

March  
2021

Billings  
Walk  
To  
Emmaus

# W2E Times



We are  
Socially Distant  
but  
Spiritually Close

## Important Dates!

Fall Kick-Off  
September 18, 2021

MEN's W2E, #80  
January 13-16, 2022

WOMEN's W2E, #81  
January 20-23, 2022

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## Greetings from Pastor Tim

Dear Emmaus Sisters and Brothers,

Greetings to each of you in the Name of Jesus the Christ.

Whew! What a year we have had. I am writing this exactly one year from when the Covid 19 Global Pandemic began. As my Norwegian friends would say, Ufda! A full year, and it still goes on. We might be all praying like the Psalmist did, "How long will it be?"

How long will it be until we have to quit living in isolation? How long will it be until we can see our loved ones? How long will it be until people we love stop dying from this horrible disease? How long will it be, Lord? How long?

We might ask the same question when it comes to the Walk to Emmaus, "how long will it be?" How long will it be until we can start gathering together again? How long will it be until we can start reforming our weekend teams and head tables? How long will it be until we have our next Walk weekends?

Well, there are wonderfully good news answers to all of those questions! Because of the significant progress on the Covid 19 front, when it comes to the Walk, the "How long will it be?" is turning in to "How SOON will it be?"

This is the great news: The Billings Walk to Emmaus is HAPPENING. All sorts of things are beginning to happen even now. This newsletter and the next few will be letting us know more about these developing matters. Be on the watch for further announcements.

Truth be told, Emmaus activities have been ongoing all during this year. Many Emmaus groups have continued to meet either virtually or in person.

The Walk Board has been faithfully meeting on Zoom every month. We have been anticipating this time. We have been planning and praying for this time. We are thrilled to be able to announce this time.

So, start marking your calendars even now. A Fall gathering is being planned for Sept 18. Details will be forthcoming. Head Tables and Teams will be also meeting in the Fall.

**The Men's and Women's Walk weekends (#80 and #81) are already on the calendar and will be held at First United Methodist Church, January 13-16 and January 20-23, 2022!!!**

Finally, let us all keep praying for one another, for our churches, and for the Billings Walk to Emmaus community. Let's pray that all of our "How long will it be?" questions will be turned into "How soon will it be?" questions.

*"And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the saints, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge---that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.*

*Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen (Ephesians 3: 17b-21)*

Love, Blessings, and De Colores!  
Pastor Tim Hathaway, Spiritual Director

SPIRITUAL  
THOUGHTS

Nothing wars against our sense of joy like the word "more."

Bamboo grows four inches the first three years and eighteen feet in year four.

We are continually challenged to change our lives to fit the truth rather than changing the truth to fit our lives.

The only way to understand the part of the Bible you don't understand is to obey the part that you do understand.

Christians do not love each other because of their great qualities, but in spite of their bad qualities.

The chains of habits are generally too small to be felt until they are too strong to be broken.

Sometimes God's best judgement is to let us have our own way.



# HAPPY EASTER

*When everything was dark  
and it seemed that the sun would never shine again,  
your love broke through.*

*Your love was too strong,  
too wide,  
too deep  
for death to hold.*

*The sparks cast by your love  
dance and spread  
and burst forth  
with resurrection light.*

*Gracious God,  
We praise you for the light of new life  
made possible through Jesus.  
We praise you for the light of new life  
that shone on the first witnesses of resurrection.  
We praise you for the light of new life  
that continues to shine in our hearts today.*

*We pray that the Easter light of life, hope and joy,  
will live in us each day;  
and that we will be bearers of that light  
into the lives of others.*

*Amen.*

# BIBLE

## TRIVIA

(All about food)

1. What did Ezekiel's scroll taste like?

Hint: Ezekiel 3:3

2. What judge of Israel prepared a delicious meal for an angel?

Hint: Judges 6:19

3. Where did the Hebrews feast on cucumbers, melons, leeks, onions, and garlic?

Hint: Numbers 11:4-5

4. Who ate honey out of a lion's carcass?

Hint: Judges 14:8-10

5. What prophet made deadly stew edible again?

Hint: 2 Kings 4:38-41

Everything that happens to you is for your own good. If the waves roll against you, it only speeds your ship toward the port. If lightning and thunder comes, it clears the atmosphere and promotes your soul's health. You gain by loss, you grow healthy in sickness, you live by dying, and you are made rich in losses.

Could you ask for a better promise? It is better that all things should work for my good than all things should be as I would wish to have them. All things might work for my pleasure and yet might all work my ruin. If all things do not always please me, they will always benefit me. This is the best promise of this life.

(Charles Haddon Spurgeon, on Romans 8:28.)

Dan Rather once asked Mother Teresa, "What do you say to God when you pray?" Mother Teresa answered quietly, "I listen." Surprised by her answer, Rather asked the inevitable follow-up question, "Well, then, what does God say?" Mother Teresa smiled and replied, "He listens."



Mrs. Jones got a little too used to watching online worship from home.