



Crossroads Emmaus

October 2025

1 Peter 5:8

Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour:

I am sure some of you have experienced being woken up in the middle of the night to some type of disruption. Just recently, my husband was woken by our dogs barking and consequently decided that I needed to wake up as well. These dogs bark quite often, yet this night he was woken and could not go back to sleep. This caused him to interact with our canine crew in a rather abrupt and not exactly friendly tone. After a number on reprimands, they quieted down. I commented that something was likely out there. Immediately, there was a howling of coyotes very near echoing the quiet of the night. ...



Dates of Interest:

Board Meeting

November 18, 2025

7:00 p.m. Zoom

Gatherings will now be on Fridays.

FRIDAY

Nov. 21, 2025 – 6:30 PM

Salem Lutheran Church

2101 N Virginia St.

Port Lavaca, TX 77979

We will be commissioning the Men's Walk 92 in December at Danevang.

Please join us in this amazing experience.

Up Coming Gatherings

Exciting Walk News!

Upcoming Walks

Crossroads Men's Walk

92-2026

January 22nd -25th

Cathedral Oaks Retreat Center

Weimer, Texas

Scholarships are AVAILABLE

Lay Director - **Wes Dukes**

Spiritual Director

Carl Westbrook

Reunion Groups

Agape Link Walk 92

2024-2025 Community Officers

Interim Community Lay Director & Board

Chairperson: Cindy Krause

Secretary: Belinda Waters

Treasurer: Retha Hahn

Immediate Past LD: Mike Alderson

Spiritual Director : Debbie Head



**If you feel a calling to sing or play an instrument with our music team, please call our Board Music Rep.
Jay Thigpen 361-648-2100.**

Walk 92 has added a Closing Team to the Agape List. This team will assist in getting the rooms cleared and packed so that the team can join our Pilgrims in the Closing Ceremony. Please look on the Agape List and sign up for agape of prayer as you feel led.

Nominations are being considered for the Class of 2028. as the Class of 2025 will be ending their service. I hope each of you would prayerfully consider your role in the Crossroads Community Group and if God is calling you to take on a leadership role. The Board meets via Zoom on the 3rd Tuesday of each month. Meetings are typically 30 to 45 minutes. Please let any current board member know if you would like to be considered. Elections will be held in December. Please be on the look out for more information.

Class of '27: Jay Thigpen, Herb Decker, Drew Pattillo, BJ Drehr

Class of '26: Belinda Waters, Cindy Krause, Mike Kinsey, Open

Class of '25: John Behrens, Karen Webb, Retha Hahn, Open

Spiritual Director: Rev Debbie Head

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Crossroads Emmaus Meeting Minutes September 16, 2025

Attendees:

Board Members: B J Drehr, Wes Dukes, Retha Hahn, Cindy Krause, Jay Thigpen, Karen Webb, and Belinda Waters.

Call to Order: Cindy Krause called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm and opened with prayer.

Community Lay Director Report:

Community Spiritual Director's Report: Debbie Head - No report

Minutes: Minutes from the August 19, 2025 meeting were approved as written. Wes Dukes motioned to accept; Retha Hahn seconded; motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Retha Hahn submitted report as information. She also presented the budget for 2025 for board approval to fund what may be needed for walks at Cathedral Oaks. Cindy Krause motioned to accept the proposed budget; Karen Webb seconded; motion carried.

Gatherings Report: Cindy Krause reported Palacios gathering had low attendance. Bayside Community Church will host the September gathering and October will be in Seadrift.

Committee Reports:

Agape Letters (Wall): Cheryl Worley – No report **Candlelight:** Mike Kinsey – No report

Community Trainer: Kimberly Blezinger – No report **Ministry Manager/Website:**

Prayer Vigils: Linda Alderson will get started earlier on the vigils this time.

Music: Jay Thigpen expressed his concern with the confusion on the music at the last gathering and asked for clarification of his duties moving forward as to who coordinates the music, him or the host church. Karen stated that it is Jay's responsibility to handle all coordination with the host church. A host church can provide music, but must clear the songs with Jay to ensure we meet our specific guidelines.

Bayside doesn't want to provide the music, but they will help the music team Jay has lined up. It's their first time hosting so they want to see how we do things. He will lead the service and have a 4th day speaker.

Newsletter-Perseverance Press – Cindy Krause reported it should be out by this Friday the 19th.

Reunion Groups: Cindy Krause reported no new reunion groups to add at this time.

Registrar Report: Retha Hahn reported one registered pilgrim for the upcoming Men's Walk.

Team Selection: Karen Webb had no news to report.

Trailer-Sharing the Love of Christ Reunion Group, Salem Lutheran: Wes Dukes reported that Steve Bell will serve as Outside Coordinator for the Men's Walk. Joan Behrens will meet with him and go through the trailer to remove things that no longer pertain to walks held at Cathedral Oaks. In the past, things were unnecessarily taken into the conference room so that needs to be revamped.

Lay Director's Report: Wes Dukes reported they had their first meeting at John Wesley. After discussion of some concerns, one team member resigned and Carl Westbrook agreed to step back in as the Spiritual Director for the Walk.

Other clergy are Chip Reynolds, Kevin Boyd, and Zetty Witson. The team is full with just a couple of glitches.

The second meeting will be held at Salem Lutheran.

Team Meeting dates are set as follows:

Spiritual Director's Report: No report

Old Business: None

New Business: Cindy Krause expressed concern that a change in the wording concerning music in the letter that goes to host churches for the gatherings needs to be voted on. A sentence needs to be added that lets them know that our music coordinator will be contacting them to plan. Cindy motioned to table until next meeting; Retha seconded; motion carried. Karen Webb said that she will work on the amendment to the letter.

With the resignation of Mike Myers as Community Lay Director, Retha Hahn motioned for Cindy Krause to serve as interim; Belinda Waters seconded; motion carried.

Nominating Committee was discussed and names need to be presented for the board vacancies at the October gathering in order to be voted on at the December gathering.

Next Meeting: October 21, 2025 at 7:00 pm via Zoom unless some request in person.

Adjourn: Cindy Krause closed the meeting with prayer at 7:43 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Belinda Waters 10.20.2025



