

## Community Events for Walk 41

All Events will take place at:  
 First United Methodist Church of Ventura  
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Men's Candlelight: Saturday, August 1, 8:00 pm, Sanctuary  
 Men's Mañanitas: Sunday, August 2, 6:00 am, Trotter Hall  
 Men's Closing Sunday: August 2, 2:30 pm, Sanctuary  
 Women's Candlelight: Saturday, August 8, 8:00 pm, Sanctuary  
 Women's Mañanitas: Sunday, August 9, 6:00 am, Trotter Hall  
 Women's Closing: Sunday, August 9, 2:30 pm, Sanctuary  
 Walk 41 Reunion Saturday, August 22, 1:00 – 4:00 pm

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### From the Community Director:

De Colorei! Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Walk #41 is upon us and the team buildings as always, promise to be a time of community growth, spiritual strengthening, and place for new friendships to be forged for life. The lay directors have done an outstanding job of putting together a group of men and women for the upcoming weekend that will bring glory and honor to God. Now is the time as a community at large to join together in prayer for the movement of people's hearts as they consider the joy of sponsoring an individual, or couple, to this Emmaus experience. As you remember on your Walk, many wonderful things happened that lifted up your spirit, moved you closer to Christ, or maybe even planted the seeds of ministry

Remember that the purpose of the Emmaus Community is to inspire, challenge, and equip church members for Christian action in their home, churches, places of work, and the world community. You never know how God will not only change someone's heart after they've completed their Walk, but how He may change the world by using that person with their renewed spirit and focused love to encourage and help those around them. These possibilities are too important to ignore. So let me ask you again, whose name has God placed on your heart with whom to share this life changing experience? Please listen to your heart for God's gentle voice possibly prompting you to sponsor someone for this Walk. It is such a gift with which to bless someone.

Thank you once again for your support of this Emmaus ministry. Your servant's heart is an encouragement to me, and a never-ending source of strength to those around you. May God bless you and yours richly.

Strength & Honor,

Kevin Ferguson, Community Director

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#### Men's Walk 41:

**Thursday, July 30 – Sunday, August 2**

#### Women's Walk 41:

**Thursday, August 6 – Sunday, August 9**

## From Our Walk 41 Lay Directors

De Colores Men,

It has been a humbling time for me as I have listened to God's direction while in the planning stages of this upcoming walk. It has been a joy to visit with many of you as the core-team was being formed and table leaders brought together in service to the pilgrims of this walk. I am profoundly grateful for this opportunity to serve our Heavenly Father, the Channel Islands board, and you, the community, in this way.

Walk #41 is just 5 weeks away, preparations are well under way, but it's not too late to join us. God has brought together a superb team of men that is just missing... you! I extend a warm welcome and the assurance that a special place is being held for you and those unique talents that only you can bring to share. If you find that you are unable to devote the full weekend to service we have a place for you as an angel to share what time you can as we pray, sing, eat and enjoy this time of worship, service, and fellowship.

As the time for the walk grows near, I ask for your continued prayers for each member of the team, for the pilgrims whom God has chosen to share in this walk with us, and for the members of First United Methodist Church of Ventura who so generously allow us to take over and make use of their church for our walks. I also ask you to pray for those brothers who for a wide variety of reasons

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All of us from the Walk 41 Women's team ask all our Emmaus brothers and sisters to join us in prayer as to how we can all glorify God on this walk. We know that the opportunities to serve God are endless and we all need to be listening to His still small voice... Who has He placed on your heart to sponsor? Is he asking you to come and angel? Participate in the 72-hour prayer vigil? Attend candlelight or closing? God will be glorified in all areas of service.

It is so hard to believe that team building number one has come and gone and we are well on our way to Walk 41! What a wonderful time we all had!!! It was so amazing to see the incredible joy as we shared during the introduction time of our meeting and how I continue to sense that pilgrims who will be called to this walk will need to experience that joy of loving God through us as together we serve Him!

More and more God has been showing us that the walk scripture verse, Romans 8:37, "Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us." is not only for the pilgrims but for us to embrace as His warrior daughters! God delights in taking our areas of greatest fear and putting us in a position to

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## Sponsorship

Has the Lord put someone on your heart to sponsor for Walk 41? Now is the time to offer them the gift of Emmaus. Pray about whom you might sponsor. Remember, Emmaus is for people who are active in their church. It is not a counseling service for people who need to be "fixed."

If you have any questions or would like assistance in sponsoring, please contact me.

De Colores,  
Carolyn DeVore

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face it. Like finding ourselves doing a new task we are not sure we can handle, taking an hour or more on the prayer vigil when we have never prayed that long before, yet we trust God... This is how He trains our hands for war and our fingers for battle.

Ladies, God is calling us to be **more** than we have ever envisioned that we could become. It will be exciting to see how God will use us to further His kingdom as he brings the pilgrims He has called into a closer relationship with Himself. Get ready my sisters, God's beautiful warriors, as together we pass on the baton of excitement to the pilgrims of walk 41!

Together serving Him,  
Michele Krieg

As you all know, prayer is such a vital source of strength for us as we work long hours together in sometimes challenging conditions. It is the lubricant that will enable us to work smoothly together in joy and love. I look forward to sharing this time with each of you and thank you for your contributions of time, love, commitment and service.

Soli Deo Gloria!  
Bruce Wade  
Lay Director, CIE Walk #41

## Pilgrim List

This newsletter is coming to you before our pilgrim list has been finalized. If you are not currently on the Channel Islands Emmaus email list, please contact Richard Lolley at [sunsetent@adelphia.net](mailto:sunsetent@adelphia.net) so you can be added. The pilgrim list will also be posted and updated on the CI Emmaus website: [www.emmausci.org](http://www.emmausci.org)