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## From the Community Director:

Dear CIE Community,

As we move into 2006, let us do so with wisdom and clear intention for our lives. Our goal, individually and as a Community, is to frequently evaluate our priorities; that we may choose for our lives what God chooses. As his Word says, to love mercy, act justly, live with a realistic view of oneself, and let agape love flow from our hearts and lives.

At our Walk #34 Team Formation meetings we have given ourselves to these lofty goals that we may truly embrace all that servanthood implies, preparing ourselves for ministry to the many pilgrims God is bringing to this Walk.

Walk #34 is just days away! A few reminders:

- The Walk is being held at the United Methodist Church in Thousand Oaks.
- If you are sponsoring a pilgrim, please read again the Sponsorship information, particularly the Walk events for sponsors. Please notice as well, the sponsor's responsibilities for the months following the Walk.
- If you are not working/sponsoring, you can bless us all by participating in the prayer vigils, making agape, providing snacks &/or helping financially.
- It is a joy to the pilgrims and a huge encouragement to the teams when the Community turns out for the Walk events. Please make room on your calendar for these dates, including the Walk Reunion on March 18.

Great news!! We now have our own website—go to [www.emmausci.org](http://www.emmausci.org) for updated CIE Community information.

We are praising God for:

- UMCTO opening their loving arms to us again
- 11 Clergy ministering on the Walks
- Obtaining showers again for a CIE \$1000 donation to Cystic Fibrosis Foundation
- The many Community members helping to replace stolen items from the trailer
- The energy, enthusiasm and growth of the Channel Island's Emmaus Community

De Colores,

Jeanne Catlett  
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### HELP WANTED

We need you to help clean and prepare the Sunday School rooms, sanctuary, and choir rooms for worship at the Thousand Oaks U.M.C. If you can help either Sunday morning of the Walk (3/5 & 3/12), please check in with the Assistant Head Cook—Facilities, Diana Rainer or Darrel Felkner, as near 7:30 a.m. as possible.

We can also use your help after Closura on both Sundays and with set up both Thursdays. If you have questions please e-mail me,

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or call me at (805) 658-7446.

Be A Servant -  
Make A Difference



The Women's Walk #34 Emmaus Team is formed and functioning beautifully. The Lord has called the women and men that He requires for this Walk. It is a wonderful thing to see a community – this Channel Islands Emmaus Community – function as it has been called to put on this Walk. Each person is unique and needed for their part of what will happen on this weekend: March 9 – 12. Together we will accomplish God's purpose. Each of us, Pilgrims and Team will be touched by you, the Community, as you support this weekend through your prayers, sponsoring, angeling, agape gifts, and attendance at Candlelight and/or Closing. It takes a community to put on the Walk to Emmaus, and I am privileged and thankful to be a part of this community.

Sue Sturtevant

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*The light shines in the darkness . . .*

- John 1:5

*God alone made it possible for you to be in Christ Jesus. For our benefit God made Christ to be wisdom itself. He is the one who made us acceptable to God. He made us pure and holy, and he gave himself to purchase our freedom.*

- 1 Corinthians 1:30 (NLT)

De Colores Brothers

As we prepare our minds and hearts for Walk #34, let us look to the Lord for answers and wisdom that will help us do his will here on earth. The band of brothers that the Lord has assembled for the Walk could not have been put into place by man, but through the power of the Holy Spirit. I pray that on the Walk the agape love that shows in our daily lives will be given freely to the pilgrims, and we will be the hands and feet of our Lord and Savior. Remember that Christ is counting on each one of us, and we are counting on him.

Dan St. Pierre  
Lay Leader Walk #34

## Important Walk Dates to Remember

- **Men's Walk** - March 2 through 5
- **Women's Walk** - March 9 through 12
- **Candlelight at 8:30 pm on both Saturdays**
- **Flower Shower at 6:15 am** (Reminder: only men may participate in the Flower Shower on the men's weekend; only women on the women's weekend.)
- **Closing at 2:30 pm on both Sundays**
- **Walk 34 Reunion - March 18** from 3–6 pm

## From Our Community Spiritual Director

### If God Be For You Who Can Be Against You?

Sometimes it is very, very difficult to be a man or women of faith. Especially when things are not going well. We tend to focus upon the issue that is plaguing us, rather than on God. We must remember that whatever we are going through, someone has already experienced. Many of you may be in pain because of a separation or potential separation. However, remember what happened to our Lord and Savior; his "best friends", the disciples, abandoned him when he was crucified on the cross. This tells us that ultimately we are left alone (especially in death) but God promises never to leave or forsake us!

There are others who may feel that they are too old to undertake that dream or realize that goal that is alive in their heart. Do you remember the story of Moses? He was actually in his 80's before he was ready to do God's will. It is never too late if God has called you to a task.

Perhaps you are fearful. Do you remember the story of David the young shepard boy? He did not have any military training to defeat Israel's great enemy. The battle is the Lord's; it really does not matter what forces are mounted up against you.

There may be some of you who feel that their sins are too many to be forgiven or that it is too late. Remember the thief on the cross? "Lord remember me!" "Though your sins be like scarlet I will make them white as snow."

In our community Bible study we are focusing on having faith in the midst of the storm. I encourage you to press on no matter what obstacles you are facing because God will see you through. I leave you with a quote from Romans 8:35, 37-39:

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation or distress or persecution or famine...? No! In all things we are more than conquerors through the One who loves us. We are sure that neither death nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Amen,

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### Another Way You Can Help

Dear Sisters and Brothers in Christ,

As most of you know, the trailer used by Channel Islands Emmaus for many years was stolen from its storage area in the parking lot at Ventura First United Methodist Church. Most of the items are replaceable. Something important that cannot be replaced are our banners from past walks, which we display during our walks. However, I have an idea!! If Emmaus groups from different areas could get together and design and make a banner for us to use, we could replenish our banners. I know there are large Emmaus groups at the TOUMC, Simi Valley UMC, Simi Prez, Newhall Naz, Esekes group from S.B., St. Mark UMC in S.B., a group from Ventura, etc. Many hands make for light work. I can see this working, not only to make a banner, but to build bonding in our community.

Please consider this opportunity as a blessing. Not all of us are artistic but I am willing to *try* to make a banner. Please let me know what idea you have for a banner so we don't have 3 groups making the same banner. Thanks for your support.

Carolyn DeVore

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Christ  
 is counting  
 on you!

## Directions to Thousand Oaks United Methodist Church

The Thousand Oaks United Methodist Church is once again acting as a gracious host for the Walk weekends and for the reunion during the renovations at Ventura First United Methodist Church.

If you are not working as team, please support these weekends by attending Sponsor's Hour on Thursday, Candlelight on Friday, and Closing on Sunday.

The TO UMC provides easy access from Hwy 23 between the 101 and the 118. Take the Janss Road exit. If coming from Moorpark or Simi Valley (118), turn right at the end of the exit ramp; if from Thousand Oaks or Westlake Village (101), turn left at the end of the exit ramp.

Thousand Oaks United Methodist Church  
1000 E Janss Road.  
Thousand Oaks, CA 91360

## Agape, Agape, Agape!

De Colores Emmaus Community,

It is time once again to encourage our next group of Pilgrims and Team with Agape love. One way to do this is through your letters and another is to put your God-given talents to work and create something that will help make their Walk special. Please support the Emmaus Community and get your Agape items ready for Walk #34. I will be happy to send a copy of the Pilgrim and Team list to anyone interested. My email address is [paulk@efs-calif.com](mailto:paulk@efs-calif.com). Remember to have everything ready and delivered by Thursday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> for the men's Walk and Thursday, March 9<sup>th</sup> for the women's Walk. Please include both first and last name on all Agape items.

Paul Krieg



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