



**Northern Colorado Emmaus Community  
March 2010 Newsletter**

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**Upcoming Events**

Note: All gatherings are potluck and begin at 5:30 PM unless otherwise noted.

- EOTR Walk April 15-18, 2010 Men's Walk # 140 John Wesley Ranch, Divide, CO
- NCEC Walk April 22-25, 2010 Men's Walk # 32 First UMC, Loveland
- Columbine Walk April 22-25, 2010 Men's Walk # 16 Id Ra Ha Je, Bailey, CO
- EOTR Walk April 22-25, 2010 Men's Walk # 141 John Wesley Ranch Divide, CO
- NCEC Walk April 29 - May 2, 2010 Women's Walk # 33 First UMC, Loveland, CO
- Columbine Walk April 29 - May 2, 2010 Women's Walk # 17 Id Ra Ha Je, Bailey, CO
- NCEC Gathering Saturday May 8, 2010 TBD

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**A Message from our Lay Director**

Hello Northern Colorado Emmaus Community! This is Perry Cogburn and I am honored to serve you as your Community Lay Director for 2010. I am very excited for 2010 as we have Walks scheduled at some wonderful locations and every Gathering date is filled. God is good, but we have to keep the fire alive.

I am challenging each of you to help me in filling the upcoming Spring Walks. Get together in your Reunion Groups and Sponsor a Pilgrim as a group. Surely every one of you knows of someone in your home church that would be immensely blessed by your act of Sponsorship. Make that call right now and see howblessed you will be by the act of sponsoring a Pilgrim.

If you are concerned about how to Sponsor or just how much work it is, get a hold of me and I will help you. Don't hesitate; share the fire that you had coming off of your Walk with a friend in Christ. The experience that you had on your Walk is too awesome to keep to yourself. Pick up the phone and call someone, right now, and invite him or her to be your guest at the most spirit filled weekend event they could possibly imagine. Start a system of "paying it forward" and make the weekend fee another Group Reunion activity. Imagine the blessings!

I want you to contact me also if there is anything that concerns you about our Community. Never forget that the Board of Directors is an elected Board and we are here to serve you, the Northern Colorado Emmaus Community. This Community will thrive when we have all of the Body of Christ in action, not just a few. Let's get more of you involved in all Community activities – Gatherings, Candlelight, and Closing to name a few. And let's not forget the Chrysalis kids and those attending a Kairos weekend; we need to support these wonderful ministries as well. Put on the "servant heart of Jesus" and see how blessed you and your church family will become.

When I said to please contact me I was serious so here is my contact information. My email address is [pcogburn@hotmail.com](mailto:pcogburn@hotmail.com) and the best phone number to reach me is 970 397 3777. Please let me hear from you. Thanks again and God Bless!

Perry Cogburn  
Community Lay Director  
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### **Sponsorship and Paying Forward**

How thankful do you feel right now that your sponsor invited you to your walk? What if he or she had decided it was too much trouble, they were too busy, that someone else would do it, or that you wouldn't be interested? You would not have had the powerful weekend you have just experienced. For each of us those three days changed our lives forever. We are never the same and we owe a special debt of gratitude to our sponsor.

Think for a moment about who you will sponsor for upcoming weekends. If you are uncomfortable or confused about the process, your sponsor, your reunion group, the Emmaus board, or someone from the community is eager to assist you in your journey of sponsorship. I hope you will follow through and help someone else experience all that you have on your weekend.

Another way you can help is to pay it forward so that others can participate in these walks without concern about costs. Many communities do not charge for the weekends, instead they ask at the end of the walk for the pilgrims to pay it forward with a donation. Imagine how much

you were blessed, and give as you are able to help others be blessed too. You have a wonderful opportunity to help change a life and make a difference.

Christ is counting on us! De Colores!

Tom Webster  
Community Spiritual Director  
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### **What is your Priority?**

I know this was the first talk we all heard on our pilgrim walk. It is also the first talk we all hear on every walk we work. Here is the real question however, is it the first thing we think about in our own busy lives. I am a firm believer that we must keep our Priority firmly centered around God. I know we will always find differences in how we set that Priority, but we must keep it focused.

I know our Priority will continue to change throughout our lives. Our lives change and so must our Priority. If we keep God in the center of every Priority we have though, we will all find it much easier to adjust that Priority as our lives change. You might even find yourself spending time consciously thinking about your Priority daily. God gives us the freedom to make choices every day, and I believe he wants to see if we will consciously choose him.

I also believe your Priority is the one “constant variable” if you will, in your life. God is good all the time, and even when times seem the darkest the one thing we can focus on is our Priority. When you put God at the center of your Priority God will guide you through every trial of life. I also believe when God becomes that foundation of your Priority he will make those times of Joy even more Joyful. So my question for you is what is YOUR Priority Today?

DeColores  
Robert Gudka  
Emmaus of the Rockies Walk #72  
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### **Community Support Opportunities**

Serving behind the scenes at a Walk can be a great opportunity to meet new friends, renew past friendships and show your love and support for the pilgrims attending a Walk. Willing servants are always needed to stuff packets, clean bathrooms, set up and tear down sleeping rooms, carry luggage, wash dishes, help cook meals, count inventory, etc. There's no limit to the ways in which you can help. Signing up is an easy task. You can go to the NCEC website at [northcoloemmaus.org](http://northcoloemmaus.org) and click on Volunteer Opportunities. Then choose a time and area to serve in. Know that if you can't serve an entire shift that you're welcome for a partial shift or the whole day if you have the time. OR, you can contact Mark Johnson at [localphoneman@yahoo.com](mailto:localphoneman@yahoo.com) to sign up to serve on Support for Walk 32 and Terri Bowen at [terriorg@aol.com](mailto:terriorg@aol.com) to serve on Support for Walk 33. To serve in the Kitchen Team for either

Walk, contact Anita Williams at 970 613 1521 or anitaandroger@msn.com. Both Walks will be held at the First United Methodist Church in Loveland, CO.

### **Other Support Opportunities**

Sign up for the Community Prayer Vigil

Make plans to sponsor a pilgrim (Questions? Contact a Board member.)

Pray for the Walk Leadership Teams and Pilgrims

Sign up to help with Support

Submit your application to serve on an upcoming Walk

Make some Agape

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### **It's Time to Restock the Trailer**

As Walks 32 and 33 are quickly approaching, the NCEC trailer is in need of restocking. If you would like to make a monetary donation toward that restocking, please send it to NCEC, P.O. Box 7414, Loveland, CO 80537-0414. Treasurer Anita Williams will see that the additional supplies are purchased and placed in the appropriate totes prior to the Walks. Thank you for your generosity.

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### **Pray for Walk 32 & 33**

Please continue to pray for the Pilgrims listed below as well as those that God has called to be a part of these Walks who haven't turned in an application yet.

Walk 32 Pilgrims		
Carl B	Doug B	Jack C
Jeffery A	Jim K	Roland S
Steve G		

Walk 33 Pilgrims		
Alice R	Christy G	Dawn B
Heather R	Jan S	Jennifer W
Judy H	Maxine H	Pamela E
Phyllis C	Zolita G	

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### **Agape Wanted**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ, Do you remember how much fun it was to receive that wonderful AGAPE on your weekend? Now it still remains so much fun to make it for the pilgrims for their weekend.

Our little reunion group has begun to make agape for the April Walks, so please let's all continue to support the weekends with lots of the wonderful agape that you have been making. Please bring it to the community gatherings.

I still enjoy looking through my agape from my pilgrim walk as it helps me to remember and to thank God for my pilgrim weekend. I remain grateful to the loving hands that made it, the team and community that reached out to me.

Lets us together make these upcoming weekends special for our pilgrims.

DeColores  
Taylor and Milie Leaming, Agape  
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### **Emmaus/Chrysalis Brothers and Sisters**

As members of the Emmaus and Chrysalis community we all made the commitment to put Gods words into Action. We are each called to be disciples and the Hands and feet of Jesus.

It has been prayerfully considered that the Northern Colorado Emmaus has agreed to sponsor a northern Chrysalis Community. This endeavor had been considered many years ago with Emmaus of the Rockies but at that time there was only "1" Emmaus Community and it was determined that they would not be able to successfully support 2 chrysalis communities as I am sure you understand.

The fact that we ask our children to travel across the state to attend and work a flight is worrisome for many and the obvious solution is to work together to build Chrysalis state wide and have multiple strong communities.

We ask that you as a community member accept a leadership position in the community that is closest to you. The Northern Colorado Chrysalis requires self-motivated individuals that want to be on the steering committee team, there are multiple positions for this and will require a time commitment to follow through to building the foundation, working with Emmaus and being fishers of men (women)...

If you feel a calling to be part of this steering committee please contact us at [chrysalisnortherncolo@gmail.com](mailto:chrysalisnortherncolo@gmail.com). We would love to have everyone help that can no matter if you can fully commit to the committee or just pray for it, please let us know.

DeColores  
Robert Gudka & Colleen Frizzell  
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## **Revival Weekend Proposed**

At a recent NCEC board meeting, I proposed that we pilot a revival/renewal experience for those of us who have been involved in Emmaus for over 2 years, but who need to have the “Flame relit”. On our Fourth Days, events seem to militate against true Christian commitment. We get back into our home churches and we have suddenly hit reality and our genuine intentions to do good deeds in the name of the Lord just erode. So, would you be interested in attending a Friday evening, overnight, all day Saturday recommitment and revival?

My idea is that we organize a weekend experience that will give the Lord a chance to break through again into our hearts. One in which we can rededicate and recommit ourselves to the Emmaus goal of spiritual commitment in which our talents may be used in our local churches and in leadership that advances the work of the Holy Spirit right where we live and worship.

The board seemed to think that if the national Emmaus Organization, The Upper Room, does not object that our first experience might be a co-ed experience in a motel/conference center at minimal cost with a Saturday afternoon keynote speaker, lots of discussion possibilities, and lots of chances for spiritual rededication, inspiration, and fellowship, just like in our original Emmaus weekend walks. Since this idea is still in the “fermentation” process, if you would favor this concept and would encourage it to be further expanded and developed, please communicate your thoughts to any Board Member or to Perry Cogburn at your first opportunity.

Why should we allow the flame of inspiration to wane and lag when we could re-ignite that flame and start new spiritual fires?

Karl Winegardner [jkwine40@netzero.net](mailto:jkwine40@netzero.net)

Board member, NCEC

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## **Board Happenings**

The NCEC Board of Directors met February 7, at First Christian Church in Loveland. Highlights of the meeting include:

- Welcoming Drew Watson to the Board. Drew will be the Communications Coordinator.
- Accepting the Audit Report. Our financials are in good order.
- Hearing updates from the Lay Directors of Walks 32 and 33. Each team previewed 5 talks at the January training.
- Discussing the Emmaus Leadership Development Event to be held June 25-26, at Longs Peak UMC in Longmont. NCEC is the host Community for Colorado, Wyoming, and Utah. Be on the lookout for more information.
- Signing the Upper Room Letter of Agreement and the NCEC Board Members' Covenant.
- Reviewing a Sponsorship Letter to be included in 4th Day Packets.
- Previewing the new DVD designed to introduce Emmaus to potential Pilgrims. Be sure to attend the May Gathering to see it for yourself.

The Board currently has one open position: Outreach and Hospitality. Interested? Contact Todd Howard.

The Prayer Vigil and Community Support sign-up for Walks 32 and 33 are posted on the web site: [www.northcoloemmaus.org](http://www.northcoloemmaus.org). Be sure to sign up!

Pilgrim applications are being accepted. Applications can be printed from the web site. Please return applications to the Registrar as soon as possible.

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