



We Can Do Nothing On Our Own Accord

When I was a kid, I was taught to pray with my hands folded, eyes closed, and head bowed. Now there was a reason for that. We are to approach God reverently. But that's not how Jesus taught us. Methodology didn't seem to be high on His list of things to teach us. Instead, just as we read in Matthew 6, Jesus said, "Don't babble on as if the length of your prayer, the religious words you use, the actions or tone, will impress God. (Paraphrased) Instead, he taught us to pray, *"Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be your name, your Kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil."* (Mt 6:9-13 ESV)

Do you struggle to pray? Is your prayer life inconsistent? Do you ever wonder how you should pray? Do you ever ask yourself, "Do I pray the right way? What should I say?" Jesus understood our struggle. He spent 29 years preparing for the most important days of His life. He prepared for 29 years for His earthly ministry. In those 3 years, He had to go to the desert to get away to be with His Father. He had to sacrifice sleep to spend time in quiet submission. He faced temptation just like us. He battled the devil's attack in prayer.

I want you to remember that Jesus knows your every struggle. Yet, He did not approach His struggles the way we might. When we struggle, especially with spiritual things, we tend to force it. We tend to go into the struggle and try to fix the issue. Or we just give up, wait until things get out of control, so that we have to dig ourselves out of a greater problem.

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Worship with us!

Sunday, July 5th

COMMUNION SUNDAY
8:30a - Traditional Service
11:00a - Contemporary Service

Sunday, July 12th

8:30a - Traditional Service
11:00a - Contemporary Service

Sunday, July 19th

8:30a - Traditional Service
11:00a - Contemporary Service

Sunday, July 26th

8:30a - Traditional Service
11:00a - Contemporary Service

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Instead, while Jesus lived on this earth, He was fully reliant upon His Father. He did not try harder to pray. He was hopeless and helpless without Him. In His short but incredibly productive ministry, He was constantly overwhelmed. Jesus had the will of God and the weight of humanity upon His shoulders. He was constantly under attack. Only 3 years into the ministry, the religious leaders rejected Him, Roman authorities condemned Him, and He was crucified on a cross.

Jesus had no choice but to seek, lament, and depend on the power of heaven and the guidance of His Almighty Father. Without His life and sacrifice, there would be no salvation. Without His focus and fortitude, there would be no hope for all of us.

If Jesus was reliant upon His Father, how much more are we? Reliance is not something you work on. It's something you live. And when you live in full reliance on God, you can't help but go to the source and strength of your life every day and in every circumstance. Jesus said, "Truly, truly, I say to you, the Son can do nothing of his own accord." (John 5:19) Is that the way we are living? Does that define our lives? Does that define our church and the ministries we serve?

Following His earthly ministry, Jesus called us to continue what He began. Although He promised that nothing would stop what He started, we are every bit reliant upon Him for our strength. We still need His guidance, power, authority, and protection. So let us pray. Let us continue to seek, lament, and depend upon the Father. Emmaus, let us do nothing of our own accord. Pray, in the name of Christ Jesus, that God would work mightily through our church. Pray that God would guide you and lead you. Pray that God would open doors for greater impact in our communities. Pray that God would open the heavens and pour down upon us His mercy, blessings, and abundance.

Praying with you,
Pr. Nick Dyrud



Help Needed for Sundays!

Drummers, we need you!

Please consider using the God-given talents you've developed to help in the Emmaus worship teams.

We need drummers who can play occasionally or regularly in the contemporary service. We have an easy, no-pressure path for new musicians to get connected and receive as much training as they need before playing on a Sunday morning.

Please reach out to Rachel Bang, Ben Webb, or fill out the worship team form at EmmausLutheran.org/serve

This summer, we are looking for 4 volunteers between services to **help with Sunday Treats.**

A sign-up sheet is available on the Treat Table, or you may call the church office to sign up.



Please remember in prayer...

Our Emmaus Family:

Praise the Lord for the healing He has already accomplished and pray for continued healing & strength for:

Beth Arneson, Lou Blake, Lea Byboth, Karen Cardwell, Robin Caselius, Marv Christian, Clarice Garske, Wade Gibbons, Hilde Goebel, Gayle Gottfried, Linda Johnson, Quentin Johnson, Lois Kompelien, Katherine Lange, Candy Lohonen, Lola Lunde, Marge Monson, Thomas Putman, Sue Yarker, Diane Wetherell, Cheryl Miller

Pray for our Military:

1SG Nathan Carlsrud – National Guard

PFC Jerrik Miller – National Guard

SSGT Andrew Johnson – Air Force

Pray for all First Responders and their families in our midst as they serve our communities.



Pray for troubled marriages in our midst, for God's healing, reconciliation, and forgiveness.

Pray for peace in Jerusalem according to God's directive: *"You who call on the LORD, give yourselves no rest, and give Him no rest until He establishes Jerusalem and makes her the praise of the earth."* (Isaiah 62:6c-7)

Need Prayer?

During the week, you can contact the church office by phone during office hours **(952) 884-4751** or visit **emmauslutheran.org/prayer**.

There are over 200 recipients of our prayer chain emails who believe in the power of prayer! We'd love to lift you up in prayer!



Twin Cities Prays

Our Emmaus commitment is to pray for 24 hours on the second Thursday of the month.

This comes up next on **July 9th, 2026**



Last Light Article

Hello Emmaus Family,

You have become very dear and are our family. I hope that you have seen that love through these years we have been together as we have prayed, worshiped, and served the Lord together. You have also seen my heart for missions. My love for the growth of God's Kingdom is deep in my soul. The Lord has given Emmaus that mission heart, and the purpose of our church is to see the kingdom of God grow and expand.



In December, when I had been extended a sabbatical, I started seeking the Lord in an intentional and focused way through fasting and prayer. Our Lenten theme helped encourage that focus. In March, I was asked if I would be willing to talk to the Minnesota Valley Lutheran Church call committee. I agreed because I wanted to encourage them and share the vision of church renewal that we heard from Pastor Andy Coyle. In April, we met again and discussed the possibility of serving them part-time with seminarians to assist. In May, they asked if I would come and share a message and meet with their congregation. On June 21st they issued a letter of call that I accepted. I see the Lord's hand guiding this process as He has prepared me, Emmaus, and MN Valley for this transition.



My purpose in accepting this call is to help renew their church. They were once a large congregation, and because of several reasons, their attendance has declined. Jesus told his disciples, in Matthew 16:18, "I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." I am excited to see God's Kingdom grow, and I believe that the Vision Path that we went through as a church could be helpful for them as well.



It was extremely difficult to make this transition because of my deep love for all of you. We will still be close, and I pray that you will also see this move as a mission of our congregation. Pastor Nick recently preached on the Lord's Prayer and "Thy will be done." May all of our lives submit to the Lord's will to be done! Please pray with and for me as I start this new ministry, and if you are interested in church renewal, talk to me.

Following Jesus,
Pastor Kevin



Children & Youth

Children's Church Schedule for July: 7/12, 7/19, 7/26. There will be NO Children's Church on July 5th for the holiday weekend. We are still looking for volunteers to help for one Sunday in the summer. Please reach out to Kristin if interested.

VBS is right around the corner. July 20th–24th. Please register your kids at emmauslutheran.org as soon as possible. Additionally, we need volunteers for VBS. If you can come for the whole week or just one day, please sign up. All help is greatly appreciated. If you are worried there isn't a spot for you because of limitations, please know there is always a spot just for you. If you cannot help during the week of VBS we are looking for people to help with decoration set up on Saturday July 18th 10a, and Sunday after church July 19th. Lunch will be provided on Sunday for setup. One of our greatest sayings is Many Hands Make Light Work. More importantly, please be praying for VBS. This is Emmaus' largest outreach, and it takes many moving parts to make it happen. We want each person who walks through the door to feel the Lord's presence and to want to grow that relationship with Him. We want to reach the unreached, and each year we do that!

We need fans for VBS. Please bring them on the Sunday before and label them with your first and last name and leave them in the office.

Thank you, Emmaus, for helping with VBS in one way or another. My heart is overwhelmed each year at those willing to step in and help in one way or another. Thank you!

Children's Ministry Schedule

July 12,19,26 | Children's Church @ 11a

July 20–24 | VBS



Youth Ministry Schedule

July 1,8,29 Youth Group @ 6:00p – 8:00p

July 22 | Beach Day @ 12:30p



Women's Ministries

Upcoming Events!

The Women's Ministries Team will not be meeting in July. Join us on August 13th at 9 am in Room 209 as we put the finishing touches on our participation in Emmaus' 75th Anniversary Celebration.

Mark Your Calendars!

Sundays at 9:40 am in Room 209, we are continuing our Bible Study Video series by Ray Vander Laan – "The Study". These videos are standalone lessons & open to men & women. Grab your coffee & snack & join us!

July 5th – No Class

July 12th – The Gennesaret

July 19th – The Commandment

July 26th – The Neighbor

August 2nd – The Samaritan

August 9th – The Kingdom



News from the WMT:

The Annual Salad Supper was a super success! With over 100 ladies in attendance, it was a lovely evening with a delicious salad bar, sweet fellowship, & a time to remember ladies from the past year who had been promoted to heaven! We were also able to honor two very special ladies, Clarice Garske & Kathy Christian, for their many years of service & dedication to Emmaus & our Women's Ministries.



Our Quilters took a day trip to visit the AFLC Church Sunnyside's Quilters group for a time of fellowship & exchange of ideas! It was a blessing to see another group of dedicated ladies sharing their time & talents for God's purposes.

Ladies from Emmaus joined over 200 ladies from across the nation for the AFLC National WMF Day on June 10th. Together, they shared in a wonderful program with this year's theme, "I Believe, Help My Unbelief." Also, an offering of over \$6,000 was collected in support of the WMF & AFLC Christian Education.



We are actively involved in Emmaus' 75th Anniversary celebration to make it a wonderful time. Set up, decorating, & cleanup for the Banquet on Saturday, September 19th; making bars for Sunday, September 20th; & the Open House. There will be sign-up sheets in the Atrium in August. Please consider taking time to give back to Emmaus in honor of our 75th Anniversary.

The WMT invites your comments, feedback, & any areas of ministry you would like to see highlighted. Contact the church office

Do you need tablecloths for an Emmaus-sponsored event? The WMT has many colors to choose from. Contact Kathy Connolly through the church office for more details. Tablecloths would need to be returned cleaned & pressed.

Praying Around the World

We must pray as if our missionaries are climbing down the mountain, held only by the single rope of prayer, and we are the only ones holding the rope. Lord, let it be said of us that we are faithful to pray as individuals and as a church for those we have sent out to do Your work.

- Please pray for the FLBC (Free Lutheran Bible College) student summer teams: Cornerstone, Covenant, Fortress, Foundation, and Zion, as they minister during the summer months throughout the AFLC congregations to children and families through VBS and serve in some locations as dorm room leaders. Pray for these five teams, each made up of 2 men and 2 women, as they travel and share the Good News throughout Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Wisconsin, Iowa, Illinois, Missouri, Montana, Washington, and Saskatchewan, Canada. Pray for the Lord's hand of protection to be on them as they travel and reach out in His Name.
- Praise the Lord for the mission outreach of VBS right in our own backyard! Please pray for these days of ministry in our midst, that the Gospel will be clearly understood by the little hearts who attend, as well as those who are volunteering this month. Pray that lives would be both challenged and changed for eternity.
- Please pray for "Good in the Hood" and their ministry of SoleCare, where volunteer nurses go directly to shelters, community centers, and food giveaway sites, providing foot assessments, nail care, and clean socks. As they care and listen, they remind neighbors that they have not been forgotten. Pray for these moments of contact to open doors to share the life-giving love of Christ with those they encounter on these visits.
- Please pray for the peace of Israel. Pray for the Lord's strength and endurance for those who live in this land of promise, that a passion for knowing Him will emerge afresh in the hearts of those who have made the Holy Land their home. Pray for our missionaries in this area.
- Praise the Lord for the AFLC Journey Missions trip to the Czech Republic on July 3-19. Please pray for this team as they serve at 2 English Camps and lead a dynamic day camp for local children. Pray for open hearts to hear the Truth of the Gospel during these days of camp this month.

Operation Christmas Child

Please remember Operation Christmas Child while shopping. Needed items include notebooks, pencils, crayons, small scissors, underwear, and beanies. Many other items are welcome too. We need volunteers for the Packing Party on November 15 and setup on November 14.

Empty shoeboxes for packing will be available on Startup Sunday and any Sunday in October. Thank you for helping share God's love with children worldwide!

Mission Events:

July 9th- 11:00 Missions Committee Meeting

Happy
Birthday!

Mike Thorud
July 8

Pioo Garduque
July 11

Kevin Olson
July 16

Joni Silver
July 20

Call the church office for contact information.



Mission of the Month: MN Adult & Teen Challenge

In July, our mission focus is on MN Adult & Teen Challenge. We celebrate how God called people into this ministry years ago and how it continues to thrive in Minneapolis and beyond.

Emmaus partners with this ministry through volunteers, the annual Ragnar "Duluth Run," and ongoing prayer and financial support.



In 1993, Rich and Lynette Scherber followed God's call to MN Adult & Teen Challenge. Rich became Executive Director and opened the first home on Clinton Avenue—an abandoned house purchased for \$1 and lovingly restored to become a place of healing.

In 2022, Tom Truszinski became CEO, building on Pastor Rich's foundation with deep knowledge and passion for the work. Today, MN Adult & Teen Challenge serves more than 3,400 Minnesota men, women, and teens struggling with addiction, meeting each person where they are in their recovery journey and putting hope within reach for every Minnesotan facing substance use.



Freedom from addiction **is possible**

Some facts about treatment & progress as of 2024:

- Residential Treatment: 2,177 clients receiving assessments & counseling.
- Life Renewal Recovery Program: 1,039 clients benefiting from a multidisciplinary approach.
- Outpatient Program: 930 clients receiving individualized treatment.
- Lakeside Academy: 78 boys aged 14 to 18 in faith-based residential treatment.

Prayer Requests:

- For the Lord to provide the staff & needed volunteers for MN Adult & Teen Challenge. Praise the Lord for those who have presently accepted the call & are currently connected with this very needed ministry in our Twin Cities area.
- Please pray for those who are sensing the need to be a part of this program, & are wanting help to find the strength to say, "yes" to the help & love of Christ, that MN Adult & Teen Challenge offers
- Praise the Lord for the many ways He continues to provide for this ministry. Pray for the leadership under Tom Truszinski to be strong in the Lord & in the knowledge of his Word, as they rely on the Lord to direct this ministry in the days & years to come.



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Respond! Short Term Missions

Respond! Report

Sunday, August 2nd, 2026 @ 6:30p

We are looking forward to sharing with you the many adventures and testimonies that we have experienced on this short-term mission.

Come hear, see, and learn what God has done.

Hearts and lives have been changed. Glory to God.



We are also celebrating Respond's 20th Birthday!

20 years of God providing prayer support, donations for specific needs, safety, provisions, blessings, volunteers, finances, and partnerships.

We never could do this without your help.

House of Hope

Family Needs

- Clothing (school, play, pajamas — new or gently used)
- Pants: size 8 and 2T
- Shirts: size 8 and 2T
- Diapers: size 5

Prayer Request

- For Kristina, as she interns at the Healing House, that this would lead to a good job for her and her family.

Team Meeting

- Tuesday, July 28 at 5:30 PM



GriefShare

GriefShare Friends Gathering

Thursday, July 16th, 2026 @ 1:30p

All Emmaus GriefShare "alumni" are invited to get together for an afternoon reunion in the Fireside Room 1:30–3p. on July 16th. Along with familiar faces and the bond of shared loss, we'll enjoy a video and dig into one of the aspects of grief while enjoying some great snacks.

Don't miss this time to reconnect with friends! If you have questions, please contact Mavis Miller at 952-431-1132.

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EMMAUS COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

JUNE 2, 2026

Present: Pastor Nick, Paul Eikom, Nate Anderson, Keith Grinde, Mike Anenson, Chuck Scott, Ben Webb, Jennifer Hanson, Aaron Bogott, Mark McGaffey, Eric Ringquist, Al Spadine, Gary Gilbertson, Mark Stowman

Absent: Kyle Anenson, Pastor Kevin

Opening Devotions: Nate A Matthew 5:17 – The Bible study explored the historical and linguistic continuity between the Old and New Testaments through the Hebrew concept of the Brit Chadashah (Renewed Covenant). The narrative examined the painful historical split between Judaism and early Christianity between 70 AD and 136 AD, highlighting how the translation from Hebrew to Latin shifted our Western understanding of "new" away from its original meaning of "renewal." Ultimately, the presentation highlighted God's sovereignty in how the Jewish people have preserved the prophetic terminology of Jeremiah 31 to describe the New Testament scriptures today.

Secretary Report: approved by email

Executive Committee Report: Paul

- New staffing positions have begun (Rachael Bang and Ben W)
- Council Liaison Role Definitions: Ideas on updating definitions of the roles? Send ideas to Paul or Aaron

Treasurer's Report: Al

- Motion (Chuck) Seconded (Eric) to review and vote for approval of May & June financial reports at the July council meeting. Vote: approved

Trustee Report: Al

- Women's Ministry Team: Salad supper went very well
- Nate is researching the church's security systems: waiting on quotes
- Gary is continuing to work with the Greeters & Observers: sub-committee meetings occurring.
- Mark M: Sidewalk project is underway. Also, House of Hope roof needs some repair and eventually shingles to be replaced
- Nate and Karla looking at internet & technology options for the church
- A Stewardship video has been created and will be shown to congregation

Deacon Report: Paul & Pastor Nick

- Discussed possible new Vision Path focus
- Adult Studies: Looking at a Vision plan for these studies

Pastor Nick Report: June 2026

1. Vision Path Update
 - During our council meeting, we will discuss how this fits with our Vision and Partnering focuses for 2026–2027. [Welcoming and Engaging Visitors, Equipping the Church for Ministry, Reaching the Next Generation, and Evangelism and Discipleship]
 - Questions: In what ways have we been effective in casting our vision to the congregation? How effective have we been at unifying the church around our Vision Path? Have we created a team environment rather than siloed activities? In what ways do we need to do a better job at casting vision? How has your area of ministry/liaison role been connected with our Vision Path focuses? How has Vision and Partnering helped you or aided in your role as a ministry liaison? How can church leadership in each separate role have one unified focus?
2. Worship in the Park
 - Thank you to all those who volunteered their time at Worship-In-The-Park. We had a beautiful day for Sunday service and fellowship. We are planning Worship-In-The-Park next year. Do you have any feedback or thoughts for the church staff?
 - – Early feedback was very positive. Seemed to work very well. Sound volume could be improved. Suggestion to place a volunteer at the main entrance area.
3. Annual Meeting Preparation
 - As we prepare for the Annual Congregational Meeting on June 24th, we will need to discuss our agenda and vote on our recommendations for the 2027 budget and council responsibilities for the annual meeting.
 - Communion record-keeping will be discussed at the meeting
 - Ballot takers have been designated
4. Church Building and Ministry Annual Scheduling Update
 - Emmaus has a very full upcoming schedule

Intern Pastor Ben W Report: June 2026

1. Missions
 - The council voted on May 21 via email to approve these recommendations from the Missions
 - Committee:
 - \$1,500 for Elling Dyrud (Alaska)
 - \$1,500 for Jolsaac Erickson (Ukraine)
 - \$500 for Lyane and Andrew Wright (Alaska)
 - \$50 each for 25 Respond Baja participants (see attachment), totaling \$1,250. This is our standard amount for Respond trips.
2. Handoff
 - Pr Kevin briefed me on organizing Home Groups and being involved with the Mission Committee, and Visitation Committee. He listed three areas of work.
 - Administration – areas that need organizational assistance; home groups are one example of that.
 - Preparation, which includes sermons, Sunday school, or even meeting preparation
 - Communication – which includes visitation, hospital care, and general congregational awareness
3. Strengths Finder Resource
 - Gallop offers an assessment for teams to identify the general strengths and weaknesses of individuals. They test for 36 different leadership strengths, which are generalized into four areas: executing, influencing, relationship building, and strategic thinking. Staff would benefit by working from our strengths and hiring/delegating for our weaknesses. Council would benefit by knowing which people are best suited for different responsibilities.
4. Rachel Bang has begun planning and leading both worship services.
5. I applied for rostering as a fellowship clergy with the AFLC Coordinating Committee. My application will be reviewed in June. They will begin interviewing applicants in August.
6. IMPORTANT DATES:
 - 6/10–13 AFLC Annual Conference at Concordia College, Moorhead, MN
 - 6/13 & 7/11 Men's Prayer Breakfasts
 - 7/20–24 Vacation Bible School

Old Business:

- New Baptismal Font: Staff is researching having a new one made

New Business:

- (Al) Pre-School Room: Discussion of possible renovations
- Annual Budget: The council recommends approving the 2026/2027 Annual Budget of \$903,000.00. Vote to approve: Approved
- Emmaus is currently paying 80% of Ben Webb's health coverage through his wife's insurance policy. Recommendation to continue this for the 2026/2027 year. Vote to approve: Approved

Motioned to adjourn meeting (Chuck) second (Mark M)– Motion approved.
Minutes submitted by Mark Stowman

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Celebrating 75 Years of God's Faithfulness

Sep 18–20, 2026

Spread the word! Contact those friends and family members who were a part of Emmaus in the past and share this information with them so they can join us!

Friday, Sep 18

The weekend will kick off with an evening of worship, music and praise which will include favorite hymns and praise songs through the decades and video clips of Christmas at the Inn, the Vienna Choir trip, and children's musicals. We're gathering a choir and as many musicians as possible to make this "walk down memory lane" an enjoyable evening of remembering and celebrating God's goodness through the gift of music. This is a free event at Emmaus, including dessert and coffee afterward; no registration required.

Saturday, Sep 19

All are invited to join in for a time of fellowship on the golf course on Saturday, September 19th at 9a at Birnamwood Golf Course. It's a family-friendly 9-hole Par 3 course, so all ages and genders are invited to join in. The round should take 90–120 minutes. Invite your child or grandchild to join you. Cost is \$20 per person and includes the golf (walking) and a light lunch of hot dogs and chips after the golf. Electric carts are available to rent at the course. Sign up after church on Sundays when Banquet tickets are sold, or contact Bill Miller or Diane Lyngstad to sign up.

Our Diamond Anniversary banquet will be held at Cedar Valley Church (86th & Bloomington Avenue) at 4:00 pm. Tickets (\$25/person) for the banquet include your choice of entree (a pork chop OR grilled chicken breast (GF)), along with potato, vegetable, salad, and dessert. Supervised childcare is available for children 3 years old to 3rd grade (starting grade in September) with pizza, veggie sticks, and a beverage for \$10 per child. Banquet tickets will go on sale at church beginning Sunday, July 26 and must be purchased by September 7th.

Sunday, Sep 20

- 9:00 am fellowship hour including a memory-sharing time, "I Remember When .."
- 10:30 am worship celebration
- 12:30 to 4:00 p.m. open house including lots of "over the years" ministry displays and informal reunion opportunities.

A lite lunch (sandwiches, chips) will be served in the gym from 12:30 to 2:00 pm (donations appreciated). Emmaus Women's Ministry will serve coffee, lemonade and bars during the afternoon hours.

Save the date!

A Night of Music & Praise

September 18th @ 7p

Golf Outing*

5K Run*

September 19th @ 9a

Anniversary Banquet*

*September 19th 4p @
Cedar Valley Church*

Worship & Open House

September 20th (10:30–4p)

* Registration and/or tickets required in advance.



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We Need Your Help!

The actual anniversary weekend will be a busy time, and lots of helping hands will be needed. The tasks are many and varied: tech/media production, decorating*, hospitality/food service (Friday night & Sunday afternoon), greeting*, childcare (*At Emmaus and Cedar Valley). Please contact Mavis Miller (mmiller@emmauslutheran.org OR 952-431-1132) if you'd be willing to assist with this special occasion.

- We are seeking to borrow or receive a donation of an iPad (new or used) to capture photos at various events using photo booth software. Please contact Aaron Bogott (763-910-3352) if you can assist with this or have questions.
- We also seek the use of a Super 8 movie projector to be able to digitize old movies.
- We're still seeking confirmation photos from 1961, 1999, 2000, 2009, 2010, and 2016. If you have any of them, we would appreciate borrowing them in order to make copies for the church archives. Please let us know if you have these precious memories.

If your memory is jogged and you have something you'd like to share, please email us at 75@emmauslutheran.org. Your testimony, photos, and memories will be a blessing to the generations who lived them as well as the future generations.

Anniversary Apparel Available!

Sweatshirts and T-shirts carrying the "generations" logo have arrived and are available for pick up on Sunday mornings at church. Please plan to pay via cash, check, or card for the items ordered previously. New orders must be submitted by July 26, 2026; please order at church or contact Aaron Bogott at 763-910-3352.

75th Anniversary Registration & Payment Information

Payment can be made online at emmauslutheran.org/give by selecting 75 Anniversary, or at Emmaus.

Name: _____

Phone Number _____

Please register me for these events on September 19, 2026:

☐ The Birnamwood Golf Tournament - \$20/person

☐ The Disc Golf Tournament - no charge

☐ The 5K Run at ValleyView Park - no charge

☐ The Anniversary Banquet at Cedar Valley - \$25/adult, \$10/child

Number of adults & names _____

Number of children & names _____

