

## The Windmill's Breeze



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### **Windmill Fourth Day Group**

January 2024

Mitch Luna Community Lay Director



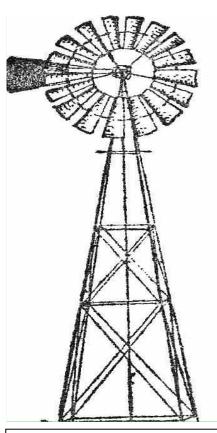
For my first newsletter of the year as Community Lay Director, I would like to thank Susan Warner for guiding our community this past year, as CLD. What a faithful servant you have been and will certainly be a tough act to follow. I would also like to thank in advance our board for the wonderful blessings our community is sure to experience this upcoming year through us working together for the common goal of strengthening our Christian community.

Matthew 4: 18-20 says, As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter, and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake for they were fisherman. "Come follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people." At once they left their nets and followed him. Not only is this my favorite scripture but I believe as an Emmaus Community that is what we are being called to do. We have two great opportunities this year to cast our nets, the Men's walk in April and the Women's walk in October.

January is a month of new beginnings, and along with that also comes resolutions for the

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The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit. John 3:8



### **GATHERING SCHEDULE**

Board Meeting 6:00 P.M. Fellowship 6:30 P.M. Worship 7:30 P.M.

Jan 18<sup>th</sup> – Fashing Fashing Methodist Church

> Feb 15<sup>th</sup> – Beeville Presbyterian Church

Mar 21<sup>st</sup> – George West George West Methodist Church

Apr 18<sup>th</sup> – Karnes City Karnes City Methodist Church



Ralph McMullen

Community
Spiritual
Director

Sadly, life doesn't always turn out the way we planned. As we approach a new year, finding fresh hope and new dreams can be challenging when our old ones have fizzled out. Disappointment can leave us jaded and depressed, and sometimes survival is easier than hope.

But after a while, survival isn't enough. Sure, we can generally survive one or two obstacles, like a global pandemic or unemployment. But as challenges start piling up, our resilience gets lower and lower. We experience a financial crisis, receive a diagnosis or someone we love dies. How do we keep going when it feels like we are carrying the world on our shoulders. I pride myself on my work ethic and ability to get the job done. But over the past few years, I have found that no amount of hard work or attempting to 'get over' my troubles can heal my heart. Only hope can. Because while my energy and resilience are finite, hope is eternal. Hope comes from God.

I've found it easier to talk about hope than practise it. After all, when we hope for something, whether it be a better day, healing, a relationship or a better

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new year. Let's all focus on trying to pray our resolutions through and give thanks to God for our accomplishments.

Grace and Peace,

Mitch Luna Community Lay Director

# Frank Schulenburg Lay Director Walk # 76

Apr 25-28, 2024



Greetings Emmaus Community,

We had a good 1 st Team Meeting in December with the Inside and Outside teams. We heard three good talks. The Wednesday Morning Roosters Fourth Day group served a great breakfast and the ladies Fourth Day Reunion Group, Tuesday Evening Redeemed Chicks, served up a great lunch. The 2 nd Team Meeting is January 20 th, 2024, at the methodist Church in George West.

I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas and I wish everyone a Happy New Year. It's hard to believe that it's the year 2024! I am writing this newsletter six days before Christmas so I leave the following for you to ponder this New Year; "She will give birth to a son, and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." (Matthew1:21). The Lord of glory is born the Son of Man, and is named by God's command, and by man's mouth, Jesus, the Savior. He is what he is called. He saves us from the punishment and the guilt of sin, and then from the ill effect and evil power of sin. This he does for "his people," for all who believes in him. It his nature to do this, as we see in the fact that his very name is Jesus—savior. We still call him by that name, for he still saves us in these latter days. Let us go out and tell out his name among men; for he will save others.

As of this writing I have seven paid pilgrims. We need 29 more for a full walk. Now it's your turn to be "the hands and feet of Jesus" and begin praying for and seeking a pilgrim for Walk #76. Remember the experience you had the weekend of your walk! That should encourage you to want someone close to you to share the same experience.

I am asking the Emmaus Community to continue praying for the team members, and those who are preparing talks with God's guidance. Pray for the pilgrims who are anticipating coming and for those who may not even know yet that they are coming. Pray for the families of the team members and families of the pilgrims.

Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path." Psalm 119:105

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Frank Schulenburg 1011 E Corpus Christi St Beeville, TX 78102 361-652-3298 fschulenburg@msn.com Pastor Ralph continued...

year, we run the risk of being disappointed. And let's be honest – we have all experienced disappointment in the past few years.

On the days when planning for the future or even daring to hope it could look different feels impossible, I cling to God. Because no matter what tomorrow looks like, God doesn't change. And he promises that it will get better.

I have often repeated the words from the prophet Jeremiah in the Bible: "For I know the plans I have for you,' declares the Lord, 'plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." (Jeremiah 29:11).

I can't promise that the new year will be easy or that the miracle will arrive as you expect. But I can promise you that God's love for you will never run out. And that means his plans to give you a hope and a future are non-negotiable. Whoever you are and wherever you find yourself on New Year's Day, you can have hope in God. Because he wants you to do more than survive – he wants you to soar.

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Pastor Ralph McMullen Community Spiritual Director

Tamara Crisp

Lay Director Walk # 77

Oct 3-6, 2024



Happy New Year!! I am getting excited to begin working on all the things for Walk #77. I have chosen Psalm 96: 1-3 as my verses.

Oh sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the LORD all the earth! Sing to the LORD, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples. ESV My decorative accent will be MUSIC!! If you know me, you know.

The leadership team will be Pastor Ralph McMullen as our Spiritual Director, Shanna Ryan as our Outside Team Coordinator and Glenda Martin as our Board Rep. I have received about 10 applications for the team but will need many more to complete the tasks God has for us. Please be in prayer as to whether or not God is calling YOU to apply for this team. Get those applications in as soon as you can. We will be heading to team selection in March.

I hope everyone has had a wonderful time making memories with your families over the holidays.

De Colores friends. In His Service,

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Gathering attendance 100

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