# January 2024

Billings Walk To Emmaus

### Important Dates!

RETREAT January 13, 2024 9:00 am

MEN's W2E, #82 January 18-21, 2024

WOMEN's W2E, #83 January 25-28, 2024

> POTLUCK February 3, 2024 5:00 pm

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Our beloved weekends are almost here!



Men – January 18-21, 2024 Women – January 25-28, 2024

W2E Times

REGISTRATION – Thursday at 7:00 pm SPONSOR SERVICE – Thursday at 7:30 pm CANDLELIGHT – Saturday at 5:45 pm RISE & SHINE – Sunday at 5:45 am CLOSING SERVICE – Sunday at 3:30 pm

Please plan to attend these events with your Fourth Day friends. Your presence will be a true blessing to the pilgrims.

# New Year's Greetings from Pastor Tim

Dear Friends,

DeColores and Happy New Year!!!

The more "mature" I become, (mature in my case is just another word for old!!!) the more aware I am that time has a way of fleeting away. That's just another way of saying that life seems to be flying by. Here we are in 2024. Didn't 2023 just begin sometime last week?

Most of us become aware of time when a new year arrives. It is good to occasionally take stock of life and reflect on time and times.

I am reminded of Psalm 31: 15 that says, "my times are in your hands.

The way the Bible talks about time is multi-dimensional and has many nuances of meaning. The two main Greek words for the delineation of time in the New Testament are Chronos and Kairos. Chronos time is, as the word suggests chronological time. It is the years, months, days and hours, etc. that, as I suggested earlier, seem to go by so quickly. Kairos time is something altogether different. Kairos time is time that is full of meaning, or even expectation. It is time that is infused with possibility and opportunity. It is when something new happens and unfolds.

In the Old Testament book of Esther, it is said that Esther stepped in to do God's will for such a *time* as this.

Here we are in January of 2024, Chronos time. But for the Walk community, we know that January 2024 also brings us Kairos time and we have leaders who are stepping up for such a 'time' as this.

Jim Birkelo and the rest of the Head Table comprised of Glenn Paulson, John Goodheart, and board rep Tim Guenthner will lead our Men's weekend. Angie Klier and the Head Table of Sherry Dompier, Becky Mueller and board rep Nancy Barbula will lead our Women's weekend.

We know that every "Chronos" minute of the Walk weekends are bathed in prayer. Our prayer is that within those Chronos minutes there will be Kairos times for each pilgrim, team member, musician, background person, spiritual director and anyone who participates in any way. What we are really praying is that God's Holy Spirit will come and infuse our time together, so that we will all experience a renewal of God's grace and goodness.

In the Walk, it is oh so true that our "times are in God's hands." It is proven to be so again and again and again. It was true for Walks # 1 and #2 that were held in 1983. It will be so for Walks #82 and #83 coming in 2024.

God's grace and peace to you in all of your 'times' this New Year.

My love to you all,

Pastor Tim Hathaway

#### ONE SENTENCE PRAYERS

Jesus, thank You for loving and sustaining me in times of burden and stress. Amen.

Here I am, Jesus work through me. Amen.

Jesus, please teach me to walk in Your wisdom and freedom. Amen.

Jesus, my trust and hope are in You forever. Amen.

Jesus, give me promises to hold on to, and help me understand and love Your Word more every day. Amen.

Jesus, heal me through the power of Your Word. Amen.

Jesus, I fix my eyes on You—pressing on to take hold of all You have for me. Amen.

Jesus, give me the courage to always obey You no matter the pressure. Amen.



Please plan to attend this gathering with your family and welcome our new Fourth Dayers! Bring a main dish, salad or dessert. Plates, utensils & beverages will be provided. Let's fill Brother Van Hall with joyful fellowship and great food! See you there.

# Walk to Emmaus Retreat

# 9:00 am-1:00 pm, January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023

at First United Methodist Church All background committee members are invited to attend this meaningful event as we prepare our hearts for the weekends ahead. Be our guest for lunch.



Participating in the prayer vigil is one of the greatest blessings we can offer to the participants of the Walk to Emmaus weekends. Let's fill every slot on the vigil and cover every moment of these beautiful weekends with our heartfelt prayers.

You can sign up for the Men's and Women's prayer vigils at billingsemmaus.com. Type your name in a few 30 minutes slots. You must scroll to the bottom of the page and click on "I'm not a robot" and "submit" before leaving the page.

# HAPPY NEW YEAR 2024

Each new year brings us new opportunities to know Him more, to walk in faith, and to grow in His grace.

> May your New Year be blessed in the Lord.