# Arizona Walk to Emmaus Newsletter

# Rooster Tales



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#### De Colores!

First, I want to say how honored and blessed I have been to be able to serve as your interim Community Lay Director this past year. The Arizona Walk to Emmaus is resilient and strong, thanks to you, the community. Your Board of Directors has worked diligently to keep the walk going, even thriving. Countless hours of service, in visible, and more often, invisible ways, have brought us to the beginning of a new day for Arizona Walk to Emmaus. It is a season of change for the makeup of the Board. As I step off, Marsha McClintock Campbell will ably step into the role of Community Lay Director, with your blessing. She leaves the position of Registrar, which still needs to be filled. Taking over as Community Lay Director elect (again, with your blessing) will be Jackie Mudd. Janine Cluck is turning over 4th Day duties to Colleen Centner. We still need someone for Agape.

Here is the ballot we will ask you to vote on:

Community Lay Director (term 2024-2026): Marsha McClintock Campbell

Community Lay Director elect (term 2024-2026): Jackie Mudd

4th Day (term 2024-2027): Colleen Centner

Registrar (term 2024-2027): ???? Agape (term 2024-2027): ????

Watch for a ballot to come in your email in the next few weeks. Please let us know if you are willing to step up as registrar or Agape so we can add your name to the ballot. I know you will support Walks #261 and #262 in Flagstaff in July with your prayers, presence, and agape. I hope to see you there! And formation of walks #263 and #264 in October is well under way. Keep those walks in your prayers, and sponsor pilgrims!

Praying God's blessings wrapping you in His love,

Barbara Fike Community Lay Director

### **WESTSIDE EMMAUS GATHERING**

FRIDAY, JUNE 28<sup>TH</sup> AT FAITH UMC 8640 N 19th Ave, Phoenix AZ

FELLOWSHIP AT 6:30, SERVICE AT 7:00
EVERYONE IS WELCOME. BRING A FRIEND!
EMMAUS SHIRTS AND PINS WILL BE THERE FOR SALE
(CASH OR CHECKS ONLY)

# Important! We need your help!

If you sponsored a pilgrim for the upcoming Flagstaff Walks, please send an email to the Registrar with your pilgrim's email address so we can communicate with them. Many emails were left off of the applications and we need to send their invitation. Send to: Registrar.azwalk2emmaus@gmail.com.

Thank you!



18 As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. 19 "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people." 20 At once they left their nets and followed him. 21 Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them, 22 and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. (Matthew 4:18-22) Have you thought about who you would like to share the joy of a Walk to Emmaus Weekend with?

The Walk to Emmaus is not intended to be a training camp for new Christians, though it covers the basics of Christian thought. The weekend serves as an experience with Christ through the love shown by those who are on the teams. Each person has a role. Every task, every detail is important to the flow and to the experience. Pilgrims and team members share emotions. People often ask, "Why can't church be like this?" The answer is both simple and difficult. Consider how many weeks of planning and preparation go into making a weekend happen. Your board is working on picking locations and dates for the next year. Teams start meeting three or four months in advance. Imagine what it would take to put that much energy into every Sunday at church!

The Walk to Emmaus helps equip participants and team members to serve in the local church so people can experience the presence of Christ and the pastor isn't the only one working to make that happen. Another aspect that makes the weekend different than the local church is the level of trust that is built on the weekend. That same trust is built in reunion groups. You are grouping, right? It is difficult to build that trust in an entire congregation, especially when you have visitors. We certainly don't want to stop visitors from coming to church.

Jesus chose his disciples from the common people. People who were, in many ways, like those in our communities. They had jobs and families and houses and, well, stuff. Jesus called them because he could see their faith and their dedication to the tasks he would introduce to them. As you have gone on a Walk Weekend, you know what to expect. Perhaps there are some in your congregation who are not yet involved in the life and ministry of the church but show up regularly and are clearly people of faith. Perhaps there are some people in your church who have been serving diligently for years and are looking for a break for a while. Each of these persons is a prime candidate to be invited to go on a Walk to Emmaus weekend if they have not previously gone. If they have gone, perhaps they would like to serve on a team and be rejuvenated by that experience. Maybe they are just waiting for someone to invite them.

Your Arizona Walk to Emmaus is always looking for potential pilgrims and team members. Churches are always looking for people who have a solid faith foundation and are willing to work on a team. Your Arizona Walk to Emmaus Board is working hard to find ways to hold walk weekends, to manage rising costs, to maintain or replace weekend equipment, to help everyone meet Christ on their walk. We need your help. We need to know who you would like to sponsor and what is needed to get your pilgrim to a weekend. We need to know who is willing to serve on a team and we need you to update your contact information in the database so we can contact you. We need you to talk with your pastor about serving (or going on the Walk if he or she has not already done so). We need you to be continuing on your fourth day journey and to be calling on your friends for support. Christ is counting on you.



## Please pray for Women's Walk 262

Leaders Team:

Julie Vlieg - Lay Director

Marcia Brown - Music Director

Lois Hedden - HSD Galene Boyett - ASD

Daniel Gomez - ASD

Barb Fike - ALD

Angie Neasham - ALD Mary Tinholt - ALD Amy Fredrick - ALD

Paula Kulen - Head Cook Mary Brown - Asst Head Cook

Ellen Glasshagel - Tech

Talk Team:

Anna Marie Sollars Cindy Harvey Jackie Mudd

Janine Cluck

Kathleen Griffin Lynda Anderson

Meegan Tosh **Terry Cook** 

**Tonia Smith** 

Cook Team:

Barb Meehan **Becky Weber** 

**Brigett Gonzales** 

Cheri Lewis Cindy Nutter

Debbi Sealover

Debbie Wildermuth

Elisabeth Sims

Esther Lloyd

Ginni Hoaglan

Jo Colclough

Joyce Trevolt

Juanita Sanchez Kathy Villa

Lee Ann Powers

Pat DiMillo

Rebecca Williams

Samantha Givens

Sara Aleman

Sarah McGuire

Susan Rieck

Tina Beaman



# Please Pray for Men's Walk 261

#### Leaders Team:

Scott Mathe - Lay Director, Roy Trevolt - ALD, Alan Adams - ALD, Martin Brown - HC, Dean Neasham - Music

Cook Team: George McGuire, Art Erb, John Weber, Jonathan Campbell, Andrew Kristich

Team building still in process.

Please Pray for Pilgrims on Men's Walk 261 & Women's Walk 262.

Check the Walk to Emmaus Website for Pilgrims listed toward the end of June. You will also be able to sign up for Prayer Vigils then.

#### Fall Walks for 2024

Go to azemmaus.org for new applications and deadlines.

#### Location to be determined

Men's Walk 263 - 10/10/24 Lay Director Red Hinkley

Women's Walk 264 - 10/17/24 Lay Director Ann Bernal

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