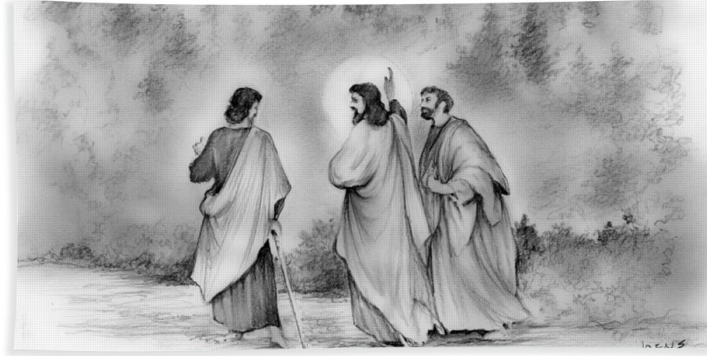

Born Again Emmaus Community

December Newsletter



While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and walked with them. Luke 24:15

I am counting on Christ!

Christ is counting on You!

Join our Community at the next Gathering
Tuesday, December 12, 2023 at 7:00 pm
Spring Creek United Methodist Church
9200 Dietz-Elkhorn Road, Boerne, Tx 78015

For those who prefer to join us via Zoom
use the following Link

[https://us04web.zoom.us/j/79862813056?
pwd=VVnV2dXB1QkdqbHgxc2tZdnZMTFhodz09](https://us04web.zoom.us/j/79862813056?pwd=VVnV2dXB1QkdqbHgxc2tZdnZMTFhodz09)

Password: lcmHDg

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

no later than December 10th

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

Born Again Emmaus Community



MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ONE AND TO ALL - DECEMBER - 2023



COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTOR

Lori Balensiefen,
Executive Pastor
First United Methodist Church

God's Gift to the World!

*I (Paul) delivered to you as of first importance; that Christ died for our sins according to the Scripture.
1 Corinthians 15*



COMMUNITY LAY DIRECTOR

Ralph Rodriguez



Merry Christmas Born Again Emmaus Community!

I pray this season will find each of you well and in good spirits as another year has come and gone. For those of you that this time of year may not be as joyous please know that you are loved and, in our prayers, and that you are never alone.

If you are reading this note, you belong to this Emmaus community and we would love the chance to pray for you and love on you at our next Gathering, that is scheduled for December 12th at 7:00.

With the Men's Team for Walk #65 firmly in place, we hope to see all of you as well so we can love on and pray for your efforts to come in 2024.

We are looking for Pilgrims for Walk #65 so any questions please reach out to John Decker or any member of his team.

Cya soon & De Colores! Ralph

**COMMUNITY MUSIC
COORDINATOR**

Carol Wilson



*Psalm 100 - "Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.
Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing."*

What a better way to start our Gatherings each month - Carol lines up the musicians from different churches in the area willing to do just that!
Come lift your heart in song!

**First United Methodist Church in Boerne
will lead the music at the December Gathering.**

If any of you are interested in leading the music in 2024 Gatherings, please email me at gwilson0630@att.net or text me at 210-885-3658.

De Colores, Carol

GATHERING COORDINATOR

Dory Martinez



As part of the Worship Service during our Community Gatherings every month there is a time to share the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

This gives us all an opportunity for Christian Action. The communion elements are provided by Volunteers each month

*Ralph and his wife, Cindi have volunteered
to bring Communion Elements for our December Gathering.*

Maybe this is something you can put on your calendar for 2024 . . . If this is something you would like to do (being the hands & feet of Christ) please contact Dory Martinez via cell phone 210-412-4319 or send him an email at dory_martinez84@yahoo.com.

OR you can on to our website - on the Home Page you will see an Information Button - click on it - on the Drop Down you will see a choice "Gathering Volunteer" - once you click on it you will see "Communion Elements Needed for Monthly Gatherings" clicking on the CLICK HERE will direct you to a page with full instructions and Calendar options to choose from. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact Dory!

De Colores - Dory

4th DAY REUNION GROUPS

Bill Walker



Closest to Christ

Fourth Day - Your 3 day Walk is over, every day thereafter for the rest of our lives is our 4th Day. This is Emmaus's purpose, a lifetime of discipleship, bringing new life to our churches and conveying grace where we live.

Following the Order of Reunion - the 2nd items is Closest to Christ. We are encouraged to recall a moment or the moments in the past week when we feel closest to Christ! Have you asked yourself lately these questions? How would you respond to your Reunion Group? We all need to be alert / aware of these moments when we recognize His presence in our daily life.

If you would like to view the lists of both women's and men's reunion groups please open the Born Again Emmaus Community Website @ www.bornagainemmaus.org. On the Home Page you will see an Information Button - click on it - on the Drop Down you will see a choice "What is a 4th Day Reunion Group" - once you click on it you will see 4th Day Reunion Group Information. You will also see 2 buttons you can click on for information on Women's Groups and Men's Groups.

If you have questions or need help with anything, please contact Bill Walker at billwal@outlook.com

De Colores - Bill

KARIOS

Tom Patterson



Friends - our next scheduled Kairos weekend at the
Torres Prison is March 6th to the 10th.
Our first team meeting is **Saturday, November 11th.**

If you would like to join us for an amazing Spiritual experience as a Kairos volunteer, please reach out to me asap.

Friends - our 2nd team meeting for Kairos 44 is on Dec 2nd. As always, God has assembled a wonderful team to fulfill His plan. The weekend dates are March 7th to 10th. The Closing Ceremony is on the 10th. Please reach out to me if you

God bless you and De Colores my friends, Tom
Tom Patterson tom@tpatterson.org (210) 573-5909

LAY DIRECTOR
MEN'S WALK #65
April 4th - 7th, 2024
John Decker



Howdy All,

The Men's Emmaus Team had a wonderful team social. We handed out team assignments and established prayer partners. I greatly appreciate all that was able to attend. If you were unable to make it or somehow did not hear about it, please reach out to me to pick up your team packet and assignment.

Our next team function will be our first team meeting scheduled for January 20. All team members will be expected to attend.

We will have an Emmaus gathering coming soon on December 12th. I want to encourage all team members to be in attendance to all the upcoming gatherings so we can stay on top of updates and news.

Now is the time to think about who you might sponsor as a pilgrim on the walk. We do have our first pilgrim and I have heard of many prospects out there. Let's begin to have those conversations so we can start delivering some encouraging news at the gatherings.

If I don't see you at the gathering, I wish you and yours a very Merry Christmas this year.

De Colores - John

LAY DIRECTOR
WOMEN'S WALK #66
September 19th - 22nd, 2024
Denise Vadnais



Dates for Women's Walk #66 are set for September 19 thru the 22, 2024 at The Omega Center. More information will follow after the first of the New Year.

De Colores - Denise

WOULD YOU LIKE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK AT THE GATHERINGS

Back before COVID stopped us from meeting together on the 2nd Tuesdays at the Community Gatherings we would have random speakers come up to the

Back in July of this year Larry Bader was our Guest Speaker and he shared his experience using the 2 questions we all answered at the end of our Walk.

- 1) What did this Walk to Emmaus mean to you?
- 2) What are you going to do with what you have learned?

Your time is limited to about 10 minutes and we would love to hear what you have to share. If you are interested in sharing with the Community please contact either Ralph Rodriguez or Dennis Kruse for more information.

The Gift of Peace

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom He is pleased! Luke 2:14

As Christmas approaches each year, we hear so many promises. Stores boast of the lowest prices and the best selections. Magazines and websites promise to make this the best Christmas ever. All these promises might bring some new dimension to your Christmas, but none of them will be the satisfying center that you're seeking.

Instead, every Christmas, we welcome the angels' announcement: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom He is pleased!" Among the many pursuits peace is seldom found in this busy season of Advent with our abundance of to-do lists. Genuine, lasting peace can appear more elusive than the best-hidden present tucked away in the attic.

However, God's promise of peace is not a frustrating illusion. Peace came to earth that first Christmas night. The angels sang of God's actual gift, which was true for the world through the birth of Jesus. The message of peace was sung in the heavens, and the Prince of Peace was found sheltered in the manger. During our Advent journey, we will follow the Christmas star, knowing that God's peace has already been given to the world.

*Lord Jesus, thank You for coming to be the true and lasting peace given to the world.
Amen. { from Peace Came to Earth - Devotions Daniel E. Paavola }*

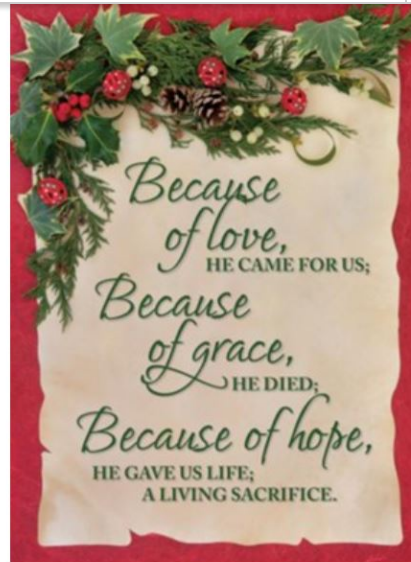
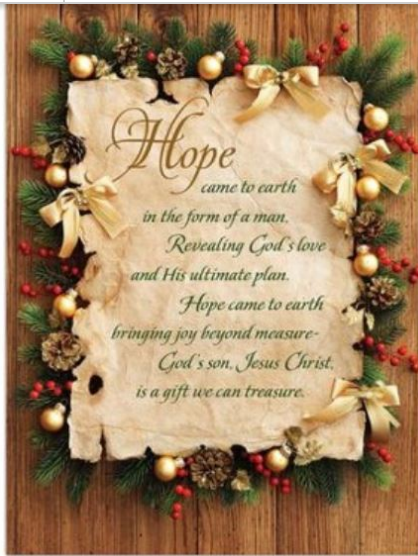
MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR OUR UPCOMING GATHERINGS

2nd Tuesday of every month at 7:00 pm

January 9th

February 13th

Call - Email - Text your friends and family - Invite them to join you!



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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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