



The Windmill's Breeze



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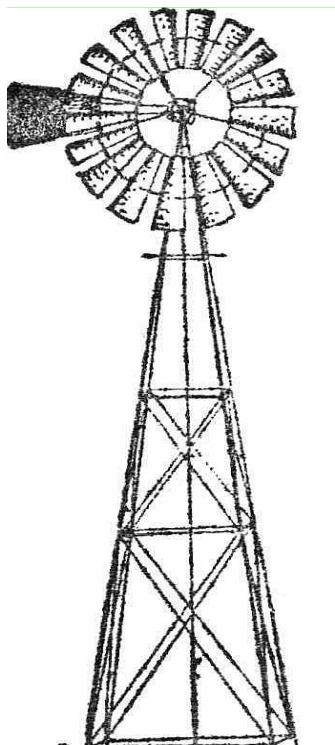


Brothers and Sisters: Happy New Year! I hope that everyone had a very nice Christmas with your family and friends. I always love the start of a new year because we get to start over on everything: diets, exercise, budgets, Bible Reading Plans, etc. I don't like to call them resolutions because people say resolutions are made to be broken. I like to call them the New Me Plan. This concept is a little more personalized to me, which makes it easier to adhere to each year.

I am both humbled and honored to serve as the Windmill Emmaus Community Lay Director for the year 2026. I don't think that I have had the opportunity to tell our entire community how much I love our Emmaus Ministry in the last two years. Well, here goes, I love, love, love Windmill Emmaus. We had our first Team Training for the Men's Walk #80 in December. I shared with them that I was very contagious and hoped that everyone caught what I had since 2011, when I went on my Pilgrim Walk. I shared that I had EMMAUS FEVER!

I love talking about Emmaus. I love sharing what Emmaus has done for me and my life. I love working both Men's and Women's Emmaus Walks. I love sponsoring pilgrims
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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 15th – Fashing
Fashing Methodist Church**

**Feb 19th – Beeville
First Presbyterian Church**

**Mar 19th – Karnes City
Karnes City Methodist Church**

**Lee Ann
Barker**

**Community
Spiritual
Director**



As I sat here with a hot cup of coffee looking at my Christmas tree with its beautiful ornaments and bright lights gleaming off Nannie's Christmas' crosses hanging from the branches, I realized there are no gifts. My mind raced to do the math to realize I have FIVE days to collect gifts, or should I just leave it to Santa to handle? Seriously, where are the gifts? You know the ones I promised myself I would buy for everyone in October and November to avoid the rush of the Holiday madness, or should I say the joy of fighting traffic and deranged fellow children of God who are also on a mad dash to "get" gifts for under the tree.

Thank goodness in the chaos of my dark thoughts the Holy Spirit jarred me back around from the "call" of society and man to hear the "true call" of God this time of year. A call to not focus on what is under the tree but to see the true gift of Christ who hung on the tree for me; for you. Now let that soak in, as I did as I sat here alone caught up in my own self-created turmoil; to realize I was letting the world dictate Christmas for me. I was forgetting that Christ is nowhere near Santa Claus, and Santa Claus can't hold a candle or a nose twitch to Christ. If I would have turned over the gift "supplying" to Santa my
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I love serving on the Emmaus Board and on the Team Selection Committee on alternating years. I love meeting new Emmaus Members. I love all the Emmaus friends I have met and now treasure. I love hearing God's Word proclaimed. I love singing Emmaus songs. I love fellowshiping with my dear brothers and sisters and sharing meals. I love worshipping our Lord with everyone. I love celebrating the Lord's Supper together. I love serving the Lord and others together. Lastly, I love serving as your community leader, and I pray that everything I say and do brings glory to God.

God offers us many opportunities for new beginnings in his word. Through Christ's love, grace, and mercy, we can start over every morning. In Lamentations 3:22-23, we find "The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."

One of my favorite verses about starting over is found in the New Testament. "Therefore, if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away, behold, all things are become new." 2nd

Corinthians 5: 17. When we give our lives to Christ, we are given a new spirit that desires to honor and serve God. Also, we are filled with the Holy Spirit, which provides us with wisdom and guidance.

If you want to know more about new beginnings, you can read about some of the lives God changed, such as Abraham, Paul, Ruth, and Joseph, to name a few. Of course, none of us are people listed in the Bible, but we have all been changed positively, just as they were.

I will end with what we say when we receive our Emmaus Crosses right before closing: God is counting on YOU and I am counting on GOD. The first part of that statement refers to us being the hands and feet of Jesus. The second part refers to our belief in God's word and all the assurances we have in all of God's promises to us in his word.

De Colores!

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Community Lay Director 2026

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bunch would have gotten coal and a bag of switches, me included. You know as well as I that Santa has a naughty and nice list. We also know that he checks it twice so none of us "naughty" listers slip through the cracks and get something we didn't earn. Yeah, earn by being "good", listening to our "elders", and "behaving" because Santa is watching along with that weird little skinny elf. Thank you, Father, for not sending Santa for us, but sending your Son, Jesus Christ who has a list and probably checks it daily knowing we all end up on the "naughty" list. He checks it looking not for how good we are or how well behaved we are but checks to see if we accepted Him, if we talked to Him, if we asked Him into our heart, and are we looking to Him to lead us Home to the Father. The best part is after He checks the list and we all fail finding ourselves forever on the naughty list; His love and sacrifice get us back on the "nice" list. Not because we deserve it, but because He gave us the one and only true gift of freedom from our sin and death when His Son didn't come under the tree all wrapped up in pretty paper, but was striped, beaten, ridiculed, and hung on the tree like a worthless unwanted present considered not "good enough" for the world's desires. You see all of the decorations and pretty lights, all of the gifts wrapped in shiny paper, and the maxed-out credit cards cannot provide the "One True Gift", Jesus Christ. The Gift from the Father that brings us pure and eternal joy and love; a gift that doesn't fade or break; a gift that isn't dependent on how good we have been or how much money "Santa" has to spend; it sole comes through the unconditional love of our Father who gives only the best to His children at Christmas and year round. May we all remember that Santa makes for a decent story, but the true story of Jesus is much better. My prayer this time of year is that we all share the true gift found not under the tree but the One who laid in a manger; the One who bore our sin; the One who hung on the tree; The One who busted out of the tomb to sit at the right hand of God the Father so that we may have the gifts of peace, joy, love, and hope found in our salvation. Amen.

De Colores,

Lee Ann

Community Spiritual Director

Ruby Moreno

**Lay Director
Walk # 81**

Oct 1-4, 2026



Prayers are continuing for Walk #81. Team applications are being received, but there's always room for more. If you are considering applying for a team, please don't hesitate to fill it out. Pilgrim applications are as well being accepted currently. Walk #81 will be held October 1st through the 4th, 2026. The scripture I have chosen will be 2 Corinthians 5:17- "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away. Behold the new has come!"

Please be in prayer for the team that God will place, and for the pilgrims who will join. As we continue to pray for the pilgrims of this walk, one word that comes to mind is "unity." I pray that we all come together as one and unite for one purpose.... To get closer to HIM. I'll never forget the feeling when I went on my walk in 2006 and seeing everyone come together in prayer, praise, and worship. Everyone is "the church" no matter what our past, present, or future may be. If we call on Him and trust Him in all things, there is a peace we will have known Him through our battles and victories. So, I ask that you join me in prayer for unity and that our pilgrims will come to know Christ either for the first time or at a deeper level. Thank you all for your continued Agape love and support.

I am humbled and honored to be lay director for Walk #81 and for this opportunity to serve the Lord.

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What to know about sponsoring a pilgrim...

SPONSORSHIP

Without sponsors, there will be no pilgrims! So thank you for taking on the responsibility to sponsor a pilgrim for a walk.

A sponsor should commit to recruiting strong church leaders in order to strengthen the local church, and hopefully to become leaders of our Emmaus Community.

Being a sponsor has a lot of responsibilities...the first is to spend **LOTS OF TIME IN PRAYER!** God has already revealed the name of the pilgrim **HE** has chosen for you to sponsor, and pray for that pilgrim before, during and after their Walk.

After you've talked to your prospective pilgrim, give them an application to complete.

LETTERS: Begin getting addresses for their agape letters.

Stay in touch with your pilgrim, and make sure they know you're there to support them. Remind them of the things they need to pack.

AGAPE: You as a sponsor should take your pilgrims favorite drink and some sort of food agape and/or other agape.

Day of the Walk: Pick up your pilgrim with plenty of time to take them to eat and then on to the Walk site and help them get settled in.

After the Lay Director calls the pilgrims together, you will soon go to the Chapel for sponsors hour. It's important that you attend this time of worship. It is there that you will pray with your pilgrims lanyard and hang it on the cross that will be presented to them at the end of their walk.

CANDLELIGHT: You are to attend the Candlelight Service on Saturday night. Bring any late letters you may get for your pilgrims. Here once again you may have the opportunity to pray with your pilgrims cross. Candlelight is one of the most moving events of the Walk.

CLOSING: You are to come to closing and your pilgrim's spouse is invited to come as well. We know how excited you are to hear **ALL** about it.

But remember your responsibilities do not end at the closing...it is your responsibility to get your new pilgrim to gatherings and try to help them find a reunion group.

Encourage them to make agape for future walks, or even sign up to work a team or help where ever needed.

Your final responsibility is to **TEACH THEM TO BE A GOOD SPONSOR**, by helping them understand the responsibilities of what a good sponsor does. The best way to do this is by example.

Windmill Emmaus Community

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Windmill Emmaus Financial Report

General Operating Fund \$ 46,748.53
Scholarship Fund \$ 5,815.50
Total Funds Available \$ 40,933.03
Gathering attendance 50

If you are unable to attend monthly gatherings
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