



PIONEER COUNTRY
EMMAUS & CHRYSALIS
"Then their eyes were opened" - Luke 24:31



ROOSTER TALES

The Monthly Newsletter of the Pioneer Country Emmaus Community

March 2022

No Gathering in March.

We will send an announcement about April as soon as it is available.



State of the Pioneer Country Community

March 2022

One Board Position has been filled

(pending confirmation)

Please welcome Richard Ross as Secretary.
Richard attends St. Luke's in Edmond and
was on Walk # 139.

We still need more Board Positions filled so that current members will not have to cover 2 positions. Please prayerfully consider if you can volunteer.

Email me at Okiebull13@gmail.com or call/text me at
405-312-3063

Jeffrey Bull

Community Lay Director

These officers are serving as “Acting” officers until such time as the Board of Directors meets to confirm their election as an officer.

The 2022 PCE BOARD current board of directors includes the following:

Jeffrey Bull - Community Lay Director Marvin Scheele - Past Community Lay Director

Richard Ross - Secretary

Jeanne Millican - Treasure Linda Rinehard - Newsletter

Darrell Cates - Spiritual Director Karen Mitchell - Registrar

Phil Christie - Facilities / Security Linda Johnston - Security

Monte Daughety - Kitchen / Snacks Dena Lewis - General Agape

Mary Nethercutt - Personal Agape

The primary commitment of the 2022 PCE Board of Directors is to do everything possible to conduct safe Gatherings Emmaus Walks and Chrysalis Flights as soon as the science driving the pandemic allows us to meet. In the meantime, **PLEASE CONSIDER** serving on the PCE Board of Directors. We need at least one person and ideally would like to have 3 to 4 more Board Members.

You may contact me at okiebull13@gmail.com or 405-312-3063.

Jeff Bull

Community Lay Director



What is Lent, and what does it mean to me?

According to Wikipedia:

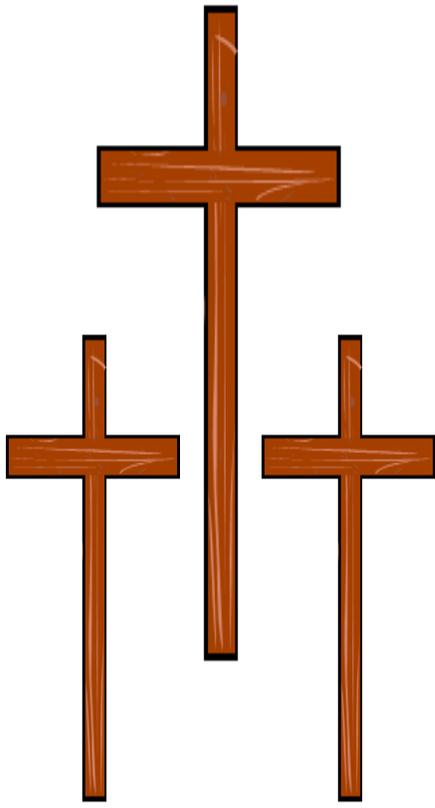
Lent ([Latin](#): *Quadragesima*, 'Fortieth') is a [solemn](#) religious [observance](#) in the Christian [liturgical calendar](#) commemorating the [40 days Jesus spent fasting in the desert](#), according to the Gospels of [Matthew](#), [Mark](#) and [Luke](#), before beginning his [public ministry](#), during which he endured temptation by [Satan](#).^{[1][2]} Lent is observed in the [Anglican](#), [Eastern Orthodox](#), [Lutheran](#), [Methodist](#), [Moravian](#), [Oriental Orthodox](#), [Reformed](#) (including [Presbyterian](#) and [Congregationalist](#)), [United Protestant](#) and [Roman Catholic](#) Churches.^{[3][4][5]} Some [Anabaptist](#), [Baptist](#) and [nondenominational Christian](#) churches also observe Lent.^{[6][7]}

[What Is Lent and Why Do Christians Celebrate It? \(learnreligions.com\)](#)

Lent is the Christian season of spiritual preparation before Easter. In Western churches, it begins on Ash Wednesday. During Lent, many Christians observe a period of fasting, repentance, moderation, self-denial, and spiritual discipline. The purpose of the Lenten season is to set aside time for reflection on Jesus Christ—to consider his suffering and his sacrifice, his life, death, burial, and resurrection.

During the six weeks of self-examination and reflection, Christians who observe Lent typically make a commitment to fast, or to give up something—a habit, like smoking, watching TV, swearing, or a food or drink, such as sweets, chocolate, or coffee. Some Christians also take on a Lenten discipline, like reading the Bible and spending more time in prayer to draw nearer to God.

Strict observers of Lent do not eat meat on Fridays, often opting for fish instead. The goal of these spiritual disciplines is to strengthen the faith of the observer and develop a closer relationship with God.



Deep Thoughts from the Editor.....

a time for Renewal and Change

So many things are going through my mind right now. I received some really good news yesterday about the Easter Celebration at our new church. There will be an Orchestra and I get to play! What a joy!

As you may remember, 2 years ago on a Wednesday night the Thunder game was cancelled due to a player on the opposing team being diagnosed with Covid-19. Little did we know how much our lives would change that night.

I had just left our weekly Church Orchestra rehearsal. We practiced music for the next Sunday, and we had just started practicing the music for the Good Friday and Easter services. We left the music on our stands (as we did each week) because we expected to be back on Sunday....but we didn't go back. The church stopped in person services and the orchestra never returned. I waited patiently for the call to let us know we were starting again, but as the churches closed or held online services only, music changed. There was no congregation singing hymns, no choirs lifting their voices on high. Praise Bands tried to fill the void, but to me, it was just not the same. We stopped watching the online services, and we didn't go back even when the churches started opening again. My spiritual life just wasn't the same.

I mentioned before how special it was to go back to an Emmaus Gathering and sing hymns again for the first time. I knew I had been missing something, and it was praising my Lord with a joyful voice. I never gave up on Him, and prayed as much or more than before, but something was missing.....

My husband and I attended a different church for their Christmas program last year after receiving an invitation from a friend. We were so happy to see a choir and hear an organ played! So much in fact that I joined their choir the next week and we moved our membership soon after. I have now been invited to participate in their Church Orchestra for this Easter.

It was time for Dale and I to have a change in our church home and we are comfortable in our choice. Do you know someone that needs a renewal in their Spiritual journey? Invite them to attend church where you go, it could be just what they need! Reach out to your friends and neighbors that don't have a church home. Sometimes music or a special program is the one thing that gets them interested in attending. Help someone learn what it means to be Saved by the Grace of our Lord! Have a Blessed Easter.

Linda Rinehard, Newsletter Editor

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