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Message from Community Lay Director

Susan 'Doc' Warner



DTWOW! It is just amazing how much God is at work in our WEC Community. I went on my pilgrim walk in Feb. 2011, and I worked my first Walk in Oct. 2011. Since that time, we have been blessed with full walks, BUT I cannot remember a time when we had a FULL WALK by July with at least ten pilgrims on a waiting list, such as Women's Walk #81. In addition, I cannot remember when a Lay Director was ready to go to

Team Selection so early, such as Men's Walk #82. I believe God is working in miraculous ways in and through our Community and through each of our members. I have always heard that we need to look for where God is working and follow Him. People are doing that and want to be part of it! As WEC Members, we all know what a blessing going on a walk and serving on a walk is to each person.

I have been thinking a lot about God's blessings and the abundance He offers us through the blessings we receive. We can embrace God's blessings if we practice living with a grateful heart. When we practice sharing our blessings of God's love and generosity, we tend to create a ripple effect on those around us. I read many articles about people performing random acts of kindness, and they bring joy to my heart every time.

The psalmist shares in Psalm 107:1, "Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever". People who believe in and practice this verse are the very ones who frequently perform random acts of kindness because doing so brings them great pleasure, knowing they helped someone by sharing God's love.

I learned a famous saying when I was much younger that has stayed with me all these years. That saying is "You have not lived today until you have done something for someone who can never repay you," most often credited to the 17th-century English preacher and writer John Bunyan and also attributed to basketball coach John Wooden. The quote means selfless giving, focusing on others, and true fulfillment. The first two items are self-explanatory. True fulfillment can be explained as acts of pure generosity that give our lives real purpose and value.

In Romans 8:28. "And we know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose". I believe that the Walk to Emmaus is a great example of selfless giving when many give of their talents, time, and resources, which begins when the Walk Lay Director is chosen, the team is formed, preparations are begun, training takes place, pilgrims are chosen, and even more abundantly during the 72 hours of the Walk. I believe that the entire Walk, from beginning to end, has us all focusing on others, our pilgrims. I believe that we as Windmill Emmaus Community Members find true fulfillment in our generosity, which gives our lives

purpose and value when we continue participating in Walks year after year.

This happens when we welcome new members into our community and begin to thrive as they become involved and share in this true fulfillment.

I get very excited when I witness the blessings God gives us through all the Emmaus experiences and how we actually see people's lives being transformed. These blessings encourage us to be grateful, deepen our faith, and spread love within our community and beyond!

Please remember to make plans to join us in Tilden on Aug.19, 2026, at our next Gathering sponsored by Tilden First Baptist Church. Please remember to invite and bring a friend or two!

De Colores, Susan "Doc" Warner,
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IMPORTANT GATHERING DATES

Aug 20 – Tilden Baptist
Tilden Community Center
3079 TX16 Tilden, TX

Sept 17 – George West Methodist
Team Consecration

Oct 3– Walk 81 Candle Light - Zephyr

Oct 15– 1st United Methodist Beeville

Board Meeting- 6PM
Fellowship - 6:30 PM
Worship- 7:30PM

WINDMILL EMMAUS FINANCIAL REPORT

General Operating Fund \$ 46,136.40
Scholarship Fund \$ 6,004.75
Total Funds Available \$ 40,131.65

July Gathering attendance 88

If you are unable to attend monthly gatherings but would like to contribute to the financial needs of your Windmill Emmaus Community, donations can be sent to

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Message from Community
Spiritual Director
by Lee Ann Barker

What a blessing to fellowship with our brothers and sisters in Christ this past Thursday. As I marvel at the God we serve who loves us beyond measure allowing us the freedom to come together in His presence to sing, praise, worship, and experience true joy with our “family”; I am overwhelmed. I do not get overwhelmed that is not in my vocabulary and never would the word be used to describe me. Yet, I am overwhelmed. Overwhelmed by the love of the Father, the compassion of Jesus Christ, and the wisdom of the Holy Spirit; I am at a loss for words to explain not only Thursday night at the Gathering, Saturday morning at the Team Meeting, or any one of the many moments God shows us what it is to be forgiven, redeemed, and loved.

As I sit in a hotel room in Houston, I get goosebumps all over again closing my eyes and reliving that feeling of His presence, of His voice coming through those around me, of His touch shared by the hugs of my “family”, and His peace shining through the loving and caring eyes of His chosen children. Can you feel it? Can you close your eyes and hear the voices lifting praise to the Father? Can you still your mind and see the Father in all that is around you? Even in the valleys and on the bumpy, windy roads as Christians, as believers in Jesus Christ, we can become covered in and overwhelmed by the love of God, the calm of God, the peace of God, and the light of God. Are we not blessed beyond measure? If you need help the answer is, “Yes we are”. Yes, we are and we get to go tell others about IT, about Him. We get to spread the gospel, the Good News. We are called to the royal priesthood of believers and chosen to go forth baptizing in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Here is the catch, we must avoid the pitfalls of coming off the high of the Emmaus Gathering, the Team Meeting, Sunday Worship, Wednesday Bible Study, Men’s Breakfast, Women’s planning meeting, or Youth Night. We leave these places and others high on Jesus and ready to disciple, baptize, and praise only to find life and the devil ready to knock us down a peg.

Are we going as hard for God when we wake up Friday morning as we were Thursday night? Are we going strong and head-on into all the world like we stood up in praise at Saturday’s team meeting? Are we shutting out the world to worship God on Monday like we did on Sunday? Are we guiding people to salvation like we show “visitors” to the coffee pot and tacos? I pray you and I both answered yes to at least 1 of these. If we don’t we have to get refocused on Christ because this is our calling given to us by God. We are called to go after the one. We are called to sweep around the furniture to find the lost. We are called to ride through the brush to find the entangled and stubborn. In Matthew 15 we read of the parables Christ shared with the disciples. He was responding to the Pharisees and the “keepers of the law” about eating with sinners and welcoming them. He tells of the lady who swept the floor for one coin, the shepherd who left the 99 sheep to find the one, and the father who killed the fatted calf upon his wayward son’s return. You see Jesus didn’t just sit in the temple waiting on the lost, helpless, confused, and vulnerable to come to him. Jesus got up and put Himself out into the world to bring His children to the Kingdom. As Christians, as chosen disciples of Jesus Christ, with a call on our heart to go forth; my question is, “How serious, how contagious, how energetic, or how welcoming is our going out?” Are we sweeping under the proverbial couch? Are we walking the dim streets of God’s creation or just the spiritually lit ones?

Are we running down the road to our “lost” brothers and sisters in Christ or are we sitting under the shade of the church porch waiting for them to find God as we watch? Look at Romans 10:14-15, “14 How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? 15 And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!” I pray each of you have beautiful feet. Decolores!

Lee Ann
Community Spiritual Director

IF YOU WILL GIVE A FOURTH
DAY TALK AT A GATHERING,
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Message from the Next Walk Lay Directors

Ruby Moreno

Walk 81

Oct 1-4, 2026

Thank you all for your continued support and prayers for Walk #81. Walk #81 is officially full with a wait list. If you are still considering sponsoring someone, please send those applications as we will add them to the waitlist. If you have not filled out our Agape Book, you still have time.

We have had three team meetings and I can say that our team is working hard and we are seeing how God is already moving within our team. We are building relationships and truly getting to know each other at a deeper level. We can't wait to share our love to our pilgrims in October. We are blessed and excited to see how He will move in mighty ways.

Our next team meeting will be August 29 in Three Rivers. Please pray for our team and the pilgrims who God knows will be there.

Thank you. Thank God,
De Colores!
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Harvey Hardwick

Walk 82

April 8-11, 2027

This summer is almost complete and the school year is upon us. Team selection for Walk 82 was completed Sunday July 26, 2026. I am grateful for everyone that submitted an application to serve on this Walk. Knowing the commitment it takes to serve, I appreciate everyone that heard God's call to be the hands and feet of Christ. I am so very grateful for the wisdom and guidance of the Team Selection committee in helping put this Team together. As soon as the Board approves the Selection Committee's recommendations, I will contact everyone to let you know who is on the team and the dates and locations for the upcoming team meetings. This past month I received four pilgrim applications; that means we need thirty-two more to make a full walk. We are a little over 8 months from April 8-11, 2027; so I would love to receive 4 applications each month to reach our goal of 36 pilgrims. Please ask your friends and family about attending. All you have to do is keep asking. Sometimes it takes a few years for the Emmaus seed to germinate in the heart of a person that has been asked in the past. This may be the time your question breaks though the soil of their mind with a yes to your invitation.

Please feel to contact me or send pilgrim applications to:
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I hope to see everyone at the August Gathering in Tilden!- Harvey

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