lives
- May have unanswered questions about their faith
- Understand that being a Christian involves responsibility
- Are willing to dedicate their everyday lives to God in an ongoing manner

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CALENDAR EVENTS

TBD

WALKS HAVE BEEN CANCELLED FOR 2020

WE HAVE CREATED A PRAYER VIGIL FOR THOSE WHO WANT TO PRAY TO CURB THE OUTBREAK OF THIS VIRUS

John 14:27

“Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid”.

Message For The Community

Galatians 6:9 —

“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.”

I have really be struggling with **patience** these last couple weeks. Not to say that before I had in mastered, but of late, I have really noticed that I have very little of it.

In my heart, I recognize this is a great time to be a light to the world surrounding us. I know we are presented with an opportunity unlike any other in my lifetime, to comfort and witness to unbelievers and do demonstrate HOPE that is only found in our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

But I confess, I become disturbed by selfishness that I witness in my community. Not at all being the light that I desire to be.

It is however, in trying times, times of uncertainty, that God is most at work in us. I believe He is showing me many of the flaws I have that are not as clearly seen dur-

ing good times.

I once read a quote from the late Dr. Wayne Dyer. He said “When you squeeze an orange, orange juice comes out – because that’s what’s inside. When you are squeezed, what comes out is what is inside.”

This is certainly holding true in my life. God is shining a light on areas of needed growth for me. And that growth is only achieved by strengthening my relationship with Him.

Perhaps I am not the only person who is exhibiting less the God Like character in the past weeks. If so, count it as a blessing. If God didn’t love us, He would not reveal these things to us.

It is because of His love for us that He wants us to grow and draw closer to Him.

I pray that we all take the opportunity and put forth the effort to grow in His Love.

De Colores~

Be humble like Children but Mature in your understanding

PRAYER NEEDED...

Please let us know of anything you would like the community to pray for.

Please send Requests and Gratitude messages with the subject EMMAUS PRAYER to:

wasatchemmaus@gmail.com

Prayer & Gratitude

Please Pray for our Leaders around our Nation and around the World.

Please pray for all those in our communities who are suffering!

[COVID-19 Prayer Marathon Signup](#)

FOURTH DAY!

As part of our growth as Disciples, we are encouraged by God’s word to fellowship with other believers.

1 Thessalonians 5:9-11 *“For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. He died for us so that, whether we are awake or asleep, we may live together with him. Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.”*



Remain Focused

FOURTH DAY GROUPS: (If one will not work, or your group is not listed, please contact Paul at wasatchemmaus@gmail.com.)

Men's:

Tuesdays 8am—Village Inn, 8921 S. Redwood Road- Phil 801-259-2660

Wednesdays 7am—Left Fork Grill (68 W 3900 S , Salt Lake) - Dennis 435-512-2186

Friday 7am—Dee’s Restaurant (4700 S Redwood Rd) - Jerry—801-918-0982

Saturdays (2nd&4th) 9am—10am—Community UMC 163 W 4800 S Ogden 84405 - Gary 970-371-5129

Women's:

Wednesday 7pm - Homes (West Jordan, So Jordan, Riverton) - Nancy 801-915-4304

Saturdays 8:30am— High Point Coffee (7800 S. 1735 W. off Redwood Rd)

Saturdays (1st&3rd) 830am—930am—Community UMC 163 W 4800 S Ogden 84405 - Pam 801-540-3205

Co-Ed:

2nd & 4th Tuesday 6pm - Hilltop UMC (985 E 10600 S, Sandy) -Rob 801-493-5047



‘Blessed are those who trust in the Lord...

They shall be like a tree planted by water...

In the year of drought it is not anxious...”

Jeremiah 17:7-8

During Lent I have been using a devotional based on the work of Henri J. M. Nouwen. It appeared in my mail as part of a promotion. I usually don't pay much attention to these mailings but this one grabbed my attention.

I must say that I am not inspired by the updated comments but I have been blessed by the original comments by Nouwen. I especially resonated with his comments on the verses from Jeremiah that you see at the beginning of this article.

“Dreams are scattered, hopes are dashed, aspirations are ripped away. Depression takes over, and nothing seems to matter anymore. Jesus suffered with us as he fell. He calls us now to trust that both His and our falling are a true part of the way of the cross. Maybe all that we can do when we fall is remember that Jesus fell and that he falls now with us. (The Selfless Way of Christ, 47)

In these days of cancellations and feelings of helplessness and frustration, it is good to remember that we are not alone. Don't be anxious. Reach out to each other at a distance and focus on the cross.

De Colores,

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SPONSORSHIP

HOW DO WE SPONSOR?

1. Pray for the person's openness to God's call to discipleship, not for how to get him or her to go on a walk.
2. Make an appointment with the person or couple for the person of discussing participating in Emmaus.
3. Extend an invitation; invite the prospective pilgrim to attend for the sake of a more vital relationship with Jesus Christ, not just an event to go to. Share your faith; explain the basic elements of the Walk, its' purpose, and follow-up dimensions that help us live in grace for the rest of our lives. Take the attitude that you are giving the person a wonderful gift rather than that he or she needs to go.
4. Ask the person to make a commitment by filling out the registration form. If the person is married, speak with both partners and encourage equal commitment by both.

Sponsorship is an act of love for God, for the pilgrims, for the Emmaus community, and for the church. It demonstrates agape love, making us instruments of prevenient grace.



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How to Show Love in Time like theses:

Remember the time that Jesus' disciples were afraid their boat might sink, but then He calmed the storm. Just like Jesus' disciples, we're all in the same boat with Jesus — but we're also in it with each other. And we can choose to encourage one another, to support each other, to love each other, and to point each other back to Jesus.

Love each other, just as I have loved you. If you love each other, everyone will know that you are my disciples.

JOHN 13:34-35

Here Are 4 Ways We Can Choose Love

1. Encourage one another.
2. Support each other.
3. Love each other.
4. Point each other to Jesus.

Just remember: No matter what we may be going through, we're all in it together. We all live on the same planet. We all breathe the same air. Jesus said we would have troubles in this life. But He gave us His Spirit. And he gave us each other.

And those two things are more than enough.

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GRACE AROUND THE WORLD!

WHAT WE CAN LEARN FROM SINGAPORE CHURCHES (MARCH 11 2020)



Stores emptied of sanitizer, canned food, toilet paper, and water. Fights over the sale of limited supplies of face masks. Anger as congregations continue to gather for worship, prompting accusations of a lack of “social responsibility.”

The COVID-19 virus has spread from Asia to Europe and North America rapidly over the past week, bringing with it a level of panic

and angst—everywhere from the supermarket to the stock market to the local church—not seen in recent times. The global tally is now more than 125,000 infected and more than 4,600 dead.

Churches in Singapore, which Billy Graham affirmed as the “Antioch of Asia,” have already weathered the anxiety now sweeping the world. On February 7, the nation-state’s government raised its national risk assessment level from Yellow to Orange, indicating “moderate disruption” to daily life—and in particular to large gatherings of people.

March 7 marked the one-month anniversary of Singapore—which has seen 166 cases but zero deaths—going Orange. This means that for the past month, local churches—which account for about 1 in 5 Singaporeans—have been forced into an extended period of self-examination, reflection, and action.

[Read More Here](#)

FROM THE BOARD

Board Goals for 2017—2018

1. Include more Clergy from outside our present community to attend and participate in future Walks to Emmaus.
2. The community should provide a schedule for monthly meetings which should provide six months in advance of future Walks to Emmaus.
3. Investigate the possibility of using a Conference Center to house and feed future Walks to Emmaus.
4. Receive and listen to objections of past participants of the last walk.
5. Communicate better within the Walk to Emmaus community, pilgrims, Clergy, and volunteers.
6. Reach out to get broader participation from non-denominational and other mainline Christian Churches.



These goals were discussed and it was agreed the Communications and Planning actions must start right away for the Walk to Emmaus for 2018.

Attending a walk is a time of rebirth for many who attend.

MESSAGE FROM OUR COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTOR



Greetings,

My heart is heavy right now, as coronavirus continues to creep into every part of our lives. This is unlike anything I can remember in my lifetime. For most of us, we've spent a lot more time at home these last few days, and we've had to re-invent the ways we co-exist, not just with the world out there, but with our families. There can be some very positive effects from reconnecting with our families. But there's no school, no sports of any kind, no meetings to attend, and all of our entertainment has been shut down, so it's a challenge. We can't even go to church right now. The economy is staggering, and people are starting to hoard stuff.

After polling the board via email, we have decided

to cancel our walks for this year. We do not have the number of pilgrims we need right now, and trying to recruit someone to spend three days with a group of people is not reasonable. If we are up at a walk, either as a pilgrim or a servant, we must give that our full attention. We can't get there if we are worried about spreading disease or bringing it home to our families.

A suggestion of how to use some of your spare time these coming weeks: spend a little more time in prayer. Please pray for our Emmaus community, that the walks will go on in God's time. And above all, pray for our world.

De Colores!
Jerry Selbo
Community Lay Leader

