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# *El Quiqui*

NEWSLETTER

**December 2024**

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# Welcome To the Emmaus Community.

## Pilgrims of Women's Walk #91 October 10<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Bev Bright      Jess Kuenzi      Hidee Montano      Annie Rogers      Karen Zahler  
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## Pilgrims of Men's Walk #83 November 7<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Denny Baker      Levi Cantrell      Harold Elsass      Wayne Jones      Lee Schilling      Jonny Snyder  
Bob Barrett      Craig Cota      Joe Habodasz      TK Kerr      Matt Sherwood  
Adam Bockroth      Cory Daman      Wayne Harmon      Caleb Lavey      Jordan Schulze  
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### Message from our Lay Directors:

Serving as Lay Director for Women's Walk 91 was an absolute honor. It was a lot of work but above all, it was very rewarding. It really makes you stop and listen to what God wants you to do and not what you want to do. You may think you want someone on the team, but then you hear a strong "NO" and then someone else pops into your head or off the screen when scrolling through the database. I feel that everything went very well for the most part. The LOGS and ALDs kept us on schedule and the kitchen staff was superb and even met the gluten free needs of 5 of us, like Rock Stars. Of course every walk has some hiccups but when God gives you great teammates, you can get through them together. I can't say "Thank you" enough to Pastor Linda Dulin-Moore SD and Sue Kaufman BR for their help and support throughout the entire team process and the weekend. Without their guidance and support, I would not have made it through some of the situations that arose that weekend. I believe the team came together to do the work they were meant to do for the pilgrims as one unit and the table leaders meshed well together at each table. Our Music directors were also phenomenal and always had the right song ready to make every moment even more special. The best part is that 2 Pilgrims gave their lives to Jesus!

One thing I feel we could be better at is relaying information about the weekend to the pilgrims. We need to be informative about the weekend, so that those attending don't think their going on a quiet retreat and going for walks and becoming one with nature. Surprises are good, but we need to know those we are sponsoring and be sure they are good with what will happen. Their personal experience will still be a surprise and very rewarding.

\*\*A "troubleshooting" contact list for the team would be helpful! \*\*

Thank you and De Colores,  
Christy Akers

First, I would like everyone to know how grateful I was for being selected to be the Lay Director for Men's Walk 83.

Right from the start, the team and pilgrims were engaged and focused, thus making the walk a great experience. We had 21 pilgrims with many of them opening up to the Lord. It was amazing to see the transformation of the pilgrims over the weekend. The ALD's did an amazing job of keeping us on time. The LOG's were wonderful about keeping everything clean and making sure everything was ready when we needed it to be. The table leaders and ATL's kept the pilgrims engaged and focused.

Thank you again for letting me a part of it.

De Colores,  
Judd Ritter



**We are prayerfully planning for the next set of walks!!**

**Women's Walk #92, February 20<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025**

**Men's Walk #84, March 6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>, 2025**

Please check website [www.sidneyemmaus.org](http://www.sidneyemmaus.org) for list of past team members and pilgrims. Team rosters will be posted well before the walk and pilgrims for upcoming walks will be posted 3 weeks before the walk.



## SERVING IN THE KITCHEN

### NEW Kitchen Sign Up

We now have an online option to sign up for kitchen crew! This will allow everyone the opportunity to sign up to serve and cook in the kitchen during the Walk weekends. Although, there are a couple of ways to sign up.

1. There is a link on the Emmaus Facebook page that will take you to the signup web site.
  2. You can click on the link below and that will also take you to the signup web site.  
[https://www.sidneyemmaus.org/v2\\_kitchen.htm](https://www.sidneyemmaus.org/v2_kitchen.htm)
3. Don't have Facebook? You can contact Deb Loewer and she can sign you up. [daloewer@gmail.com](mailto:daloewer@gmail.com)  
or  
937-570-0798

Some features of the sign-up process:

1. Allows you to sign up yourself and others. Please remember, you must have attended a Chrysalis or Emmaus weekend to help in the kitchen.
2. Provides everyone a view of the spots that are open and where we still need willing servants. (Note - even if all spots are filled, you are welcome to join the kitchen crew and lend an extra hand).
3. Allows everyone to remove themselves from a spot if he/she is no longer able to serve.
4. If you enter your email address, you will receive a reminder email 7 days before your time to serve. (Note - their privacy policy states they will NOT sell your email address to other marketers).

We are hoping the online process gives everyone more opportunities to serve and be part of the kitchen crew during the Walk weekend. If you have any questions, problems, or concerns, feel free to contact Deb Loewer at [daloewer@gmail.com](mailto:daloewer@gmail.com).



Hello Emmaus Community,

**Just a few reminders about Agape for weekends:**

1. If you have bedtime or meal Agape, there needs to be 60 pieces if it is for all. If you want it to be just pilgrim bedtime, there needs to be at least 30.

**\*\*If you have a preference, please mark accordingly or let us know when dropping off. \*\***

2. **NO MEGA AGAPE!!** What is considered Mega Agape? Anything larger than an envelope is considered mega agape. While we all know it is nice to receive these, please save for after the walk when your pilgrim is picked up on Sunday. We need to make sure that whatever is given to pilgrims fits in their envelope packet on Sunday. (This includes for team also. If you want to make gift bags for team, please deliver them Thursday evening or throughout the weekend on your own. It makes more work for your logs who are passing out the bedtime agape to try to get it all done!

3. **PLEASE MAKE SURE ALL AGAPE IS MARKED WITH FIRST AND LAST Name!!** Also, adding "pilgrim" or "team" helps. Please try to make sure there is no Agape marked, "mom", "dad", "Aunt Sally", "Uncle Joe", etc. as we are not always sure who it belongs to with those markings, and we want to make sure it gets to the right person. (There is a sample of this on the Emmaus Facebook page!) Please remember: **PILGRIMS RECEIVE NO PERSONAL AGAPE EXCEPT IN SUNDAY PACKET!!** Please see Facebook page for "how-to's" if you have questions. If it is for a team member giving a talk, please mark, "Talk Agape" on the envelope or include the name of their talk so they get it at the proper times. Also, team can receive Agape Thursday, Friday and Saturday evening. Please mark which evening if you'd like them to receive it on a specific evening.

4. If you have Agape for the spiritual directors that are not live in, please mark them. If they are not a live in, we have a hard time getting their agape to them after their talk.

5. There are baskets in the Agape room that are labeled. Please make sure to use the baskets or leave them on the table. **PLEASE DO NOT GO BEHIND THE TABLE.** This can confuse things for those working in the agape room as they have their own system.

6. There are cards, bookmarks and writing utensils available in the Agape room if you need to write Agape during the weekend. We ask that if you use these, please drop in the correct basket when you are finished and please put pens and unused things back in basket they were provided in.

If you have any questions, please contact Jill or Tim Burden and they will be happy to help you!

**P.S. Only team members can be in teams sleeping quarters!! PLEASE don't take any agape and put on team's beds during the weekend. If a team member needs something, please give to the logs, or leave in Agape room and they will give it to the team member. If you have team agape for your prayer partner, please place on their bed as not to make extra work for LOGS.**

# Emmaus Etiquette Reminders

- 1) Try to always wear your name tag to Emmaus functions.
- 2) Be considerate that only speaker requested prayer partners listen to talks.
- 3) Keep the holy atmosphere at candlelight.
- 4) **No photographs at any Walk weekend Emmaus activity.** We need to honor the pilgrim's privacy.
- 5) No one other than pilgrims and live in team are allowed in the conference room or sleeping quarters.
- 6) When volunteering during the weekend you should have minimal contact with pilgrims and live in team.
- 7) Working in the kitchen as support of the weekend you should keep your intended contact with the pilgrims within the task or service you are performing. Some examples:
  - This is the pilgrim's weekend and not yours, but that does not mean you should be silent or ignore them in a disrespectful way. Be loving, be a good listener, be flexible, but also understand that in serving the pilgrims as part of the weekend, you need to be genuine and focused on serving the walk. Focusing too much attention on particular team members or pilgrims may pull the focus of the weekend away from moving the pilgrims towards the love Christ has for each of us.
  - Christ is all about relationship and this weekend is about moving the pilgrims to a deeper relationship with Christ. You are Christ's representative as part of the kitchen's support to the weekend. Be of service but also be aware of the bigger picture.
  - If a pilgrim talks to you or initiates a conversation, don't push them away or cut them off. It is not "illegal" or "punishable" to talk to a pilgrim or team member, but we need to be aware that we should not be the ones to pursue it or maintain it longer than a moment or two.
  - The team members are working to a schedule and the pilgrims are also. As kitchen team members, we need to try and not hold up the team members or pilgrims. Breaks or "downtime" are not free time for the kitchen team to simply pull a pilgrim or team member aside for lengthy conversations.
- 8) When to wear your purple cross? It is not against the rules to wear it any other time, but we ask you to make sure you bring it to closing as a showing of community.
- 9) Respect the wishes of Sidney 1st Methodist. We are their guests.
- 10) If you move something in the church building, please put it back when you are finished.
- 11) Please Leave the church building as clean or cleaner than you found it.
- 12) Wednesday night setup per Sidney 1st UMC requirements:
  - a. Setup to start on 1<sup>st</sup> floor at 8:30PM
  - b. No one allowed on 5th/6th floor until after 8:30PM
- 13) No live in team member in the church before 4 PM on Thursday afternoon during walk weekends.
- 14) When volunteering please use the "buddy system". Do not go anywhere alone.
- 15) **No children or others that have not attended a weekend may attend Candlelight or Closing.**

### Sponsor Responsibility/Etiquette

- 1) Honestly answer all pilgrims question and explain what goes on at weekend. There are no secrets.
- 2) You are responsible to make sure pilgrim has at least 15 pieces of personal agape letters. These should be brought to the Agape room at sendoff on Thursday night. We really don't want to have to read off a pilgrim's name at Candlelight.
- 3) Personally bring your pilgrim to Thursday night sendoff. It is your responsibility to bring them and help them settle in.
- 4) If your pilgrim is unable to attend the weekend immediately contact the Registrar or Sponsorship board member so we are not waiting for them to show up.
- 5) Attend Sponsor's Hour Chapel immediately after Thursday night sendoff. It is your responsibility to pray over your pilgrim's cross as part of the extended weekend team.
- 6) Attend Candlelight and greet your pilgrim! **(No pictures and no agape!!)**
- 7) Attend Closing. **(No pictures, No Children and No guests unless they have attended Chrysalis or Emmaus!!!)** Don't forget to grab your pilgrim's Agape packet from the Gathering Place after closing. Anything that is left will be available at gathering or on the next weekend.
- 8) Take your pilgrim home. Be sure to check in on them throughout the week.
- 9) Help your pilgrim get into a share group. If help is needed, contact the Good Shepherd.
- 10) Bring pilgrim to the walk reunion gathering (typically next gathering after walk weekend)

**\*\*Please make sure there are no phones at candlelight or closing!!**

**Photography or videos are not permitted at gatherings, candlelight or at closing! We also ask that there be no children at Candlelight or Closing as these events are also only open to those that have attended a walk or Chrysalis flight! Gatherings and Sendoff are open to anyone!!\*\***



# *Community Information*

**The Greater Sidney Area Emmaus holds a monthly gathering. Gatherings are held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. Gatherings are open to anyone! We meet at Sidney First Methodist Church, 230 E. Poplar St. Please come join us in the worship and fellowship. Remember, when Emmaus Meets, Emmaus Eats! Bring a dish to share at the Meal which begins at 6 pm with service following and beginning at 7 pm.**

2025 dates for gatherings are: January 14<sup>th</sup>, February 11<sup>th</sup>, March 11<sup>th</sup>, April 8<sup>th</sup>, May 13<sup>th</sup>, June 10<sup>th</sup>, July 8<sup>th</sup>, August 12<sup>th</sup>, September 9<sup>th</sup>, October 14<sup>th</sup>, November 11<sup>th</sup>, December 9<sup>th</sup>.

THANK YOU, TO THE AMAZING MUSIC LEADERS WE HAVE IN EMMAUS! We sure are blessed to have so many amazing voices within our community. If you'd like to be added to the group for music, whether it's instrumental or vocal, let a board member know.

## **Board Meetings**

**Meetings are held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month, meet in Chapel at 6:45 pm. If you would like to be added to the agenda, please contact Dan Elliott or Dawn Heppard.**

### **PLEASE NOTE:**

**We can now accept credit card payments for the weekend and for book table!! If you have any questions, please see Kathy Huseman or any board member!**

## **WILLING SERVANT / SHARE GROUP FORMS**

Forms are available on our Emmaus Website : [www.sidneyemmaus.org](http://www.sidneyemmaus.org), under forms or on the Facebook Page. You can mail it to Sidney First Methodist at the attached address or send to princess\_lumc@yahoo.com.

Or bring it to a Gathering and put it in the collection plate. We need this information, so we can contact you to serve on future teams, and to keep you updated on events.

De Colores!



Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**WILLING SERVANT FORM**

*This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, others will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else. - 2 Corinthians 9:12-13*

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Year \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City State Zip code \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_ Church \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: Home \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile \_\_\_\_\_

When and where of original walk \_\_\_\_\_

Interested in serving on Live in team? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you in a share group? \_\_\_\_\_ Women \_\_\_\_\_ Men \_\_\_\_\_ Both

Name of share group \_\_\_\_\_ Are you accepting new members \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

Members of Share Group (First and Last Name) \_\_\_\_\_

When (Day/time) and where (City) you meet \_\_\_\_\_

**We ask you to PRAY about your commitment and to serve in any way you can.  
Remember that it should be done in God's timing and not your own. Christ is counting on you!**

*The following are ways that you can serve during the year and walk weekends. Please mark the areas you are willing to serve.  
You can also contact your Emmaus Board to see where you can help. Visit [www.sidneyemmaus.org](http://www.sidneyemmaus.org) for current board list.*

**Walk Weekends:**

- \_\_\_\_ Serve in Kitchen by Cooking or Serving
- \_\_\_\_ Assist with set-up or teardown for Send Off meal
- \_\_\_\_ Assist with set-up for Candlelight dinner

**Weekend Agape:**

- \_\_\_\_ 72 Hour Prayer Vigil
- \_\_\_\_ Meal Agape
- \_\_\_\_ Bedtime Agape

**Music:**

- \_\_\_\_ Sing / play guitar / piano / other instrument
- \_\_\_\_ Special Music at Gatherings
- \_\_\_\_ Dinner music for Candlelight dinner
- \_\_\_\_ Saturday night entertainment
- \_\_\_\_ Serve on live in team as Music Director/Assistant

**Monthly Gatherings (2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday each month):**

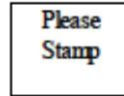
- \_\_\_\_ Assist with Meal set-up or clean-up
- \_\_\_\_ Give a Fourth Day Talk
- \_\_\_\_ Special Music at Gatherings

*Please help us to update these records so we can contact you for future walks.  
Make copies and pass them out to others in your share group or church that have attended the walk to Emmaus.  
You can mail this form to the church as addressed on the other side or email to [chairman@sidneyemmaus.org](mailto:chairman@sidneyemmaus.org)*

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**GREATER SIDNEY AREA EMMAUSWALK  
WILLING SERVANT FORM 2015**

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**Emmaus**

*The focus of Emmaus is God as Known in Jesus Christ and how that finds expression in the local church. The object of Emmaus is to inspire, challenge, empower, and equip local church members for Christian action in their homes, churches, and places of work. Emmaus lifts up a way for our grace-filled life to be lived and shared with others.*

