



## The Great Commission Is...

When I leave for a work trip, the last words I say to my kids are intended to carry some weight. "Be wise and strong, be helpful to your mother and obedient. I love you." As a pastor, I have spent many days in homes and hospitals, with families gathered at the bedside of a loved one. What your grandfather or grandmother, father, mother, or child has told you before they pass into eternity are words you don't forget, and they're often very important.

In the moments before Christ's ascension, Jesus encouraged His disciples with these last words: "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses" [Acts 1:8, ESV]. These words should carry weight and significance to all believers in Christ. We don't have to wonder about our purpose. The church has no need to argue over what to focus on and do; we are all called to be witnesses.

### What does it mean to be a witness?

A witness is one who has seen and experienced what has taken place and testifies to another. Through the Holy Spirit's work, we are called to give evidence of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We are to bear witness in our speech and in our actions, where we are and where we go. We represent Jesus in our home, neighborhood, school, work, and leisure. Matthew records it this way, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you." [Matthew 28:19-20a, ESV]

In the original language of the written New Testament, the Great Commission contains one direct commandment: make disciples. This means the instructions to go, baptize, teach, and obey all that Christ has commanded relate to how discipleship is carried out.

## Worship with us!

### Sunday, October 4th

**COMMUNION SUNDAY**  
8:30a - Traditional Service  
9:40a - Classes for All Ages  
11a - Contemporary Service

### Sunday, October 11th

8:30a - Traditional Service  
9:40a - Classes for All Ages  
11a - Contemporary Service

### Sunday, October 18th

8:30a - Traditional Service  
9:40a - Classes for All Ages  
11a - Contemporary Service

### Sunday, October 25th

8:30a - Traditional Service  
9:40a - Classes for All Ages  
11a - Contemporary Service

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## What does this tell us?

The power was not given to a select group, but to all who believe. This means 'going' is not optional, but a privilege that we share as we live out what we have been given through Jesus. We are not given the option of staying put. Yes, we can minister where we are and where we live, but not by hiding, neglecting, or avoiding discipleship. This also means that we are to share the grace of Jesus with all people in every place. No one is undeserving or ineligible for the Good News.

Next, we are called to baptize. Jesus died so that we could be forgiven and cleansed from our sin. The new life we have been given brings us peace with God, freedom from the law of sin and death, and abundant and eternal life because of the victory of Jesus' resurrection. It also means we are to be obedient as we grow and support one another, training, teaching, and equipping.

Church, may we never forget our true purpose: to be witnesses of Jesus' life, death, and resurrection. I pray this continues to inform every aspect of our congregational life here at Emmaus and every aspect of our lives away from this building. I hope it will continue to guide our focus as we head into this next season of our church's history, so that Christ will be proclaimed until He comes again and establishes His Kingdom.

– Pr. Nick Dyrud



## Fall Bible Studies

### Women's Bible Study

*Sundays @ 9:40a & Wednesdays @ 6:30p in Room 209 // Jeanette Berntson*

This study of 1 Timothy will explore why our beliefs matter and how they shape what we do as a church. Through its six chapters, we will examine the church's responsibility to fellow believers and unbelievers and renew our commitment to biblical instruction.

### Men's Bible Studies

*Sundays @ 9:40a in Room 207 //*

Gain victory over evil with this biblically grounded guide! Best-selling author Neil Anderson and Timothy Warner will teach you what spiritual warfare is, who should engage in it, how to use its weapons to protect yourself and your loved ones from Satan's attacks, and more.

*Wednesdays @ 6:30p in Room 207 // Dan Eikom*

Join us as we explore Paul's letter to the Ephesians verse by verse, covering doctrine and how to stand strong in faith by putting on the full armor of God.

### Tuesday Morning Bible Study

*Tuesdays @ 10a in the Sanctuary // Mike Anenson, Kathy Wellumson, & Mark Stowman*

Join us as we journey through the book of Genesis, where we will explore the entrance of sin into the world, God's covenant promises, and the lives of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph. Whether you have studied Genesis before or are opening it with fresh eyes, you are warmly invited to join us.

### Parents of Young Families

*Sundays @ 9:40a in the Fireside Room // Tom & Megan Beukhof*

Becoming Like Jesus shows how the Beatitudes paint a picture of the kind of heart Christ forms in us—not a checklist to earn God's love, but a portrait of the transformation His grace produces. Parents of young families are invited to gather for a six-week study of Matt Chandler's video series, growing together in faith and community as we dive deeper into God's Word.

### Mom's Support

*Wednesdays @ 6:30p in the Prayer Room*

Biblical devotionals that support and encourage parenting.





## Please remember in prayer...

### Our Emmaus Family:

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

- The Family of Lois Kompelien
- Jim Danburg
- Mary Kay Peterick (Mavis Miller's Cousin)
- John Peterson
- Joe & Kari Erickson
- Dawn Halvorsen & Family
- Joy Bliss (Rosanne Bliss' Sister)
- Wade Gibbons
- Val (Rachel Peterson's Coworker)
- Noah Abercrombie & Family
- Ken Anenson
- Brittney Raymakers
- Candy Lohonen
- Lisa (Marlene Olson's daughter-in-law)
- John Connelly (Kathy's ex-husband)
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### 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](http://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 **October 8th, 2026**



# Children & Youth

## Calling all Teddy Bears!

We are collecting new and gently used Teddy Bears for the Presbyterian Homes of Bloomington & Richfield Villa Centers. They will be handed out to the Memory Care units, which house residents with cognitive issues, as Christmas presents. A basket will be in the atrium to collect the bears you bring. Please donate by Wed Dec. 2nd.

October 18th is **National Sunday School Teacher Appreciation Day**. Please take a moment to thank all the teachers investing in our congregation!

## Children Ministry Schedule

**Oct 4,11,18,25** // Sunday King's Kids @ 9:40a-10:40a

## Youth Ministry Schedule

**Oct 7,21,28** // Wednesday Youth Group @ 6:30-8p  
**Oct 4,11,25** // Sunday Youth Studies @ 9:40a-10:40a  
**Oct 4,11,25** // Confirmation @ 9:40a-10:40a  
**Oct 14-18** // Camp Patmos





# Operation Christmas Child

## Operation Christmas Child: Getting Ready to Pack!

For over 20 years, I have been blessed to serve with **Operation Christmas Child (OCC)** in the southern Twin Cities area and, for the last several years, as Project Manager at Emmaus. I am praying that God will tug on someone's heart to step into the Project Manager role so this wonderful ministry can continue at Emmaus.

Through a simple shoebox, children receive tangible gifts and an opportunity to learn about Jesus through **"The Greatest Journey."** There are so many wonderful stories of children, and even entire families, coming to know Jesus!

## How You Can Help

Our next **OCC work session is Thursday, October 8 at 1:00 p.m.** We'll sort and organize donations and determine what items are still needed. Current needs include:

- Pencils, sharpeners, colored pencils, and crayons
- Scissors, toothbrushes, paper, and notebooks
- Socks and boys' briefs

## Key Dates

- **Thursday, October 8 at 1:00p:** OCC Work Session
- **Wednesday, November 11:** Youth fold shoeboxes
- **Friday, November 13:** Set-up help needed
- **Saturday, November 14, 8:30a – noon:** Organize and prepare boxes
- **Sunday, November 15, 8:00a – 1:00p:** Packing Party!
- **Tuesday, November 17:** Deliver cartons to Berean Baptist Church

You don't have to stay the entire time. **Even an hour or two is a wonderful help!** Please pray for our volunteers, the supplies we need, our future Project Manager, and especially the children and families who will receive these shoeboxes.

**Love to all because I love Jesus and the OCC ministry,  
Mary Kaluza**

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# Women's Ministries

## Upcoming Events:

October Women's Ministries Meeting

Join us on October 8th at 9 am in Room 209 as we look forward to our Fall/Winter events with planning and prayer.

## A Very Big Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who helped make Emmaus' 75th Anniversary Celebration truly a success.

From the ladies (and a few guys) that made bars to those who labored ironing tablecloths and setting centerpieces for our banquet. It was a blessing to all who attended.

A special Thank You to those who came and visited our Women's Ministries room during the Open House! It was a great place to reacquaint yourself with those visiting; look over the endless photo albums and view a special video presentation. The number and scope of the ministries represented was truly amazing and a wonderful reflection of all that God has done at Emmaus during the last 75 years.

## Fall Rally – "Rooted and Built Up"

Colossians 2:6-7

The WMF Fall Rally is on Saturday, October 24th at Minnesota Valley Church in Lakeville with registration at 8:00 am and program beginning at 9:00 am.

The agenda features Mrs. Madison Trost – FBLC Professor of Speech and Writing; a testimony from Jane Rasmussen; an update on our AFLC Missionaries and a time of worship. Sign-up sheets to RSVP and carpool will be available in the Atrium beginning Sunday, October 4th. Cost for the rally is \$10/person. Nursery will be available too.

## Annual Christmas Celebration!

Save the date – Saturday, December 5th as Women's Ministries presents "Christmas with Corrie ten Boon."

The WMT invites your comments, feedback and any areas of ministry you would like to see highlighted. Contact the church office at 952.884.4751.

Challenging Women to Say "Yes" to Jesus!



# 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.*

- Praise the Lord for those he has led to join the support team for the Nash family. Please pray that they will soon be fully funded to begin their new jobs as they continue working with the development of sending out missionaries.
- Praise the Lord for all this work of VVMI. Please pray for wisdom as they consider new opportunities to assist in reaching the lost throughout the world.
- Praise the Lord for the recent fundraiser for "Together for Good". Please continue to pray for this very needed ministry that clearly demonstrates the loving hands and feet of Jesus to those who need to know someone cares for them and their families.
- Please pray for the ministry of "Chosen People", and for the outreach, and this mystery that extends throughout the world. Pray for clarity of the truth to change hearts and lives, through the divine grace that God so freely gives to all.
- Praise the Lord for "Outpost Ministries" and its existence for the past fifty years. Please pray for their ministry this month, as they celebrate our Loving God and give thanks for the answer to prayer; it has been to be able to continue declaring freedom in our area for all of these years!

## Living Stone Ministry Update & Prayer Requests

As the new school year begins, Jia and I are grateful to welcome new families into our community. Though this season has been both exciting and exhausting, we continue to see God's faithfulness and grace.

Several new friends are grateful for the care they have received from Living Stone. Their encouragement reminded us how easily pride can enter even Christian service. Our Sunday school series on Law and Gospel has also reminded us of our sinfulness and weakness—and, even more, of God's unchanging faithfulness and saving grace in Christ.

"The church is not an exhibition hall for saints, but a hospital for the sick."

We come to church not to display our goodness, but because we are sinners who continually need Christ's forgiveness and salvation. As 1 John 1:8–9 reminds us, when we confess our sins, God is faithful and just to forgive and cleanse us. Thanks be to God for His wonderful grace in Jesus Christ!

### **Please pray for our Living Stone Chinese Fellowship:**

- Please pray for God's guidance as Jia and I prepare our green card application, for wisdom for those helping us, and for a smooth submission according to His will.
- Through Pastors Kevin and Nathan Olson, we met a couple facing serious housing difficulties. Their daughter is receiving hospital treatment for a serious illness and has experienced spousal abuse. God graciously provided housing for the couple, and they have joined us for worship the past two weeks. Please pray for their daughter's healing; protection and comfort for the family; financial provision while Chen awaits USCIS approval of his work authorization; and that through the love and fellowship of Living Stone, they would grow in faith and know more deeply Christ's saving grace and unfailing love.
- Church Growth & Relationships: Please pray for Living Stone's pastoral ministry, outreach, and relationships with those God brings to us. May His Word strengthen our faith, deepen our love for one another, and draw more people to the hope and salvation found in Jesus Christ.

May everything we do point not to our own goodness, but to the faithfulness, mercy, and glory of our gracious Savior. Amen.

In Christ's Love, Pr. Holmes

## Mission

### Events:

#### **Missions Committee Meeting**

October 8<sup>th</sup> @ 11a  
In the Fireside Room

#### **Missions Movie Night**

October 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6:30pm "The Great Awakening"

October 10<sup>th</sup> – Emmaus volunteers will be serving at Hospitality Center

## August Mission Income:

\$3,959

## August Mission Expense:

\$16,950



## Mission of the Month: Gideons International Organization

The mission focus for the month of October is on the Word of God through the Gideons International Organization. Emmaus has been blessed throughout the years to partner in sharing the Word of God with the hearts of so many through this ministry. We have Emmaus family members who are Gideons and are thankful for their dedication in sharing the copies of the printed Word both locally and with people around the world.

### **To Win Others For Christ**

For those on mission to spread the Gospel, The Gideons International is an evangelical association that equips and mobilizes Christian business and professional men, along with their wives, to share God's Word, winning others for Jesus Christ worldwide. Our single mission is to win others for the Lord Jesus Christ by strengthening one another, sharing the Gospel message, and distributing copies of God's Word in hotels, hospitals, shelters, and other places where people often seek hope.

### **Over 125 Years of the Lord's Faithfulness**

Founded in 1899, The Gideons International serves as an extended missionary arm of the church. From the first Bibles being shared in hotels, and placed in hospitals, to YMCA facilities and schools, the Gideons have been a work around the world using many avenues to put the Gospel into the hands of all who are willing to receive it.

Please consider where the Lord might be calling you. It might be to support the ministry prayerfully, financially, or to physically join the ministry and become a Gideon. May the Lord's hand continue to move through the faithful members of this mission outreach.



Contact Information: The Gideons International,  
PO Box 140800, Nashville TN 37214  
Phone: 615-564-5000 Email: [tgi@gideons.org](mailto:tgi@gideons.org)



## Golden Hearts

Wednesday, October 21st @ 11a in the Fellowship Hall (Gym)

Meal \$10 Fajita Chicken w/bun, Garden Medley Salad, Dessert

Sign up and reserve your spot in the atrium **between services** on Sundays, Oct 11 & 18th.

Our program will feature the Richfield Silver Notes senior singers with a light meal will follow.

## GriefShare

Fall/Winter Cycle Begins  
Thursday, October 1st @ 1:30p



The loss of a loved one is common, but so often we don't know how to talk about the loss or our feelings; and others don't know how to talk with us in a comforting way. GriefShare is a 13-week cycle of sessions on various topics related to the loss of a loved one. Each session includes snacks and refreshments, a 30-minute video plus group discussions. The accompanying workbook that is included with the course is filled with practical and personal recovery tips. There is no cost for the course.

Previous attendees have found healing and courage to move forward while cherishing the one lost by participating in a GriefShare group. Because everyone there is dealing with the loss of a loved one, a bond of commonality is formed and encouragement is found as we share our stories and our hearts begin to heal.

Emmaus will host another cycle of GriefShare on Thursday afternoons, 1:30–3:15 pm beginning October 1st. Please register online at [griefshare.org/findagroup](http://griefshare.org/findagroup).

If you have questions and want more information, contact Mavis Miller, GriefShare Ministry Coordinator, at 952-884-4751.

## Respond! Short Term Missions

Sunday, October 11th @ 12:30p

Respond STM will be hosting a Fundraiser Salmon Dinner For the AFLC Alaskan Mission in Naknek, Alaska  
The meal will feature wild-caught Alaskan sockeye salmon  
**Tickets will go on sale Sunday, Sept. 27th**  
Adult – \$15, Child – \$7  
We also have “to go” meals available to order

We look forward to serving you

**\*\*See Becky Peterson to sign up to help volunteer\*\***

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## Office Hours

Monday - Thursday 8:30a - 4:30p

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| SUNDAY                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | MONDAY            | TUESDAY                                                                                      | WEDNESDAY                                                                                                                                                                                           | 1 THURSDAY                                                                                                                                    | 2 FRIDAY                                                              | 3 SATURDAY                                                                             |
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|                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |                   |                                                                                              |                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 9a Pickleball<br><br>1p Visitation Team<br>1:30p GriefShare                                                                                   | OFFICE CLOSED<br><br>6p Missions Movie Night<br>"The Great Awakening" | 8a Men's Bible Study                                                                   |
| 4<br><b>Communion Sunday</b><br>8:30a Traditional Service<br>9:40a Sunday Studies<br>11a Contemp. Service                                                                                                                | 5<br>9a Quilters  | 6<br>10a Tuesday Bible Study<br><br>6:30p Church Council Meeting<br>7p Adult Choir Rehearsal | 7<br><br>5p Childrens Choir<br>5:45p Simple Supper<br>6:30p Kings Kids<br>6:30p Youth Group<br>6:30p Worship Rehearsal<br>6:30p Adult Studies                                                       | 8<br>9a Pickleball<br>9a WMT Meeting<br>11a Missions Committee<br><br>1p OCC Work Session<br>1:30p Griefshare<br><br><b>Twin Cities Prays</b> | 9<br>OFFICE CLOSED                                                    | 10<br>7a Men's Breakfast<br>8a Men's Bible Study<br>9a Salmon Dinner Set up            |
| 11<br>8:30a Traditional Service<br>9:40a Sunday Studies<br>11a Contemp. Service<br><br>12:30p Respond Salmon Dinner                                                                                                      | 12<br>9a Quilters | 13<br>10a Tuesday Bible Study<br><br>7p Adult Choir Rehearsal                                | 14<br>11a Golden Hearts<br><br>5p Childrens Choir<br>5:45p Simple Supper<br>6:30p Kings Kids<br>6:30p Youth Group<br>6:30p Worship Rehearsal<br>6:30p Adult Studies<br><br><b>Youth Camp Patmos</b> | 15<br>9a Pickleball<br><br>1:30p GriefShare<br><br><b>Youth Camp Patmos</b>                                                                   | 16<br>OFFICE CLOSED<br><br><b>Youth Camp Patmos</b>                   | 17<br>8a Men's Bible Study<br><br><b>Youth Camp Patmos</b>                             |
| 18<br><b>National Sunday School Teacher Appreciation Day</b><br><br>8:30a Traditional Service<br>9:40a Sunday Studies<br>11a Contemp. Service<br><br>12:30p Summer 2027 STM info meeting<br><br><b>Youth Camp Patmos</b> | 19<br>9a Quilters | 20<br>10a Tuesday Bible Study<br><br>7p Adult Choir Rehearsal                                | 21<br>See you at the Pole<br><br>5p Childrens Choir<br>5:45p Simple Supper<br>6:30p Kings Kids<br>6:30p Youth Group<br>6:30p Worship Rehearsal<br>6:30p Adult Studies                               | 22<br>9a Pickleball<br><br>1:30p GriefShare                                                                                                   | 23<br>OFFICE CLOSED                                                   | 24<br>8a Men's Bible Study<br>9a WMF Fall Rally                                        |
| 25<br>8:30a Traditional Service<br>9:40a Sunday Studies<br>11a Contemp. Service                                                                                                                                          | 26<br>9a Quilters | 27<br>10a Tuesday Bible Study<br><br>7p Adult Choir Rehearsal                                | 28<br><br>5p Childrens Choir<br>5:45p Simple Supper<br>6:30p Kings Kids<br>6:30p Youth Group<br>6:30p Worship Rehearsal<br>6:30p Adult Studies                                                      | 29<br>9a Pickleball<br><br>1:30p GriefShare                                                                                                   | 30<br>OFFICE CLOSED                                                   | 31<br><br>1P Chosen People Ministries:<br>The present attack on God's Chosen<br><br>10 |

# The King is Coming

**Sundays @ 9:40a in the Sanctuary // Pastor Nick**

Join us as we explore what it means to prepare for Christ's Second Coming in this six-session video Bible study, where we will explore biblical prophecy and reveal God's master plan for His Bride – and His purpose for your life.

## Book Summary

If Jesus were to return tomorrow, would you be ready? In *The King Is Coming*, John Bevere discusses why the Second Coming is both relevant and critical for the Christian faith. Other than salvation, it's the second most discussed topic both in the New Testament and by early church fathers in the first three centuries. More than a book about prophecy, this life-changing guide will help believers live fully prepared for Christ's return while transforming the way we love, serve, and glorify God.



Bevere recounts his personal shift from avoiding eschatology to fully recognizing its significance. Witnessing the misuse and division caused by End Time teachings initially led him away from the topic, but through the Holy Spirit's guidance and a deeper study of Scripture, Bevere's heart and life were transformed. Through extensive references to prophetic Scriptures, the book explores many of the over three-hundred New Testament mentions of Jesus' return, providing a foundation that will help readers:

- Live in awe of the Creator of the universe who holds time in His hands.
- Grow in holiness, compassion, purpose, and gain a closer relationship with God.
- Live with an eternal outlook, inspiring a sense of hope, urgency, and mission.
- Avoid division by focusing on the transformative power of our reigning King.
- Discover an eschatology that replaces fear and alarmism with true hope.

Through personal testimonies and a close examination of Scripture, John offers readers spiritual truths, insight, encouragement, and practical steps to develop a readiness shaped by faith and obedience. And as with *The Awe of God*, each chapter will close with his 5 P's: Passage, Point, Ponder, Prayer, and Profession.

*The King Is Coming* is both a wake-up call, faith builder, and a source of hope for Christian men and women seeking to deepen their relationship with Christ and prepare for His glorious return.

**Present:** Pastor Nick Dyrud, Ben Webb, Aaron Bogott, Keith Grinde, Eric Ringquist, Cheri Anenson, Mark McGaffey, Jen Hanson, Nate Anderson, Kyle Anenson, Allison Fisher, Tom Beukhof, Mike Anenson, Gary Gilbertson, Al Spadine

**Opening Devotions:** Al Spadine on The Search for Leaders. In Exodus 3, God called Moses to lead His people. God's search for leaders is different from the world's. God calls servant leaders, and when He calls them, He equips them for the task. He chooses them not based on their qualifications, but by their character. God is not looking for the most qualified person; He is looking for a willing heart that He can use for His purpose.

**Secretary's Report** (approved via email): None.

**Executive Committee:**

- The Nominating Committee continues to work on the list of names for the Associate Pastor Call Committee

**Trustee report:** Nate Anderson has met with InFocus, and they will provide a Statement of Work. The security committee is reviewing risk management prior to contacting vendors. Work has begun on microphones, and volunteers are working on building projects.

**Deacon report:** Emmaus will host "The Present Attack on God's Chosen" Conference. We will provide technical support, security/observers, and refreshments. Discussed the role of the visitation team and expectations of the team.

**Financial report:** Motion to accept August Financials. Motion passed.

**Pastor Nick's Report:**

- Vision Path 1 – Requested that the Council take the assessment asap.
- Staffing updates: Uriah Cook has taken over Tasha Foss's role. Grateful for the good training Tasha provided. Jeremiah Bang is now working 20 hours per week.
- FLBC Church Connection Day – several Emmaus staff (including Pr. Nick) attended, connecting with many students and blessed them with gift bags and information about Emmaus.

**Ben Webb's Report:**

- Home Groups – leadership training had 18 people in attendance. There are currently 18 groups, with 1 new group and 1 being restructured. Home groups will be the ministry of the month in November.
- Cameroon – Thanked everyone for their prayer support. Ben was personally encouraged, convicted, and challenged to see the urgency of theological education and being equipped to serve as a worship pastor. God deepened the student's understanding of the biblical principles of worship being Christ-focused, Gospel-shaped, and a Spirit-enabled response to God's revelation. The so-called "Prosperity Gospel" is dominant in their culture, and the biblical, God-exalting vision of worship corrects their man-centered worship practices.

**Old Business:** None.

**New Business:**

- Motion from the Missions committee to provide one-time gifts of \$3000 for AFLC church plant, Epiphany Lutheran Church, in the West Metro and a total of \$5400 (\$1800/each) for Gabe Ellithorpe, Elling Dyrud, and Kale Kapphahn for their Journey Missions trip. Vote passed.

Motion to adjourn (Kyle), seconded by (Mark) – motion passed  
Minutes respectfully submitted by Allison Fisher

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