



# Crossroads Emmaus

March 2025

## Dates of Interest:

### Board Meeting

March 18, 2025

7:00 p.m.

JEC Bldg., 8925 TX-111

### Gathering

March 20, 2025 – 6:30 PM

Point Comfort

United Methodist Church

92 Wood St.,

Point Comfort, TX 77978

April ??, 2025 – 6:30 PM

Port Lavaca

Port Lavaca UMC

814 N. San Antonio St

Port Lavaca, TX 77979

### Up Coming Gatherings

## Exciting Walk News!

### Upcoming Walks

Crossroads Women's Walk

#91-2025

March 27th – 30th, 2025

Cathedral Oaks Retreat

Center Weimer, TX

Registration Fee: \$140.00

### Documents

There are many slots open for serving through Agape and Prayer Chain

Reunion Groups

## The Best is Yet to Come

Last month, I shared experiences about the **Night to Shine** event held worldwide for people with disabilities. The joy of that evening was a blessing to the guests and those serving as well. This month I see such similarities in our up coming Women's Walk at the end of March. Each walk provides time and space for God's light to shine in our Pilgrim's lives, yet it also shines in the lives of every person associated with the walk.

Women's Walk #91 has been set, the Team members have committed to their positions, Pilgrims are being registered, and the Emmaus Community is gearing up in Prayer, Letter Writing, and the Creation of Agape. You can link to the website above or to specific pages using the links in the Walk News Box.

Women's Walk #91 will be commissioned at the March meeting, and we encourage you to come and be part of this special ceremony.

We begin praying for Babe Chicks even before their registration, and they will be looking for reunion groups the first week of April. We want to encourage them to join reunion groups and attend gatherings. Crossroads currently has 14 groups meeting eager to welcome our Pilgrims.

Each of us has the opportunity to help God make Women's Walk #91 the very **best Walk ever**.

De Colores, Cindy Krause



## Leadership

### Welcome to our new Class of '27:

Jay Thigpen, Herb Decker, Drew Pattillo, BJ Drehr

### 2024-2025 Community Officers

Community Lay Director &

Board Chairperson: Mike Myers

Vice Chairperson: Cindy Krause

Secretary: Belinda Waters

Treasurer: Retha Hahn

Immediate Past LD: Mike Alderson



## Genesis 1:11-13

**And God said, “Let the earth sprout vegetation, plants yielding seed, and fruit trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind, on the earth.” And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed according to their own kinds, and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind. And God saw that it was good. And there was evening and there was morning, the third day.**

March is the time of the year many people begin to think about working in the yard and enjoying the plants and animals coming back to life. Spring is a special time, yet every season has its own importance. The summer provides heat and long days creating an abundance. Every fall, God lays cover over the soil to protect the earth. Yet, the ground below is full of activity breaking down the foliage, preparing the soil for growing new plants in the spring. The winter days move to less daylight and lead to a depletion of minerals in our diets. As winter gives way to spring, buds and new life appear. Within days, trees and grasses abound with green foliage. These leaves reach out to gather sunlight and carbon dioxide, turning it into produce. Plants use their roots to bring minerals up from the ground filling fruits and vegetables with nutrients.

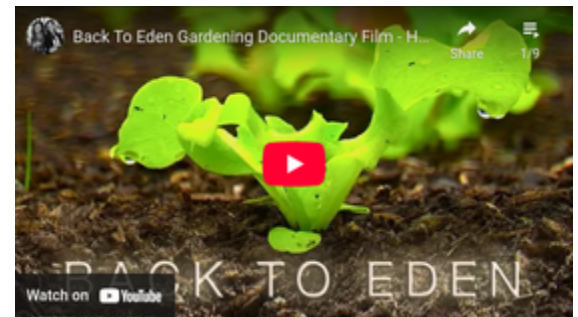
Consider asparagus. Asparagus is a perennial that returns each year without the need to replant. With no prompting and almost forgotten, asparagus shows up in the spring providing us with much needed minerals from roots that go 10 to 14 feet under ground. The strength of these minerals are strong, as noticed in the odor.

Every plant was created with a purpose *each according to its own kind and yielding seed according to their own kinds.*

Ten minutes after picking fruits and vegetables eighty percent of the nutrients are lost. This is why garden produce tastes so much better than supermarket.

God delivers exactly what we need at the exact time we need it. - De Colores, Cindy Krause

Our family has been on a journey to improve our health. We have moved away from processed and convenient foods and towards more home grown and self harvested items. It has been rewarding in more ways than it has been limiting. In our search for likeminded mentors, we found Paul Gautschi. While he is not a big man, you cannot help but notice that just walking is difficult for him. His body is quite crippled from the ravages of Agent Orange, but after a few moments you do not see his physical challenges – you only see a strong human being with a profound relationship with the earth and its Creator, a man whose mind knows no limitations.



### **Watch Back to Eden Film**

Watch Back to Eden Gardening documentary film for free to learn how to grow your own food!

[Back to Eden Gardening Documentary](#)



# Crossroads Emmaus

## **Crossroads Emmaus Meeting Minutes January 14, 2025**

Attendees: Board Members: Mike Alderson-outgoing Community Lay Director, Retha Hahn, Mike Myers, John Behrens, BJ Drehr, Jay Thigpen, and Belinda Waters Committee Chairs: Kimberley Blezinger

Call to Order: Chairperson Mike Alderson called the meeting order at 7:05 pm and opened with prayer.

Community Lay Director Report: Mike welcomed new board members.

Attending: BJ Drehr and Jay Thigpen and absent: Herb Decker and Drew Patillo

Community Spiritual Director's Report: Reverend Debbie Head is at a church council meeting and unable to attend.

Minutes: Minutes from December 3rd meeting were reviewed. Retha Hahn made the motion to approve; Mike Myers seconded; motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Retha Hahn submitted report as information. Cindy Krause and Linda Alderson audited the 2024 books on 1/12/2025 and everything looks good. The 2025 budget will be ready for approval at the February meeting.

Gatherings Report: John Behrens reported the following:

January 16 th – John Wesley Global Methodist in Victoria

February 20 th in Ganado March – still in the works April – FUMC Port Lavaca

Election of Officers for 2025

Mike Myers – Community Lay Director – Retha Hahn motioned; Belinda Waters seconded; motion carried

Cindy Krause – Community Asst. Lay Director – Retha Hahn motioned; Mike Myers seconded; motion carried

Belinda Waters – Secretary – Mike Myers motioned; BJ Drehr seconded; motion carried

Retha Hahn – Treasurer – BJ Drehr motioned; Mike Myers seconded; motion carried

Committee Reports:

Agape Letters (Wall): Cheryl Worley – No report

Candlelight: Mike Kinsey – No report

Community Trainer: Kimberly Blezinger – reported the first team meeting was held and she provided TL/ATL training and previewed three talks. She said she is willing to continue to serve as Community Trainer, but her term expires in September and would like to try ad align it with board elections. We would need to send a letter to Upper Room to get her signed up. There's no requirement for board member training, but she recommends it be done. Retha Hahn motioned for Kimberly to continue as trainer; seconded by ???; motion carried. Ministry Manager/Website: Bill Rakowitz – report via email: Asked for confirmation that emails are being received by all board members. He asked that all directors and committee persons get signed up on Ministry Manager. He requested updates on board members and committee chairs to update the website. Belinda said she would get that information sent.

Prayer Vigils: Linda Alderson – No report

Music: Jay Thigpen agreed to be in charge

Newsletter-Perseverance Press – Cindy Krause – will do monthly instead of quarterly as previously stated once she gets it all lined up. It will also be posted on the website.

Reunion Groups: Mike Myers – No update. BJ stated a new men's group has started in Cuero and he would get the info to Mike.

Registrar Report: Retha Hahn – will continue to chair

Team Selection: Karen Webb – will continue in this role, but Retha Hahn will no longer co-chair. BJ Drehr said he will assist Karen with team selection for a men's walk.

Trailer-Sharing the Love of Christ Reunion Group, Salem Lutheran: Retha Hahn- it's ready

Lay Director's Report: Jean Wehmeyer – No report

Spiritual Director's Report: No report

Old Business: Appreciation was expressed to Mike Alderson for his past leadership and he thanked all of the board as well.

New Business: Cindy Krause gave information on 501-3C general information on what needs to be kept for records. Day to day things only need to be kept for two years. Insurance items need to be kept for 7 years and trailer tags and titles kept forever. She suggested that we need to get this added to the bylaws that the treasurer will follow the generally acceptable accounting practices and guidelines. Next Meeting: February 18, 2025 at 7:00 pm at JEC and Zoom

Adjourn: Meeting was adjourned at 7:49 pm and Mike Myers led us in a closing prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Belinda Waters 01.13.2025

