

# Born Again Emmaus Community February 2025 Newsletter

But God  
demonstrates  
*his own love*  
for us in this:  
While we were  
still sinners,  
*Christ died*  
**FOR US.**  
Romans 5:8, NIV

*I am counting on Christ!*

*Christ is counting on You!*

Join our Community at the next Gathering

**Tuesday, February 11, 2025 at 7:00 pm**

Spring Creek United Methodist Church

9200 Dietz-Elkhorn Road, Boerne, Tx 78015

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For those of you requiring **CHILDCARE** during the Gathering:  
Childcare is provided for children between  
the age of 0 and 11 years of age

**RESERVATION REQUIRED**

PLEASE email us at [boerne.emmaus@gmail.com](mailto:boerne.emmaus@gmail.com)

*no later than Sunday January 9th*

Provide the Child's full name and age (or grade)

**COMMUNITY SPIRITUAL**  
**DIRECTOR**

**Lori Balensiefen**



One of the greatest gifts we can give one another is the gift of presence. To hold sacred space with someone in conversation or in silence allows them to feel cared for, understood, loved. They gain a sense that they matter, that there is purpose in who they are - that their presence in this world matters. This is how, joy, peace, and hope are born within us.

This gift is the same one God offers each of us. To offer our presence to God, to hold sacred space with our Creator - it isn't an obligation we have to live up to. It is necessary for our wellbeing, for us to understand our worth and purpose in God's eyes, our place in this world.

We find God's presence everywhere, in the beauty of a sunrise, a loved one's smile, in the rhythm and lyrics of music. Other times, we draw inward to find God - connecting with His Spirit within us. This gift of God's presence is freely offered to us as a means of grace and then we are invited to share that gift of presence with others.

This is our opportunity and our purpose in this Emmaus community and in our life - to share the gift of God's presence with the world. May we be mindful of God's presence and share that sacred space with the world.

De Colores!  
Lori



## COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTOR

**Ralph Rodriguez**



The new year is well underway and the team for the Men's Walk to Emmaus #67 has begun training and pilgrim applications are out so that's gotta mean spring is right around the corner!!

Before that though, lots of work to be done in support of the next walk and for the pending women's walk in September so come join us to hear more about these two events and more goings on in your Emmaus Community.

We continue to search for a Community Secretary that is a voting position on the Board so if you have any interest or know of someone who might, please reach out to me here or feel free to give me a shout.

The Gathering is meant to be a time of supporting each other in the community with prayer, some songs by very talented people and the breaking of bread in communion each Gathering.

I pray you will join us and continue your walk with Christ and allow us to support you as your presence will others. Hope to see you, February 11th, 7:00 at Spring Creek United Methodist Church. Blessings.

*De Colores!! Ralph*



**COMMUNITY ASSISTANT**

**LAY DIRECTOR**

**Dennis Kruse**



Happy February Sisters and Brothers! Pray all are well!

Here we are another month closer to the next Emmaus Walk! Men's Walk #67!

As Spring schedules start getting busy make it a point to present, ask, invite, and explain the Walk to the Men in your life . . . The Men who God puts on your heart.

I know I always overthink sponsoring . . . is it the right person, the right time, do I have time, do they have time, blah, blah, blah.

Time to do it . . . See them . . . pray to God how you should proceed . . . Pray to God how to proceed . . . Seem them!

I don't think God want's to make it complicated. I believe He wants us to be aware of Him promptings . . . Present, Ask and Invite!!

If your reading this you are already thinking of some. Time to Pray . . . and Sponsor!

See y'all at the gathering on the 11th!

God's Peace and Godspeed . . . De Colores! PSOC  
Pray With Out Ceasing - Dennis ><>  
210-274-0498



**COMMUNITY MUSIC  
COORDINATOR**

**Carol Wilson**



**George and Verneda Fike will lead the music for us in February.**

The music team for 1910 Church will lead the music for us in March.

***If you have the gift of voice  
and the joy in sharing it please give Carol a call or text***

***at 210-885-3658  
or email her at [gwilson0630@att.net](mailto:gwilson0630@att.net)***

***De Colores, Carol***



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## **KAIROS**

**Tom Patterson**



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**Friends - at this point the team formation and training is complete.**

**Kairos 46 at the Torres prison will take place according to God's plan on March 6th through the 9th.**

**The prison was locked down for almost the entire month on January which caused logistical delays and challenges.**

**Please pray that we get the 42 inmate pilgrims that God wants there and pray for all the volunteers that will serve them.**

**For more information about Kairos Prison Ministry, I can be reached at [tom@tpatterson.org](mailto:tom@tpatterson.org).**

**Thank you. God bless you and De Colores**

**Tom Patterson**

*God bless you and De Colores*

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**Men's Walk #67**

**Chris Knippa,  
Lay Director**

Thursday -  
March 20th  
thru Sunday -  
March 23rd.

**BAEC**

**WEBSITE**



***Excited for Walk #67!***

We have a great team and all gathered for our 1st team meeting last Saturday. We handed out and discussed team assignments, established prayer partners, and completed our 1st round of practice talks. I greatly appreciated all that were able to attend. If you were not able to make it, please reach out to me to pick up your team packet and assignment.

Our next team meeting is scheduled for **February 8th**. Only Conference Team members will be expected to attend this 2nd Team Meeting.

Now is the time to reach out to the men you would like to sponsor as a Pilgrim on Walk #67. We do have our first couple of pilgrims and I have heard of many prospects out there.

Last, I would like to ask everyone to please mark their calendars for **Saturday, March 22nd!** Walk #67 is being held at Mount Wesley Conference Center ("Light On the Hill") in Kerrville, Tx, so this year's Candlelight Service for our pilgrims will be taking place on campus in Kerrville. Let's make it a celebration, come early, and enjoy a nice dinner out in Kerrville! There has been talk of buses being organized to transport those wanting to ride together to Candlelight . . . more on this to come!

Any questions, please do not hesitate to reach out to me directly at 210-204-7218 or [chris@knippaco.com](mailto:chris@knippaco.com) .

We are all very excited! De Colores, Chris Knippa

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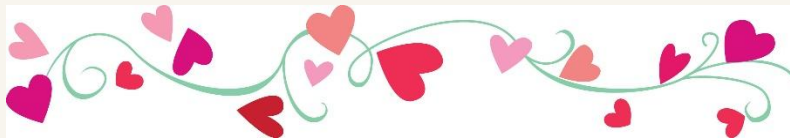
As most of us know . . . it takes a Community to facilitate a Walk to Emmaus . . .

*As Walk #67 draws near, please prayerfully consider supporting the walk, both spiritually and physically, by visiting the Sign Up Genius lists.  
We are particularly in need of prayer warriors*

*Please log into the the Born Again Emmaus Website  
to find the “Sign Up Genius” buttons  
- Food Agape - General Agape - Prayer Vigils -*

If you click on the “Sign Up Genius” button below you will be directed to the Home Page of the BORN Again Emmaus Website. You will see under the Title: **Sign Up Genius for Walk #67** - below you will find 3 different choices on areas to serve - **Food Agape** - **General Agape** - **Prayer Vigil**. By clicking on one of these buttons you will be directed to a list of needs and have the ability to sign up for the responsibility of providing for that need. Thus becoming the hands and feet of Christ on earth!

**Sign Up Genius**





## Women's Walk # 68

**Mary Kruse**

**September 18th thru 21st**



Greetings sisters and brothers in Christ,

I am so honored to have been called by God and affirmed by this Community to serve as the Lay Director for the 2025 Women's Walk. I have already been praying. I ask for your prayers as well.

Applications for team service will be available at the February Gathering. (I hope to have them available on the Community website even before that!) Sisters - please be praying about serving this year. Spend a little time with God to hear if He is calling you! All are welcome, and everyone brings something special to the team. Please consider sharing your gifts with us and those beautiful women God is sending as Pilgrims.

Let us also be praying to hear who God wants us to invite to attend the Men's Walk in March. There are potential Pilgrims just waiting for us to invite them. Who is God putting on your heart?

Can't wait to see you in February at the Community Gathering!

De colores, friends! - Mary  
... be the light ...  
Mary Kruse ><>  
210-274-0542



### **BORN AGAIN EMMAUS COMMUNITY - BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

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### **Ex Officio Members**

Tom Patterson - Kairos Liaison

Kathy Hubbard - Team Selection Chair

Jeri Willis - Walk Registrar

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*If you see any of these individuals, thank them for everything they have done for our community and will continue to do.*

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