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Pennie Parker Community Lay Director



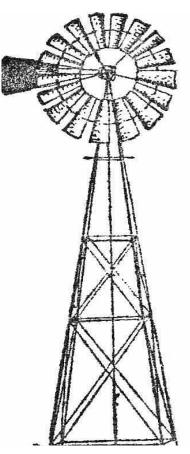
Wow!! It's hard to believe that the Women's Walk is only a month

It seems like just last week that I was preparing to be the Lay Director for last year's walk. I know that Terry and her team have been working hard to prepare so that everything will be in order for the 36 pilgrims that God is calling to attend this walk. I am happy to be a part of this team as the Board Rep. What a blessing it will be to watch each of the pilgrims as they experience the weekend as each of us did on our Pilgrim Walk! It doesn't seem to matter how many walks I've worked, each time is a new and exciting experience. If you haven't worked a walk and feel God calling you, maybe it's time to answer that call. Team selection is coming up this month for the next men's walk and I'm sure there is room for a few more applications. I know without a doubt that you will be blessed if you do! Our next gathering will also be team consecration for the October Women's Walk

Join us at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Three Rivers for this special time.

De Colores! Pennie

The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit. John 3:8



GATHERING SCHEDULE

Board Meeting 6:00 P.M.

Fellowship 6:30 P.M.

Worship 7:30 P.M.

Our Savior Lutheran-Three Rivers-September 18

Beeville FUMC - October 16



Don Taylor Community **Spiritual** Director

Having attended Faith Lutheran this morning, I finished worship ahead of many of the churches in our community. While moving on to the rest of the day I listened in on part of the worship at First Baptist Church here in Beeville via Kicker 106 and caught the special music, which preceded Brother Traylor's message for today. Brother Traylor was throwing out many different words, and one that caught my ear was, "forgiveness" and I believe he even went on to reconciliation. Forgiveness and reconciliation are tied in with this month's part of the Fruit of Righteousness, that is, Peace. In the Lutheran church we often tie Peace with a part of the liturgy in which we seek reconciliation with persons whom we might have something standing in the way of our relationship with them AND, more importantly, with our relationship of good standing with God. The part of worship is "the passing of the peace" and goes back in history to a piece of the Sermon on the Mount. Following the Beatitudes Jesus said, ²³So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or

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or sister has something against you, ²⁴leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift (Matthew 5:23-24). Our acceptable offering to the Lord is our righteous relationship. Psalm 51:15-19 ¹⁵O LORD, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise. ¹⁶For you have no delight in sacrifice; if I were to give a burnt offering, you would not be pleased. ¹⁷The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise. ¹⁸Do good to Zion in your good pleasure; rebuild the walls of Jerusalem, ¹⁹then you will delight in right sacrifices, in burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings; then bulls will be offered on your altar.

Forgiveness and reconciliation are the first steps in our being at peace with one another and with our self. In Marriage counseling with couples, I used to point to the three types of confession and absolution which is available and maybe all three might be useful for our needs at different times—public as done on Sundays prior to communion, private confession, and sometimes a very personal private in which our confession is focused on that which alienates.

The handbook on Emmaus says, "when people walk in the Spirit, they enjoy the fruit of peace with God and one another". Consciously caring for our relationship with God and with others is a continuing practice arising out of our faith in God's love and direction. We need frequent opportunities when we can be our self in our relationship never "faking it" but responding genuinely because we are at peace. Social media like Facebook often exposes a not so Christian side of people who then feel a need to apologize when it comes out that we are not what people expect of us, meaning our God side also hurts with what was said. Likewise, indifference to the beliefs of others often puts a wedge between them and us. All the while we feel better when we are at peace.

Spiritual peace arises in our lives when we are able to take the essential ingredients of the Christian faith and hold them in common, and play down denominational differences that could hinder a growing relationship that we find on an Emmaus weekend, at Gatherings, and in our churches. Leave your life to God and peace will open doors for you; while you find peace filling your world.

The song of the 50's said it well, "Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me, let there be peace on earth the peace that was meant to be, with God as our Father, brothers and sisters all or we, let me walk with brother and sister in peaceful harmony."

De Colores,

Don Taylor

Josh Munoz Beeville, Texas August 4th Day Speaker



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Fourth Day Talk
at a gathering,

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Jon Richardson Lay Director April 9-12 2015



YOU ARE NEEDED ON THE UPCOMING MENS WALK APRIL 9-12,2015

The more I learn about all of the responsibilities of Lay Director, and all of the little things that must be done before the walk, the more I realize it will be here before we know it. At the Gathering on Thursday, we had a very good board meeting, where we discussed the upcoming team selection for the men's walk. Knowing that the selection team will meet on September 23, we decided that all applications must be turned in by Sept 16, so they can be ready for the team selection committee.

As of August 24, I have only 18 applications for the team, less than half of what is needed. I know that God will come through and provide, but I also know as humans we put things off till the last minute. PLEASE, let's get those applications in, and make this THE BEST TEAM EVER

I am very happy to report we already have 2 pilgrim applications in, so start getting all those men,s applications in.

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Terry Billman Lay Director Walk #1766 October 2-5 2014



This summer has been a whirlwind for Craig and I. It's good to be getting back to "normal." School has started and it is time to get back into the swing of things. Can you believe that as I write this article, the walk is only 41 days away! Before you know it, we will be at Camp Zephyr experiencing the BEST WALK EVER.

Our third team meeting was held at Faith Lutheran Church, Beeville on Saturday, August 23, 2014. We heard four amazing talks given by Beth Tatum, Leanne Fox, Ralph McMullen, and Julie Carr. The pilgrims are going to be blessed with the message brought by the speakers. Our last team meeting is September 20th at FUMC, Beeville. Please remember the speakers for the next meeting in prayer as they prepare their talks: Tory Shay, Terry Billman and Ana Carter. The walk dates are October 2-5, 2014. As of this writing we have 23 pilgrims. I trust God is going to provide 36 women to attend the Walk and experience God's grace and love. God can only nudge us to sponsor the pilgrims. We have to follow through and sponsor the pilgrim. If you are considering sponsoring a pilgrim, I encourage you to get their application in as soon as possible. The fee for the walk is \$210. Please call (361-537-7871) or email me for a pilgrim application. You can also print one off the Windmill Emmaus website,

http://wind.ensemblegroup.net/applications.

There are scholarships (full/partial) available. If a scholarship is needed, please forward the pilgrim application and the scholarship application to me. I will submit scholarship requests to the Board for approval.

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