



# Perseverance Press

Crossroad Emmaus Community

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All Saints Edition

## Special points of interest:

- CRE Board Meeting November 8, 7:00 pm JEC, 8925 Hwy 111, Ganado
- November Gathering, Salem Lutheran, Pt. Lavaca, November 17, 6:30 pm
- Last day for absentee voting, December 15
- December Gathering, Danevang Lutheran, Dec. 16, 6:30 pm

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## Prayerfully

Will you prayerfully consider “standing in the gap” by serving on the Crossroads Emmaus Community Board of Directors? Your service to the community will be greatly appreciated. The last few years have been difficult for everyone, but we remain committed to Emmaus.

Perseverance has paid off. We have recently accomplished many of the goals that were set out years ago and have met the challenges brought on by new requirements. We need your voice, to stay strong and active and to move forward. If this is not enough to warrant your consideration, think with your heart for a few moments. We all know what Emmaus pilgrim experience meant to us individually. Were this not true, you would not be reading this. We also know what Emmaus has meant to so many others,



even those not active in the community. Yes, the Holy Spirit does the work...but we make the introduction. Help us keep making this possible.

This is easy to do. While most members of the board attend the meetings in person, some attend online. We simply send you the link to click on. This works from a desktop, laptop, tablet, or smartphone. Meetings are usually held every other month, but sometimes monthly. Most meetings last about an hour.

If you have interest, please contact us [here](#). You can also let any board member know.

The last nominations from the floor will take place at the November gathering, held THURSDAY, November 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at Salem Lutheran in Port Lavaca.

You may continue to offer your service on the Board until Wednesday, November 30. At that point a ballot will be created and published in the *Perseverance Press*, for those that are unable to attend the December gathering. The absentee ballots must be returned to the Board secretary by December 15<sup>th</sup>.

The December gathering will be held at Danevang Lutheran on Thursday, December 16. The vote for the new board member class will occur at the business meeting at that gathering.



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## October CRE Board Meeting

The October CRE Board Meeting was called to order, opening with Prayer. Minutes from August 4 were approved, and the Treasurer's report accepted. ACLD Mike Alderson reported on upcoming gatherings, reminding the board that the day of the week for gatherings had been changed to Thursday. The board had previously affected that change to potentially allow more members of the community to attend without conflict.

Walk possibilities were discussed. There are no open dates for 2023 at the Spiritual Retreat Center. Other possible locations were discussed. Those discussed included Palacios Baptist Encampment; Disciple Oaks and Retreat in Gonzales; El Shaddai Retreat Center in Yorktown; and Cathedral Oaks in Weimer. Anyone interested in serving on a facilities

committee to help contact facilities, please contact [Vernon Gresham](#), CLD, or [Pam Gremminger](#), Secretary.

All fees paid by pilgrims and team members for Walk #90 have been returned.

The CRE board accepted committee reports that were offered. Bill Rakowitz had reported that the hosting service that the CRE website has been located on for years, would no longer be available. Bill had vetted a capable hosting provider that would cost CRE \$140 annually. The board unanimously accepted, and the website has subsequently been moved by Bill, who reports the site is up and running. We thank Bill for continuing in his role as webmaster.

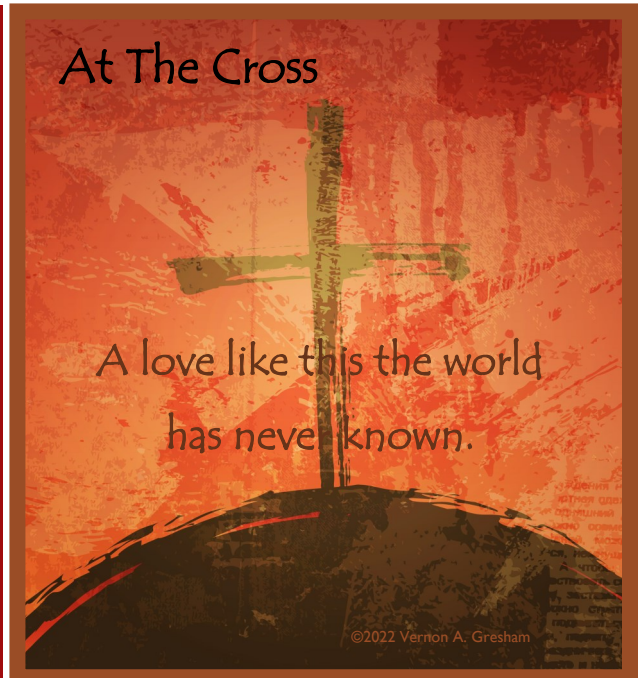
After years of effort, Crossroads Emmaus has now been recognized

by the IRS as having 501(c)(3) status.

The ad hoc insurance committee successfully met and accepted a general liability insurance policy that is required by the Upper Room® as a requirement of the Covenant letter.

In new business the board voted to 'suspend the rules' regarding the electoral process for new board members for one month in order to realign the timing of the process. That process is outlined elsewhere in this month's newsletter. The nominating committee at the time had no names of community members willing to seek to serve. Anyone interested in serving should contact CRE board secretary [Pam Gremminger](#).

The next CRE Board meeting will occur on November 8<sup>th</sup> at the JEC building.



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## Why the Emmaus Program is Important

All our church traditions teach discipleship. For some traditions it begins in Sunday School classes and often develops into more formal structures depending on offering deeper development of our interaction with and relationship with Christ. This is done by learning to actively represent Christ in the manner that we interact with our families, our churches, our co-workers and inevitably within our communities.

Going beyond discipleship there exists 'grassroots discipleship' which is generated in our hearts created and influenced by the Holy Spirit.

The Walk to Emmaus® is a tool. Sometimes we see this as a great possibility for community. A bicycle built for 45. Emmaus may not always be the answer, but it is the question. It is the opportunity for us as individual Christians to "stand in the gap" in support of the pilgrims. Acts 4:29 tells us ... grant that Your bond-servants may speak Your word with all confidence....

The apostle Paul was considered a man of great heart and empathy. Even so, he described himself as unemotional, even stoic. The Word of God proves to us in many scriptures that he was not bothered by many of the things around him. Yet in the presence of the Holy Spirit Paul often sobbed powerfully.

We need to make this opportunity available to all that want to experience it. We have criteria but sometimes must balance that with reality. The product is not always perfect, but the outcome is. We are not perfect, only our Triune God is. Some of those that have come to Emmaus in recent years have done so after walking away from great hardship in their lives. Maybe some are still fighting those hardships. We have had participants die violent deaths weeks or months after attending their weekend. The key here is the word after. After the opportunity to feel the fellowship and acceptance of fellow Christians. After developing a much deeper relationship with Jesus through the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

How do we do this?

Serve. The Crossroads

Community currently needs board and committee members to serve. Call or email us NOW!

Pray and support the next Walk that organizes.

Interact with those that you know that are possible candidates. This is not the walk team's responsibility, yet somehow we have digressed to the point of dumping all this on them.

If you think this article is premature because we do not currently have a team forming...have more faith. Pray. Offer your support. See number one above.

Romans 12:1- Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your *spiritual service of worship*.

