

# Rooster Tales



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The butterfly of Emmaus is emerging from its chrysalis of pandemic recovery! As I write this, we have finished a successful men's walk and are about to embark on what I'm sure will be an equally successful women's walk - both the "best walks ever!"

Let's keep that momentum going! Encourage new pilgrims to serve, and dust off your own aprons and talk notes to serve alongside them! Reach out to potential pilgrims and help them register for the walks in Flagstaff in July or in the Phoenix area in October. And last but not least, consider serving the whole community by joining the Board of Directors.

There are four (4) positions up for election this year. Here is the description of qualifications from the by-laws: "All members of the Board of Directors shall be participants in good standing of the Arizona Walk to Emmaus Community and members in good standing of a local church. A nominee for the position of Community Lay Director must be a current member of the Board of Directors or have served on the Board of Directors for at least one year."

Here are brief descriptions of what they do, also from the by-laws:

**Community Lay Director.** The Community Lay Director shall preside at all meetings of the Board of Directors and the Corporation and act as operating and directing head of the Corporation, subject to policies established by the Board of Directors. The Community Lay Director should do everything possible to promote a spirit of unity, not only among the members of the Board of Directors, but throughout the whole Arizona Walk to Emmaus movement.

**Community Lay Director Elect.** The Community Lay Director Elect shall have all the powers and perform all the duties of the Community Lay Director in the case of the Community Lay Director's temporary absence or inability to act. The Community Lay Director Elect by virtue of the office, shall be a member of all committees of the Corporation with both a voice and a vote. The Community Lay Director Elect shall have other duties as may be delegated by the Board of Directors.

**Gathering** –The Gathering position is responsible for organizing regular gatherings. This includes selecting the sponsor and arranging for the location, music, child care, refreshments, and merchandise table. Gathering also assists the sponsor in planning the program and supplies the communion elements. This position, after the event, cleans up the host facility. (Also supports gatherings across the state.)

**4th Day.** Fourth Day plans and conducts 4th day dinner, is the contact for Group Reunions, conducts leadership training, quarterly workshops, and is ultimately responsible for the 4th Day packets, given out on Three Day Weekends.

There are also positions that are appointed, not elected, and we are looking for people to take on these roles as well, notably **Southern Arizona Representative**.

Please let us know by April 10, 2024, if you are interested in being on the ballot. Some of the above positions may have someone in the position already, but will need to be officially elected by the community, if they are willing to serve again in that same capacity. Elections will be held in May. And if you're not ready now but you're looking to the future, the positions of Treasurer and Agape are up for election next year (2025) and Secretary, Pre-Emmaus, and Communication the following year (2026), as well as CLD and CLD-elect again (those are 2-year terms.) Thank you for keeping the Arizona Walk to Emmaus alive and well!

Barb Fike-  
Community Lay Director

Dear Friends,

As you are reading this, we have just concluded our first weekend walks of 2024. It seems like quite a long time since we had a walk weekend, and indeed it has been. The Walk to Emmaus is not required for Christian faith and COVID has affected the weekends as it has affected our churches and our communities. Thousands of Christians have worshiped God and have never gone on a Walk to Emmaus weekend. It is easy to blame COVID or aging or the cost of living or several other excuses that have been offered about why the Walk to Emmaus is slow to get back, but the question ultimately comes back to words we heard and said at the last talk of the weekend. "Christ is counting on you." How did you respond?

There is a change happening in Jesus' ministry. We are experiencing it in the current season and in our world situation, but it is not the first time. On Transfiguration Sunday, the Sunday before Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent, Jesus was accompanied by some of his disciples as he went to the top of a mountain to pray. There, the disciples saw Jesus conferring with Moses and Elijah. These two people represent the law and the prophets. After the three were hidden by a cloud, the disciples saw Jesus emerge alone, glowing, and his robes were whiter than white. They saw Jesus differently than moments before and realized that Jesus was the consummation of the scriptures. A few weeks later, on Good Friday, they saw him transformed once again as he was scourged by a Roman flail and hanged on a cross as a common criminal. It was a sad day because they did not understand, but we know that Sunday's coming. In the early morning hours of the third day, Jesus rose from the dead to be again among the living. We have, in the Bible, testimony that he spoke and ate and drank with more than 500 people. We are witnesses to this amazing story.

Easter is still a couple of weeks away, but we know the story of new life. The Sundays of Lent are not counted among the 40 days of Lent because each Sunday is a mini-Easter – a celebration of the Resurrection of Christ. I am excited for new life in the Walk to Emmaus in Arizona. We have a great Board of Directors that will only get better with practice and support from the community. We have people who have asked about serving and about being pilgrims and we are actively planning the next two men's and women's walks. We have some hurdles to cross – increased costs, loss of some of our materials and aging of other elements we use (e.g. cots!) – but none are insurmountable with your help.

The Walk to Emmaus provides an experiential opportunity in spiritual formation. We are renewed in our faith by encountering Christ in the Emmaus Room, in worship, in meditation and reflection. The energy and joy of the weekend is shared with the community as those pilgrims return to the local church and gather with others who have had this experience. Just as the disciples each experienced the same Jesus Christ in different ways, each person's experience is uniquely theirs, yet we share in common the encounter that changes us because we could see Jesus differently than before.

I hope you will continue to support the Arizona Walk to Emmaus by greeting our newest members – those who have joined our community from these two walk weekends. Join us at the Fourth Day Dinner (supper foods eaten at lunch time is the definition of dinner) on March 16 at 1:00 p.m. I hope too that you will consider stepping up to help as some people have moved to the celestial community or have been serving for many years in leadership positions.

Are you being transformed by the presence of Christ and the Holy Spirit moving in you? Would you like to share your experience with Christ with others? Would you like to be on a team for our next walks? Would you consider serving on the board? Christ is counting on you to help bring the Easter story to life through your story. Let us know how you want to help make Christ better known in Arizona and in the world.

Reverend Carl Peterson, Community Spiritual Director



4<sup>TH</sup> DAY GATHERING  
SATURDAY, MARCH 16TH  
LAKEVIEW UMC  
10298 W. THUNDERBIRD BLVD, SUN  
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TRAINING AT 11:00 POTLUCK  
LUNCH AT 1:00 PROGRAM FOLLOW-  
ING LUNCH TO INCLUDE PILGRIMS  
REFLECTIONS ABOUT THE WALKS,  
MUSIC AND COMMUNION.  
EMMAUS SHIRTS AND AGAPE WILL  
BE ON SALE. CASH, CHECK OR  
ZELLE WILL BE ACCEPTED. NO  
DEBIT OR CREDIT CARDS.

PLEASE COME OUT AND SUPPORT  
OUR NEW PILGRIMS.  
DECOLORES!

NANCY OYLER-GATHERING CHAIR



Thank you everyone for sending your Agape to  
the men's and women's walks at Lakeview UMC.  
Both walks were filled with blessings and lots of  
Love!

Deniece May  
Agape Chair

### **Northern Gathering:**

Saturday, March 12 at Trinity Heights UMC  
4 PM– Potluck  
5 PM– Service

### **Upcoming Walks for 2024**

Go to [azemmaus.org](http://azemmaus.org) for new applications and deadlines.

#### **Next Walks:**

**Trinity Heights UMC, Flagstaff**

Men's Walk 261 7/18/24

Lay Director Scott Mathe

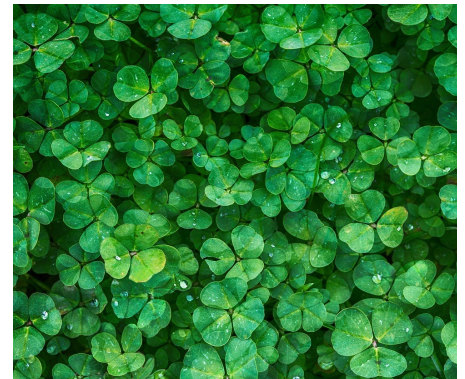
Women's Walk 262 7/25/24

Lay Director Julie Vlieg

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