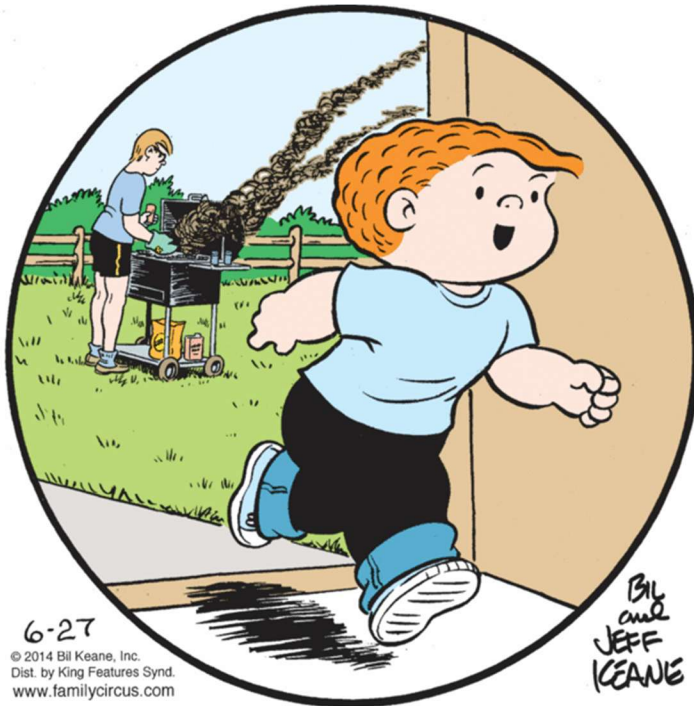




June 2025

## Mid-Michigan Emmaus Newsletter

Please share this newsletter with any of your Emmaus friends. Your help is needed to share what's happening and ensure our database is up to date! Please send any new or corrected e-mail addresses to [Carla Long](#). Thank you for your help.



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**"Daddy lit the barbecue. Now it REALLY smells like summer!"**

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### Men's Fall Walk (Walk #97)

October 9-12, 2025

Lay Director: [Dean Jacques](#)

### Women's Fall Walk (Walk #98)

October 23-26, 2025

Lay Director: [Tabitha Reinhardt](#)

#### Location:

[Tawas Methodist Church](#),  
Tawas City, MI

#### Information:

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## A Message from the Community Lay Director...

Your MME Board of Directors recently met at [Aldersgate Church](#) for our June meeting. Some highlights:

- Fall 2025 Walk Planning remains in progress. Confirmed Fall 2025 Walk dates are: Men's: 9-12-Oct, Women's: 23-26-Oct. Location: [Tawas Methodist Church](#), Tawas City, MI. Please be praying for who God is (or may) lay on your heart to Sponsor.
- Work continues related to [MME Website](#) updates. More to come later this year.
- Our June 2025 Gathering was held Friday, June 20 at the home of Mark & Teresa Camilleri. We had a great time sharing in a meal, a campfire and a time of singing and sharing. It was a wonderful evening. Look for more details about when & where future Gatherings will take place.
- Here is the latest [eNews from Emmaus Ministries](#).
- It's time to think about nominations for your Mid-Michigan Board for 2026. We currently have four Board members whose term is expiring in 2025... that means four opportunities to serve in 2026! Service on the Board involves a three-year commitment. Committee/Chair assignments are typically rotated each year. However, this is not a mandatory requirement. Board Meetings are normally held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday of each month at 7pm at [Aldersgate Church in Midland](#). Please consider if you're being called to serve. Contact any Board Member if you have any questions or are interested. This is a wonderful way to serve our community and give back to where you have so richly been blessed.

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[Dave Warner](#)

Mid-Michigan Emmaus Community Lay Director

## Faithful Sponsorship: Guiding Pilgrims Toward the Walk to Emmaus...

Sponsorship on the Walk to Emmaus is not about recruiting—it's about serving. It is an act of love and discernment, entrusted with nurturing someone's spiritual journey, just as Christ walks alongside us on our own.

Webster defines a sponsor as one who presents a candidate for baptism or confirmation and "undertakes responsibility for the person's religious education or spiritual welfare." This responsibility lies at the heart of effective sponsorship on the Walk to Emmaus.

Sometimes, when we think of sponsoring a person on a Walk to Emmaus, the following thoughts may come to mind:

- The next Walk to Emmaus is just what "X" needs...
- The next Walk to Emmaus will fix "X", as they are broken...
- This will fix our marriage... I just need my husband/wife to go on a Walk...

While rooted in care and concern, these perspectives place the focus on *our* perceived solutions, not necessarily *God's timing and purpose*.

A faithful Sponsor should:

1. **Pray intentionally and consistently**—ask the Holy Spirit to place the right person on your heart.
2. **Discern with humility**—consider the prospective Pilgrim's life season, spiritual readiness, current responsibilities, and emotional openness.
3. **Consider the whole family**—pray for and understand the Pilgrim's household. What sacrifices might be required? How can you support them too?
4. **Submit to God's timing**—don't force an invitation. Be patient. If now isn't the right time, trust that God will reveal when it is.

Realize Sponsorship isn't a task—it's a sacred trust. When we invite someone to a Walk to Emmaus, we are stepping into a journey alongside them, both before and long after the weekend. Through prayer, discernment, and gentle guidance, we honor both the Pilgrim and the God who calls them.

**Seek His will above all. Let love lead.**

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<b>CSD Vice Chair</b> <b>Role Description:</b> Support the CSD elected each year by the Board of Directors to provide spiritual guidance to the Board. The CSD contacts and makes arrangements for clergy to serve at all community events and on each Emmaus Walk.	<b>OPEN</b>	<b>OPEN</b>	<b>OPEN</b>