

I currently have 20 Team Applications and 5-10 additional people have expressed their intent to work the Walk. If you have a servant's heart and feel called to work Walk 40, please send your application to me ASAP at 5334 Lindley Avenue #213, Encino, CA 91316, or scan it and send it to me at [lgraul23@mindspring.com](mailto:lgraul23@mindspring.com). If you have never worked a Walk, this would be a good time to complete your Walk by experiencing the joy and blessings of serving God in this ministry. I look forward to serving the Lord with you.

We anticipate this Walk will be a large one, so please prayerfully consider now whom God is leading you to sponsor, and submit the Pilgrim applications to Jeannette Woo (the Board Registrar) ASAP. The Board has already received several applications, and the sooner you submit, the better your chances of success.

Your Sister in Christ, Linda Graul, Lay Director, Women's Walk 40



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and applications for sponsoring. Please go online and fill out the appropriate forms, or print them out and bring them to one of the team meetings on September 6, September 19-20, or October 1. The Boy's weekend will be on October 23-26. If you can not work as a member of the team and still want to participate, please consider being a part of the 72-hour prayer vigil for the weekend or consider coming out to support the community at candlelight on Saturday night. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (661) 313-2695 or by email at [leclairpatrick@att.net](mailto:leclairpatrick@att.net). Thank you for your support and God bless!

Sincerely,

Patrick Leclair

Lay Director Chrysalis Flight #23

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# The Fishnet



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## From the Community Director:

De Colores! Brothers and Sisters,

And welcome to our new Community members! You have joined one of the most loving and vibrant groups within the Body of Christ that I have had the pleasure to be a part of. And to paraphrase scripture, it wasn't "by your efforts but by the grace of God" who called you to it. Your Sponsor had your name placed on their hearts when they asked you to experience the Walk. And just as God placed your name in them, He called to you too. Whether you said "yes" right away or after a season of waiting, it was no mistake or happenstance, it was His perfect timing for you.

And why is it that God's timing is so important? Because we need to be in a place where we will be ready to hear what God has to say to each of us. Some of us need to be separated from work, our family, our phones, or our schedules. Others need a certain environment - be it reflective, prayerful, or one of praise. The one common theme I've noted is that we need to be out of our comfort zone - that envelope of control, safety, and predictability that keeps us at arm's length from one another and keeps us from truly experiencing the presence of Christ. We need to be made vulnerable.

The Emmaus experience is definitely one that changes lives. It's definitely a gift of agape love. Whose name has God placed on your heart to share it with? If you were at the Walk #39 Reunion, have you prayed over the names you wrote down as potential Pilgrims? Have you taken the time to share your experience and ask if they're ready for a closer walk with Jesus Christ? Step out in faith, out of your comfort zone. As a Community, we walk by faith and we live our faith in love.

Many thanks to all of you who were able to attend the Praise and Worship Funeral Service for Laura Ortega this last month. I heard from many of you just how special she was and is in your life. Your wonderfully supportive and generous comments are a reminder to me of how good our God is. The blessing that we share is our selves - our life, our time, and our love. Our God created us, and it was our Savior Jesus Christ who showed us how to live lives of love. Laura and Eric have lived a life full of love and full of faith. We should all be so blessed. We miss you, Laura.

In His love,

Dan Bojorquez, Community Director

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Due to our newsletter-by-email delivery problems, this issue is a month late in arriving. Please be sure to read the insert to avoid future problems!

## From Our Men's Walk 40 Lay Director

### WHAT'S UP WITH 40?

As our community begins its preparations for our 40<sup>th</sup> set of walks next February, I am struck by the frequency of times that number is used in the Bible. It got me thinking "What's Up with 40? Why does it show up so much? What does it mean?"

Here are but a few people, places, and things that are closely related to "40":

Noah - It rained for 40 days and 40 nights when God wanted to cleanse the world and start over. *(Gen 7:12 KJV) And the rain was upon the earth forty days and forty nights.*

Moses - On the mountain with God for 40 days (twice). *Exo 24:18*

*KJV) And Moses went into the midst of the cloud, and gat him up into the mount: and Moses was in the mount forty days and forty nights. (Exo 34:28-29 KJV) And he was there with the LORD forty days and forty nights: he did neither eat bread, nor drink water. And he wrote upon the tables the words of the covenant, the ten commandments. (Deu 10:10 NIV) Now I had stayed on the mountain forty days and nights; as I did the first time, and the LORD listened to me at this time also. It was not his will to destroy you.*

Israelite Leaders - It took the spies 40 days to search out the Promised Land and bring back fruit. *(Num 13:25 KJV) And they returned from searching of the land after forty days.*

Israel - The Israelites spent 40 years in the wilderness, one year for each day they explored the Promised Land. *(Exo 16:35 KJV) And the children of Israel did eat manna forty years, until they came to a land inhabited; they did eat manna, until they came unto the borders of the land of Canaan. (Num 14:33-34 NIV) Your children will be shepherds here for forty years, suffering for your unfaithfulness, until the last of your bodies lies in the desert. For forty years—one year for each of the forty days you explored the land—you will suffer for your sins and know what it is like to have me against you.*

Goliath - came for forty days before being killed by David  
*(1 Sam 17:16 NLT) For forty days, twice a day, morning and evening, the Philistine giant strutted in front of the Israelite army.*

Elijah - strengthened by one angelic meal, went forty days to Mount Horeb where the Lord passed by and he heard the voice of God.  
*(1 Ki 19:8 KJV) And he arose, and did eat and drink, and went in the strength of that meat forty days and forty nights unto Horeb the mount of God.*

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## Chrysalis News

EDITORS NOTE—APOLOGIES GO OUT TO PATRICK AND THE CHRYSALIS 23 TEAMS FOR NOT PUBLISHING IN TIME FOR THE FOLLOWING ARTICLE. WE WANTED TO HOLD OFF MAILING UNTIL WE HAD A MORE DEPENDABLE ADDRESS LIST AND OUR EMAIL PROBLEMS DELAYED YOUR RECEIPT OF THIS REQUEST. THANKS TO THE ALWAYS DEDICATED CHRYSALIS SUPPORTERS FOR MAKING THIS PAST FLIGHT THE FANATASTIC DEMONSTRATION OF GOD'S LOVE THAT EVERY FLIGHT HAS BEEN.

De Colores,  
Emmaus Community,

It is that time of year again .

.. Yes, Chrysalis is upon us and will be here before we know it. I am excited about the opportunity to serve as Lay Director for the Boy's Flight 23, and I can not wait to see what God has in store for the caterpillars on this flight. I know that God is working even now as we begin team building activities and He continues to stretch and grow me.

This is where you come in. Have you thought about joining the team? Do you know anyone who you would like to sponsor? Now is the time to sign up for both. The Chrysalis website [www.chrysalis.org](http://www.chrysalis.org) has all of the information that you need including applications for team (cont on p.8)

## Men's Walk cont'd

Here are some lyrics from the song **40 Days** by Third Day:

In this trial that I'm going through  
I don't question 'cause I know it's true  
That the sorrow brings me back to You  
And You have made me stronger.

It's been forty days and forty nights

Down the road of many trials

And I pray it's only for a season

'Cause in the wilderness and in the flood

You're the one I'm thinking of

And I know You've brought me for a reason.

Each of us has been brought to the Channel Islands Emmaus community for a reason. We all have unique gifts, talents, skills, and personalities. Whether you are going through a time of trial or flying high with Christ, please continue to pray that: (a) the people you are considering sponsoring as pilgrims will be open and receptive to join the walk, and (b) God will once again put together the perfect team to serve the pilgrims of walk 40. I am excited about the special action the LORD will have for us as we wait patiently and proceed with our preparations.

Enjoying my walk in the wilderness and trying to follow His lead,

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He has showed you, O man, what is good.

And what does the LORD require of you?

To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.

MICAH 6:8

CIE Men's Walk 40 – Ventura First UMC

Feb 19 – 22, 2009

(Team Buildings - Jan 10, Jan 24 & Feb 7, 2009)

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Jonah - warned the City of Nineveh they had 40 days until God would overthrow the city. The people repented in those 40 days and God spared the city. *(Jonah 3:4 and 10 KJV) And Jonah began to enter into the city a day's journey, and he cried, and said, Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown. And God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way; and God repented of the evil, that he had said that he would do unto them; and he did it not.*

Jesus - fasted for 40 days in the wilderness before being tempted. *(Mat 4:1-3 NLT) Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread."*

Jesus - was seen on the earth for 40 days after His crucifixion. *(Acts 1:3 NIV) After his suffering, he showed himself to these men and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God.*

Lent – the 40 days (excluding Sundays) between Ash Wednesday and Easter Sunday.

I did some research (Google – and my Christian brothers and sisters - are gifts from God!). Most sources conclude that the number 40 represents a time of need, of struggle, of testing. But some sources (and I agree with these!) indicate that a deeper level of meaning also appears. 40 very often represents ***a period of preparation for some special action of the Lord; it is a time of grace***.

After the flood in Genesis, a new creation begins. After Moses spent times on the mountain, the covenant was renewed and the law given. After Israel's wandering in the wilderness, they entered into the Promised Land. After Elijah's journey, God strengthened him to resume his ministry. After Jesus' temptation, he began his public ministry; after the Ascension, we entered the age of the church. At the end of each season of Lent, we celebrate the resurrection of Easter.

With the economy where it is, with many of us in our community grieving the loss of loved friends and relatives, with foreign affairs being so tense in many places, and with the resumption of a new school year (along with all the activities that go along with the Fall season), it is a season of need, struggle, and testing. But let us not forget that ***our God is a loving and merciful God***. He has plans for every one of us – these plans are revealed to us especially in times of trial and testing (when we are "on the anvil" as my brother Kevin Ferguson puts it).

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## From Our Women's Walk 40 Lay Director

De Colores, Everyone:

I am blessed and challenged to be called to serve the Community as Lay Director of Women's Walk 40. When Dan called to ask me to prayerfully consider this role, I had just announced my retirement at work. It seemed to me that God was letting me know that he had post-employment plans for my life.

The verse for the Walk is Revelation 3:20: "Listen! I am standing at the door, knocking. If you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to you and eat with you, and you with me." I have always liked that verse, as well as the visual representation of Jesus knocking at the door – there is currently one on a wall in the Talk Room at Ventura First. The verse is a great description of preventient grace. God loves each of us exactly as we are, and wants us to invite him into our hearts and lives. All we have to do is listen, hear his voice and open the door.

I've been thinking a lot lately about the distinction I learned at Emmaus between choosing to serve and choosing to be a servant. When we choose to serve, we are deciding what we will do and when and how we will do it. We are in charge. When we choose to be a servant, we are turning our lives over to the Lord, and he calls us to do what he would have us do. He is in charge.

Years ago when I was telling Norma Fritsche (my CIE sponsor) the various functions I would like to do on a Walk, she said the way she looked at it was that she worked a Walk to do whatever the Lord called her to do – whatever was needed to support the ministry. That immediately struck me as exactly right, and although I still have favorite roles and things I would like to do, I remain open to doing whatever I am called to do. I have had to trust in the Lord to provide the necessary resources for challenging new roles, and he always has. Please pray that I remain open to the leading of the Holy Spirit as issues arise, so that Walk 40 is pleasing in His sight.

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## From the Community Spiritual Director

Living On

With the passing of Laura Ortega, we all share in a sadness of a beautiful soul departed from our immediate presence too soon. Those of us who knew her well, will miss her deeply and grieve for a long time. Yet even those of us less acquainted with her will surely miss her, having been touched in some fashion by her joyful, energetic, and dedicated spirit. She was a blessing to many, including our Emmaus community, for which we give God thanks.

Our faith will help us manage our sadness and sense of loss, as we cling to the cross, glimpse the resurrection light, abide in the Spirit's presence. We'll recall how God gifted us through Laura. And as often as the thoughts come to mind, we'll thank God for those gifts passed on to us through her and we'll pray God to help us pass those same kinds of gifts on to others. We're family in and through Christ.

Paul speaks of the fruit of the Spirit and often mentions qualities of love that uplift others, build healthy relationships, and strengthen the body of Christ. Be reminded of these qualities, seek to bear those fruit, and let your life radiate God's love. Who knows what tomorrow will bring? The time to live is always the present; the time to love is always now. Let us cherish one another while we have one another, and cast ourselves upon the grace of God, through whom we experience our full healing - our redemption and eternal life.

Pastor Walt Dilig

## Thoughts From Our Board Members

A year and a half ago the company I was working for went out of business and I was offered a job in Tucson, Arizona. The first thoughts were of my family and the church family we would have to leave but even harder for me was the thought of leaving Channel Islands Emmaus. The years serving together I will never forget. Thankfully the Lord provided a job here in California.

This is a special community; Emmaus is a gift that has to be given away. Imagine a gift-wrapped package that the Lord gives you - all you have to do is fill in the name tag with the person you want to share the gift with - and sponsor them. Being on the board is a blessing in my life to serve the Lord. Helping new lay directors build God's team for upcoming walks is another gift the Lord has given me. What an awesome God we have.

In his service,

Dan St.pierre (men's team selection)

I am privileged to have served several years on the Emmaus board. I've served as Agape Chair in charge of sending our community's letter to others and receiving letters from other Emmaus communities in the U.S. and other countries. I currently am serving as recording secretary. I have made many friends and prayed a thousand prayers. Learned a lot about myself and commitment to God and have been blessed during this time. I've served on lots of boards and committees in my

## Sponsorship

Welcome to the new pilgrims of this Emmaus Community. I pray you were as blessed during your walk as I was on mine. If you are thinking of blessing a friend with sponsorship for an upcoming walk, then you want to read this article. In your Fourth Day packet, the envelope with the photo and roster, you will find a booklet on Sponsoring. I urge you to read this booklet before you consider sponsoring a friend or relative. One of the most important parts of sponsoring is **playing about whom you might sponsor**. The Emmaus weekend is based on prayer. Our Father knows who he wants us to sponsor. Let him lead you. Remember that Emmaus is for Christians who are actively attending a church and have the potential of being church leaders. The Walk to Emmaus is not a counseling service for people who "need to be fixed." With that in mind, please read the Sponsorship booklet and start praying about whom you can sponsor.

I am the Chairperson for Sponsorship. I am here to answer your questions and help you in any way I can. **Please allow me to help you.** You can call me at (805)658-3938 or email me at [cdvt@roadrunner.com](mailto:cdvt@roadrunner.com). If you email, please mention Emmaus in the subject line so I will feel safe opening your message. This invitation for assistance is not just for the new pilgrims . . . seasoned pilgrims are also welcome to contact me for assistance. I look forward to hearing from you.

DeColores,

Carolyn DeVore, Sponsorship

### Windows Vista Alert:

If someone sends you a document you are unable to open, ask them whether they have Vista. If they do and you don't, the solution below may solve the problem.

In order for people who have upgraded to **Windows Vista** to share documents with people with older operating systems, it is necessary for them to save documents as "Word (or Excel) 97-2003 documents". In Word, go to the Office Button (upper left corner with four multi-colored squares), go to "Save As" and select "Word 97-2003 Documents". Then proceed to name the document and specify the designated folder.

I HATE Excel, so if you're using that program, you're on your own. © The issue is the same.

Linda Graul

## Board cont.

church and in the business world. The C.I. Emmaus Board is the only one that I can truly say is directed by the power of the Holy Spirit.

At this time of year I am reminded of the countless candles we have lit in worship and meditation and just to ward off the darkness of a winter's night. I feel our Emmaus community is like a candle, staying lit by countless faithful souls within our C.I. Community. If we aren't the light of Christ to a dark world how will they know the redeeming power of His love?

It reminds me of our Emmaus cross given to us at the end of the 3 days - the Pastor or Lay Director places the cross over our heads and says, "Christ is counting on you." We respond, "and I am counting on Christ."

God is never too busy for us, can we do less???

Diane Kunz