





**2020 Walk to Emmaus Schedule**  
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John 14:16

Jesus said, "And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever. The Spirit of Truth."

This is the Holy Spirit. He was not just with the disciples but also with us. He is our constant companion. He helps guide us in all we do.

In Christ,

**Don Krumrey**  
**St. Paul Lutheran Church**  
**Hondo, Texas**

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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)  
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# KOINONIA UPCOMING WALKS

## Men's Walk April 29 – May 2, 2021

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

If you are interested in serving on the team please call or email Scott Maderer at 210-862-3978 or [csmaderer@gmail.com](mailto:csmaderer@gmail.com).

## Women's Walk Sept 30 – Oct 3, 2021

The next Women's Walk is scheduled for Sept 30 to Oct 3, 2021.

If you are interested in serving on the team please call or email Tawana Jackson at 210-413-1565 or [tawanajackson1956@icloud.com](mailto:tawanajackson1956@icloud.com)

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Please be in prayer for the Lay Directors as they endeavor to build and fortify their teams. For those who will lead at tables. For those who will lead through music. For those who will guard through prayer.

Applications are also being accepted for the outside team and should go to Debbie Pruett at [debbiepruett07@yahoo.com](mailto: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](http://swtxkoinonia.org)



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

**Emmaus Ministries Updates**  
**Int'l Gathering**  
**100 days of Giving campaign & 100 Day prayer vigil**

Greetings Emmaus communities -

- To be announced at the Gathering is the **Emmaus Ministries: Making a World of Difference, 100 Days of Giving Campaign**. Revenues are down drastically for Emmaus International with most walks & flights around the world being rescheduled this year due to COVID. We are trying to raise \$100,000 in 100 days with giving emphasis on the 1<sup>st</sup> weekend in November (anniversary weekend of WTE) and end-of-year giving. We will be inviting people to join us in **15 weeks of devotionals based on the 15 talks on a Walk**. Also asking if there is anyone who would be willing to join a **Matching Gift program**. If we can get a pool of people who will match a certain amount of gifts it will double everyone's money. Do you or any of your contacts know of anyone who would like to join us in this effort?
- The **100 Day Prayer Vigil** is open for sign-ups now. The dates begin on September 19<sup>th</sup> as well and there are 5 sign-up slots for each day. The link is here:  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409044badae2da7f58-100day>. Please share this link liberally!
- Lastly, we want to know, **“How is it with your soul?” How is it with the souls in your communities?** These are challenging times and we pray that you are feeling God's Love and Grace each day. We want to hear how your community is staying in touch with your members. Please let me know so we can share some best practices with others.

As always if there has been a change in your community leadership please send me the new names with email addresses. Thanks again for being in ministry with us.

Peggy Beasley  
Emmaus Ministries Area Communicator, District 11

*Below is a letter received from Rev. Stephane Brooks, Spiritual Director of Emmaus Ministries. The note she refers to below is a link. In case it does not work I have included the “note” on the following pages.*

My dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

I greet you in the name of Jesus Christ, the Savior of the world, praying and trusting that, by God’s grace you and your loved ones are keeping as well as can be.

Day by day, it is increasingly clear that we are living in puzzling times. As I write, individuals and communities around the world affected by wildfires, storms, hurricanes, various forms of violence and illnesses, are particularly on my mind. Amidst it all, during the past week, I found [this note from Fr. Richard Rohr](#) to be a wonderful source of inspiration. I share it with you with an invitation to share it with your community members. I pray that it will be of worth on this leg of your 4<sup>th</sup> Day journey.

On behalf of Hess “Doc” Hall – Associate Director – and Lilia Ramirez - Administrative Manager, I thank you for your commitment and contribution to your local Emmaus Ministries community, even as we continue to hold you and all things in God’s light.

Much grace and peace to you and everyone around you.

Rev. Stephane Brooks  
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**Some simple but urgent guidance to get us through these next months.**

I awoke on Saturday, September 19, with three sources in my mind for guidance: Etty Hillesum (1914 – 1943), the young Jewish woman who suffered much more injustice in the concentration camp than we are suffering now; Psalm 62, which must have been written in a time of a major oppression of the Jewish people; and the Irish Poet, W.B. Yeats (1865 – 1939), who wrote his “Second Coming” during the horrors of the World War I and the Spanish Flu pandemic.

These three sources form the core of my invitation. Read each one slowly as your first practice. Let us begin with Etty:

*There is a really deep well inside me. And in it dwells God. Sometimes I am there, too ... And that is all we can manage these days and also all that really matters: that we safeguard that little piece of You, God, in ourselves.*

—Etty Hillesum, Westerbork transit camp

Note her second-person usage, talking to “You, God” quite directly and personally. There is a Presence with her, even as she is surrounded by so much suffering.

Then, the perennial classic wisdom of the Psalms:

*In God alone is my soul at rest.*

*God is the source of my hope.*

*In God I find shelter, my rock, and my safety.*

*Men are but a puff of wind,*

*Men who think themselves important are a delusion.*

*Put them on a scale,*

*They are gone in a puff of wind.*

—Psalm 62:5–9

What could it mean to find rest like this in a world such as ours? Every day more and more people are facing the catastrophe of extreme weather. The neurotic news cycle is increasingly driven by a single narcissistic leader whose words and deeds incite hatred, sow discord, and amplify the daily chaos. The pandemic that seems to be returning in waves continues to wreak suffering and disorder with no end in sight, and there is no

guarantee of the future in an economy designed to protect the rich and powerful at the expense of the poor and those subsisting at the margins of society.

It's no wonder the mental and emotional health among a large portion of the American population is in tangible decline! We have wholesale abandoned any sense of truth, objectivity, science or religion in civil conversation; we now recognize we are living with the catastrophic results of several centuries of what philosophers call *nihilism* or *post-modernism* (nothing means anything, there are no universal patterns).

We are without doubt in an apocalyptic time (the Latin word *apocalypsis* refers to an urgent unveiling of an ultimate state of affairs). Yeats' oft-quoted poem "The Second Coming" then feels like a direct prophecy. See if you do not agree:

*Turning and turning in the widening gyre  
The falcon cannot hear the falconer;  
Things fall apart; the centre cannot hold;  
Mere anarchy is loosed upon the world,  
The blood-dimmed tide is loosed, and everywhere  
The ceremony of innocence is drowned;  
The best lack all conviction, while the worst  
Are full of passionate intensity.*

Somehow our occupation and vocation as believers in this sad time must be to first restore the Divine Center by holding it and fully occupying it ourselves. If contemplation means anything, it means that we can "safeguard that little piece of You, God," as Etty Hillesum describes it. What other power do we have now? All else is tearing us apart, inside and out, no matter who wins the election or who is on the Supreme Court. We cannot abide in such a place for any length of time or it will become our prison.

God cannot abide with us in a place of fear.

God cannot abide with us in a place of ill will or hatred.

God cannot abide with us inside a nonstop volley of claim and counterclaim.

God cannot abide with us in an endless flow of online punditry and analysis.

God cannot speak inside of so much angry noise and conscious deceit.

God cannot be found when all sides are so far from "the Falconer."

God cannot be born except in a womb of Love.

So offer God that womb.

Stand as a sentry at the door of your senses for these coming months, so "the blood-dimmed tide" cannot make its way into your soul.

If you allow it for too long, it will become who you are, and you will no longer have natural access to the “really deep well” that Etty Hillesum returned to so often and that held so much vitality and freedom for her.

**If you will allow, I recommend for your spiritual practice for the next four months that you impose a moratorium on exactly how much news you are subject to—hopefully not more than an hour a day of television, social media, internet news, magazine and newspaper commentary, and/or political discussions. It will only tear you apart and pull you into the dualistic world of opinion and counter-opinion, not Divine Truth, which is always found in a bigger place.**

**Instead, I suggest that you use this time for some form of public service, volunteerism, mystical reading from the masters, prayer—or, preferably, all of the above.**

**You have much to gain now and nothing to lose. Nothing at all.  
And the world—with you as a stable center—has nothing to lose.  
And everything to gain.**

Richard Rohr, September 19, 2020



## *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 Pruet (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 [llbogert@gmail.com](mailto:llbogert@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.*



**Pastors and Church Family –  
Please print several copies of  
this new newsletter and place  
in your church foyer or lobby  
for those folks who do not have  
e-mail.**

**Thanks,  
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