



I have a board hanging in my room given to me by a sweet friend that has my favorite, “It is well with my soul” quote written on it. When I first received it, and then hung it on my wall I would go up and lightly touch it and examine whether or not this was indeed true. As it often happens and time marches on the familiar items in our life tend to fade into the background...missed if not present, but not really noticed daily. In this time of social distancing, zoom meetings and live stream church I haven’t taken much time to reflect on the condition of my soul. It’s been more of a time of putting one foot in front of the other and getting through the day, week, month...heck at this point the year. Oddly, while we may be more physically distant I’ve noticed that social media posts have ramped up exponentially...lots of differing opinions, but not a lot of grace. I don’t think I noticed discouragement creeping in like a slow fog until I felt the weight of it in my soul. There has also been a lot of discussion about the world coming to an end.... pandemics, disasters, political strife, rumors of war, economic upheaval and even murder hornets given as evidence of the beginning of the end. Folks, I feel like every generation feels this way as we search for understanding about the world around us. I don’t know if we’re at the end, but I do know that with every passing day Jesus is a little closer to coming for all of us, whether it be a triumphant entry from the clouds or quietly walking with us when our time has come. I pray that we are all vigilant...not just with dire warnings to our “friends” on social media, but with showing others the light of Christ in us by our words and by our actions. My prayer is that we live in a way that invites others in rather than shutting them out. In this season I have found that it’s really easy to hunker down and tune out the constant negativity, but that’s not an answer either. I have found that only serves to numb the mind and the spirit and to foster a hardened heart. We were created to be in relationship with God and with one another. Relationships aren’t easy. They take work and you have to care about the “other” enough to get through all of the sticky parts. In this time of distancing it more important than ever to reach out, be creative, and take advantage of the opportunities that we have to fellowship. Never was that more evident to me than in last month’s gathering which I participated in via live stream. Tears streamed down my face as I sang familiar songs praising our God with folks that I love and miss. I felt in that moment the wisps of fog lift and realized that while relationships are hard I had been hungering for community. I think that for myself our time of fellowship had maybe become like my board on the wall...comfortable and familiar but faded into the background. My prayer while we wake from our COVID slumber and tiptoe back into a new normal is that we experience our relationship with Christ and with one another in new and creative ways and invite others in to experience the same. May God’s love for us ignite a new passion to fellowship with Him and with one another.

De Colores!
Michelle Keith



2020 Walk to Emmaus Schedule
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1 John 5:4

For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world--our faith.

On occasion we will endure disappointments and adversity. We will overcome the passing hardships of this world by relying upon His strength, His love, and His promise of eternal life. God stands ready at all times.

In Christ,

Don Krumrey
St. Paul Lutheran Church
Hondo, Texas



Dale and Dawn Gallia are the reps for Koinonia Chrysalis.

They are currently looking for anyone (adult or teen) who might be qualified and interested in attending or working with Chrysalis.

If you have attended the Walk to Emmaus or a Chrysalis Flight (ages 15-18) you are qualified to serve.

If interested, contact either:
Dale Gallia (210-430-9630)

Or

Dawn Gallia (830-741-0034)
mcguired9699@gmail.com

Men's Walk
April 29 – May 2, 2021

The next Men's Walk is now scheduled for April 29 to May 2, 2021.

If you are interested in serving on the team please call or email Scott Maderer at 2108623978 or csmaderer@gmail.com.

It is not too early to start talking to pilgrims.

Applications are also being accepted for the outside team and should go to Debbie Pruett at debbiepruett07@yahoo.com

Team Fees are \$250.00 for both the Inside Team and the Outside Team

Applications can be found at our website... swtxkoinonia.org



Remains of the Village of Emmaus

UPCOMING WALKS TO EMMAUS

Please check with the Lay Directors for Cancellations for the remainder of 2020



2021 Walk Schedule

8/13/2020

2021	M/F	Community	Walk#	Location	Cost	Walk LD	Email Address	Registrar	Registrar Email
28-Jan	M	Hays Praise	2211	Well Spring Center		Steve Benesh	steve_benesh@bracewell.com	TBD	
11-Mar	W	NWSA	7	Camp Capers	\$236	Mitzie Katerdahl	mitziekat@gmail.com	Chris Bunch	chris@casabunch.com
18-Mar	M	Concho Country	2197	Christ the King Retreat Center	\$285	Michael Block	mmblockfarms@zipnet.us	Jennifer Juarez	jennifer@gmweldingsupply.com
25-Mar	W	Hays Praise	2202	Well Springs Center		Lisa Doherty	preciousastros@gmail.com	TBD	
TBD	M	Heartland of Texas	2020M	Eagle Wings Retreat Center	\$185	Matt Schuessler	mkschuessler@aol.com	Allen Mynk	burningtexas01@yahoo.com
8-Apr	M	GreaterUvalde Emmaus/Chrysalis	7	Alto Frio Baptist Encampment	\$213	Carey Paull	bayrat@hctc.net	Jaime Gonzales	dyslexic_bulldog@yahoo.com
15-Apr	M	Care Bexar	123	Mount Wesley	\$215	Patrick Kelly	outdoomedia@gmail.com	Randy Loveless	r1928ml@gmail.com
15-Apr	M	Windmill EC	72	Camp Zephyr					
22-Apr	M	Boerne Emmaus	63	Omega Center	\$238	Steve Stricklin	sstricklin@me.com	Terri Politi	tpoliti@gvtc.com
22-Apr	M	Hill Country	67	Mt. Wesley	\$225	James Reasoner	longshotjames@yahoo.com	Rosalie Reast	reast1422@yahoo.com
20-May	M	New Life	2709	Well Spring Center	\$141	Gordan Schroeder	gdsnb50@gmail.com	Chivi Dagg	NLECRRegistrar@gmail.com
22-Jul	W	Concho Country	2198	Christ the King Retreat Center	\$285	Karen Davis	kdaviswwid@suddenlink.net	Jennifer Juarez	jennifer@gmweldingsupply.com
12-Aug	M	Hays Praise	2213	Well Springs Center		TBD		TBD	
19-Aug	M	Concho Country	2199	Christ the King Retreat Center	\$285	Kelly Sawyer	demsawyers.ks@gmail.com	Jennifer Juarez	jennifer@gmweldingsupply.com
23-Sep	W	Boerne Emmaus	64	Omega Center	\$238	Nikki Decker	nikki_decker@hotmail.com	Terri Politi	tpoliti@gvtc.com
23-Sep	W	Care Bexar	124	Mount Wesley	\$215	Taryn Brooks	jaryn@finetexashomes.com	Valerie Slade	yslade@ahumc.org
7-Oct	W	Windmill EC	73	Camp Zephyr					
14-Oct	W	Concho Country	2200	Christ the King Retreat Center	\$285	Stephanie McElroy	diicapn@suddenlink.net	Jennifer Juarez	jennifer@gmweldingsupply.com
21-Oct	W	Hill Country	68	Mt. Wesley	\$225	Renee Bolton	rbolton@gmail.com	Rosalie Reast	reast1422@yahoo.com
4-Nov	W	Hays Praise	2214	Well Springs Center		Amanda Comstock	amandadee12@gmail.com	TBD	



Reunion Group Opportunity

Koinonia Reunion Groups (MEN)

Lytle UMC Wednesday Mornings	6:30 AM	Scott Martin (830) 772-3395
Lytle UMC Living Dust Mondays	6 PM	Scott Martin (830) 772-3395
St. Paul, Hondo Early Birds Mondays	6:30 AM	Don Krumrey (830) 741-9991
St. Paul, Hondo Night Owls Wednesdays	7 PM	Pat Cleary (210) 913-1160
Yancey UMC If interested please contact:		Sam Dubberly (210) 241-7719
Lytle UMC O dark 30 boys Wednesdays	6:00 AM	Kyle Jackson (210) 414-3471
Currey Creek Boerne, TX Tuesdays	5:30 PM	Steve Balthrop (210) 827-7112
Medina Valley UMC If interested please contact:		Jim Rhoades (210) 326-2737
Lakehills UMC	7:00 AM	Sam Martin (210) 884-9767

Reunion Group Opportunity

Koinonia Reunion Groups (WOMEN)

@Naomi Diner's Lytle Morning Doves Thursdays	6:30 AM	Connie Norton (210) 422-6329 Michelle Keith (210) 394-5386
@Linda Bahlmann's Lytle Dusk Angels Thursdays	5:00 PM	Linda Bahlmann (830) 709-5848
The Town Criers Quihi (varies) Thursdays	7:30 AM	Tara Lewis (210) 601-0130
Lytle Friday	Mid-mornings	Debbie Pruett (210) 416-6370
St. Paul, Hondo Hearts for Him Wednesdays	12 PM	Johnette Dixon (830) 931-4238
Medina Valley United Methodist Church If interested please contact		Shirley Hodges (210) 219-1549
Lake Hills UMC Tuesdays Wednesdays Thursdays	10:30 AM 7 AM 7 AM	Jackie Blakemore (830) 510-4042 Sandy Trenkelbach (830) 510-4697 Rise Martin (210) 215-9630
Devine First UMC Thursdays – Emmaus Room	4:00 PM	Lisa Garner (830) 663-3185
Somerset Sojourners Mondays – Sommerset UMC	4:00 PM	Sharon Young (210) 537-4777

Please submit any corrections to the above listed reunion groups to your newsletter coordinator at lbogert@gmail.com

The Purpose of Emmaus

The purpose of Emmaus is the renewal of the Church as the body of the risen Christ in the world through the renewal of church members as faithful and committed disciples of Jesus Christ. Emmaus expands participants' spiritual lives, deepens their discipleship, and rekindles their gifts as Christian leaders in their churches and communities.



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