



Crossroads Emmaus

November 2025

Romans 8:35

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

My granddaughter had an incident at school...

Her father works out of town, so many things wait until he is home to discuss. He came home unexpectedly early one day, and she was thrilled until she remembered she had to tell him what had occurred. She stopped her mom before they went into the gate and asked if he “knew” yet. Mom said no that they would talk to him. Granddaughter said she would just go upstairs to her room and let Mom tell him. She walked right past Dad without talking and went straight up to her room. She hesitantly returned about 15 minutes later. Dad was sitting on the couch watching cartoons and told her to come sit with him. She inched closer and hesitantly took her normal place under his arm. She sat uncertain and slightly distant. Puzzled, she got Mom’s attention and whispered “Did you tell him?” and Mom nodded yes. She looked at her Dad, and he folded her closer to him as they watched cartoons. She looked up at him and relaxed into her place understanding her father’s love was bigger than any problem she faced.

This reminded me of our Father. We can separate ourselves from his love and protection rather than seeking him and letting him comfort us.

Romans 8: 38-39 For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Walk 92 has added a Closing Team to the Agape List.

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.

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

De Colores, Cindy



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.

Dates of Interest:

Board Meeting

December 16, 2025

7:00 p.m. Zoom

Gatherings will now be on Fridays.

FRIDAY

December 19, 2025 – 6:30 PM

Danevang Lutheran Church

357 CR 426

Danevang, TX 77432

We will be commissioning the Men’s Walk 92 in December.

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



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Crossroads Emmaus Meeting Minutes October 21, 2025 Attendees:

Board Members: John Behrens, Wes Dukes, Retha Hahn, Mike Kinsey, Cindy Krause, Bill Rakowitz, and Belinda Waters.

Call to Order: Cindy Krause called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm and opened with prayer.

Community Lay Director Report: Cindy Krause reported that there were 25 at the gathering in Seadrift. Everything was very nice and they used real dishes for the covered dish supper.

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

Minutes: Minutes from the September 16, 2025 meeting needed a spelling correction on the name of Zetty Witson to Woodson. Retha Hahn motioned to accept with the correction of the spelling error; Wes Dukes seconded; motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Retha Hahn submitted report as information. She also wanted everyone to know that we have a significant amount of money in the scholarship fund for pilgrims and if needed for any team members.

She thanked Bill Rakowitz for his help in getting the payment made online to QTH Hosting. The audit is coming and she suggested doing it in January 2026 so that 2025 would be complete and ready to audit. She will need someone to audit the books. This will be added to the November agenda.

Gatherings Report: Cindy Krause reported November gathering will be at Salem Lutheran and December in Danevang. The commissioning of the team for the Men's Walk will also be done in December.

Committee Reports:

Agape Letters (Wall): Cheryl Worley – No report

Candlelight: Mike Kinsey – Everything is good, we have candles!

Community Trainer: Kimberly Blezinger sent an email to the board stating that she had agreed to finish out 2025 and would consider serving for 2026, but due to increased family obligations, she cannot serve next year. Retha Hahn stated that there is a lot involved in being the community trainer. One has things to study and tests must be taken. Bill Rakowitz suggested to include the opening in the upcoming newsletter. Cindy Krause said she would touch base with Kimberly on the requirements and what to put in the newsletter.

Ministry Manager/Website:

Prayer Vigils: Linda Alderson-no report. Prayer Vigil is posted on the website. Bill Rakowitz also stated the Agape list is live on the website and asked that it be checked and make sure all is good. Retha Hahn stated that in the past the worship book covers have been done by Angels of Christ reunion group, but they won't be doing them anymore. She also said that the men always prefer the cloth covers.

Music: Jay Thigpen – No report

Newsletter-Perseverance Press – Cindy Krause reported it should be out soon.

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

Registrar Report: Retha Hahn reported two registered pilgrims and several pending 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:

Retha reported the trailer will be ready. A "Closing Team" was brought up and Bill said that he would add it to the Agape List and Cindy will put it in the newsletter. Retha will reach out to the LaGrange Emmaus group to see if this is something they would like to do.

Lay Director's Report: Wes Dukes reported the last meeting went a different direction with a lot of team building, music team teaching new songs, and lots of prayer requests were prayed over. Bill said that it was one of the most moving team meetings he has ever been a part of. There are now 6 talks still left to preview. May have to do three at the next meeting and then schedule additional meeting. All the assistant spiritual directors are now in place. Tyanne Rakowitz will be helping with the book table.

Wes would like to, if possible, have the last/extra team meeting at Cathedral Oaks. He checked and they would charge \$450 to use the conference room only for a meeting. He asked the team to be in prayer for them to give a "love offering" to make this possible. After discussion of available funds, Belinda Waters moved that the board approve payment by Crossroads Emmaus of \$450 to Cathedral Oaks for the last team meeting; Retha Hahn seconded; motion carried.

Spiritual Director's Report: No report **Old Business:** None

New Business: Cindy Krause read the "re-write" for the host church letter for the music portion of responsibility for gatherings.

"If your church has a music team, we would love to utilize them for the gathering. Upon scheduling the gathering, you will be contacted by the music board member to coordinate the music. It can be your team, a combination of the church team and community musicians or the board rep will provide musicians."

Retha Hahn motioned we accept the re-wording of the letter; Belinda Waters seconded; motion carried

Bill has it up on the website and will make the amendment to the letter and document the revision date as of 10/21/2025.

Next Meeting: November 18, 2025 at 7:00 pm via Zoom unless some request in person.

Adjourn: Cindy Krause closed the meeting with prayer at 7:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Belinda Waters 10.28.2025