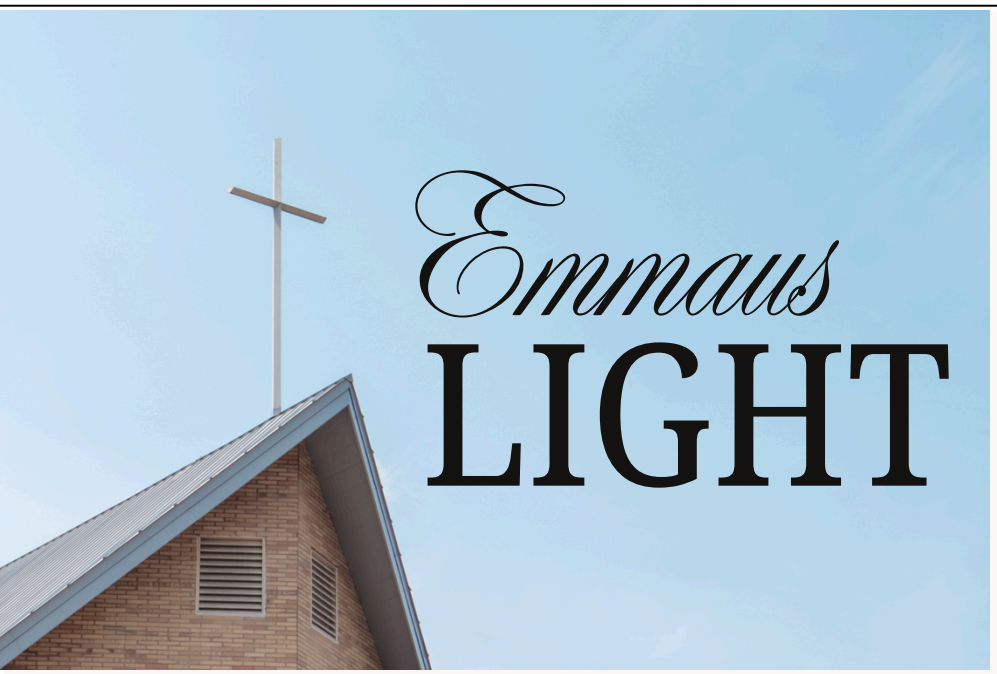








Never Stop Growing

We have a cherry tree in our yard that stopped growing. Two trees are gaining branches and leaves and bearing more cherries, but a third tree is no bigger than it was last year. What's wrong with it? A fungal infection in the bark is killing it. Scripture uses similar images of growth and fruit to describe a genuine, healthy faith in Jesus. 2 Peter warns that some have turned away from such faith and have become slaves to sinful passions (2 Pet 2:20). They are like trees succumbing to a deadly infection.

Peter wants his readers to enjoy salvation on the day when Jesus returns, so he exhorts them to be fruitful, making their election sure, because they already have saving faith.

To ensure that they endure in their faith and that they receive a rich entrance into heaven (2 Pet 1:10–11), Peter challenges them with these words in 2 Peter 1:5–7: "For this very reason, make every effort to supplement your faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love."

Make no mistake, we are saved by grace alone through faith alone. But faith that saves is never alone. Saving faith works itself out by growing fruit. That is why Emmaus is in a sermon series in 2 Peter called "Never Stop Growing." God is calling the people of Emmaus to make every effort to keep growing closer to Jesus.

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Worship with us!

Sunday, November 1st

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

Sunday, November 8th

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

Sunday, November 15th

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

Sunday, November 22nd

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

Sunday, November 29th

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

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How can we "make every effort" to grow in qualities that supplement our faith? Peter gives the answer in verse 3: "His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness." That's good news! We are called to "make every effort" by faith in God's ability to cause us to grow.

There is sweet fruit awaiting those who make every effort to grow in our faith. Join us as we journey through God's gracious provisions for us in Christ, causing us to never stop growing in the faith!

– Ben Webb





Help Needed for Sundays

We Need Drummers
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

We Need Servers
We are also 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:

- Wade Gibbons
- Joy Bliss, Rosanne Bliss' sister
- Marilyn Peterson
- Ryan Reetz
- Dale Torgerson
- Toni Denofrio
- Crystal Fragerstrom's sister Gail
- Joe Erickson and Darlene Block (Sherry Wiese)

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 **Nov 12th, 2026**



Children & Youth

We are collecting Teddy Bears for the Teddy Bear Tea. Please drop off your new or gently used teddy bears in the upper atrium basket.

We are looking for people that would be interested in taking on a couple small projects that can all be done in your time...

We could really use someone to label all the items in the resource room and make signs for the doors.

We are trying to get our middle school hang out room complete. We've got it painted and now need someone to set everything up so the kids will have an area to call their own.

We are looking for a couple parents that would be interested in maintaining the church busy bags.

If you are interested in helping with any of these projects please reach out to Kristin Dahl Wolff!

Children's Ministry Schedule

Nov 4,11,18 // Wednesday King's Kids @ 6:30-8p
Nov 1,8,15,22,29 // Sunday King's Kids @ 9:40a-10:40a
Nov 6,13,20 //Drama Practice @ 7-9p 4th grade and up





Youth Ministry Schedule

Nov 4,11,18 // Wednesday Youth Group @ 6:30-8p
Nov 1,8,15,22,29 // Sunday Youth Studies @ 9:40a-10:40a
Nov 1,8,15,22,29 // Confirmation (Room 118) @ 9:40a-10:40a

Nov 11th // OCC box building night
Nov 15th // OCC packing party
Nov 18th // Making Christmas Cards

Young Adults

Food, Study, and Fellowship

Nov 8, 22, Dec 13 // After second service @ 12:30p-2:45p

Location // Nathan and Laura Bang's house
16170 Huron Ct, Lakeville MN

Contact Jeremiah Bang for more information @ (763) 439-3004









Women's Ministries

Upcoming Events:

November, Women's Ministries Meeting
Join us November 5th at 9a in Room 209 as we prepare for our Christmas Celebration and Craft and Bake Sale! All ladies are welcome!

Join the Lefse Gang!
Saturday, November 7th at 9a in the Emmaus kitchen.
Sign up in the Atrium for your spot! We have multiple shifts available. Can't make it that day? Don't feel left out! Pick up a recipe card on the Atrium table and cook up some potatoes for us!

Never made Lefse? No worries! We can use your talents to roll and flip.
Expert Lefse Baker? Wonderful! We need your griddles and flippers.
Lefse sales make up a HUGE part of the funds raised at our Craft and Bake sale! Be a part of blessing our missionaries through this labor of love. Lunch will be provided.

Cookie Baking Day
Saturday, November 21st at 9a. Sign up in the Atrium for your spot! We have two shifts available, 9 am to noon and noon to 3 pm.
We need bakers; dippers; cleaner uppers; and quality control testers.
Can't make it that day? We still need you! Bring your prepared cookie dough to the church kitchen!
We will bake up your delightful cookies and decorate them for the Craft sale.
More details in the Atrium beginning November 1st. Lunch will be provided.

Craft and Bake Sale
If you are handy with crafts or baking, please consider checking out the BIG Decorated Box in the Atrium to collect your crafts beginning November 15th. This will give us a head start on pricing for the Craft Sale.

You can start baking now and freeze your items anytime! Bring your baked goods to the church by noon on Friday, December 4th.

All proceeds from our Craft & Bake Sale go to our missionaries as special love gifts. Last year we gave $6,000 to our missionaries, and it was all because of your generosity!

Annual Christmas Celebration, Brunch, and Craft and Bake Sale //
Saturday, December 5th

- Craft & Bake Sale – 8:30 am to 9:45 am Brunch – 10 am
- Christmas Program and Celebration – 11 am Featuring "Christmas with Corrie ten Boom"
- Tickets will be available for purchase beginning Sunday, November 15th – Cost is $15

Love to Help?
We have many opportunities for you to share your gifts and talents with us. Women's Ministries is a group of dedicated ladies who love serving God. All events sponsored by Women's Ministries are designed to promote fellowship and share the Gospel of Christ. Sign up for our email list through the church office at (952) 884-4751.

Praying Around the World

Please pray for our city outreach missions in the coming weeks. As the temperature changes and winter approaches, these missions of mercy want to meet the needs of food, clothing, and housing for those in need in the Twin Cities, who will walk through their doors each day. Please pray that the Lord's love is clearly seen in the hearts of the volunteers and staff each day, as they reach out in his name.

Please pray for AFLC Missions of India, as they minister to families in their community, students and staff within their school, and members of their church congregation. Pray for wisdom as they seek the Lord's direction in each of their ministries in the places where they are currently serving. I prayed that we'll build up the local church to be a strong testimony in this area of the world.

Praise the Lord for VVMI's outreach efforts as they cross new borders and expand into new areas of ministry, especially in reaching children through the Dedito's ministry. Pray not only for the children to be reached, but for their families as well, with this dynamic tool of evangelism.

Living Stone Ministry Update & Prayer Requests

A few weeks ago during our Thursday morning Bible study, a new sister asked a thoughtful question:
"Pastor Zhao, if the Gospel is 100% God's grace, why does Matthew 11:12 say, 'The kingdom of heaven has been forcefully advancing, and forceful people lay hold of it'? Are we saved entirely by grace, or does salvation depend on our own efforts?"
As she spoke, I could sense her deep anxiety. She shared how hard she tries to live a good life, yet continues to struggle. Realizing she can never meet God's perfect standard, she finds it difficult to experience joy and peace, feeling fearful and uncertain about her salvation instead.

Her heartfelt question made me realize that even long-time believers often struggle to distinguish between Law and Gospel. This meaningful conversation inspired me to launch a new adult Sunday School series on the topic. While people readily embrace the Gospel's message of mercy, speaking about the Law and confronting human sin often met with questions or resistance. Yet without the Law, how can we recognize our sinful condition and desperate need for a Savior? A church must do more than just tell people what they want to hear; it must lovingly address the reality of sin to faithfully share the true Gospel.

Please pray for our Living Stone Chinese Fellowship:

- Thanksgiving for Green Card Applications: We are thankful that Jia and my applications were successfully submitted—a tremendous relief! Please pray for patience and trust in God's provision as we wait.
- Faithfulness in Teaching Law and Gospel: Pray that God enables us to faithfully teach His Word, helping our congregation take sin seriously while trusting fully in Christ's victory.
- Thanksgiving Outreach and Hospitality: Pray for our church's Thanksgiving outreach and the opportunities to invite Chinese friends into our home, that God would open doors for meaningful conversations and sharing His love.

Thank you for your faithful prayers and encouragement. May all glory be to Christ, our gracious Savior!

Holmes Zhao

Mission Events:

Missions Committee Meeting
November 12th @ 11a
In the Fireside Room

International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church
November 1st - Please remember to pray for the courageous believers

September Mission Income:

$4,177

September Mission Expense:

$10,750

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Mission of the Month: Metro Hope Ministries

For nearly 100 years, Metro Hope Ministries has been sharing the love of Jesus Christ by offering hope, healing, and restoration to individuals and families struggling with drug and alcohol addiction. Founded in 1926, Metro Hope is a residential, Christ-centered recovery ministry serving men, women, and mothers with their children. Through biblical teaching, counseling, encouragement, and a supportive Christian community, Metro Hope seeks to help individuals overcome addiction, rebuild their lives, restore relationships, and discover the true freedom that can only be found in Jesus Christ.

Emmaus Free Lutheran Church has been blessed to have a longstanding relationship with Metro Hope Ministries. Over the years, we have witnessed the Lord working in remarkable ways through this ministry, transforming lives, restoring hope, and bringing healing to individuals and families affected by addiction. We are especially grateful that some within our own Emmaus church family have personally experienced God's healing grace and life-changing power through their time at Metro Hope.

Their stories remind us that no life is beyond the reach of God's love, mercy, and redemption. The journey of recovery is not always easy. It requires perseverance, encouragement, faith, and the loving support of others. Metro Hope provides more than a place to recover from addiction; it offers an opportunity for individuals to grow in their relationship with the Lord, discover their God-given purpose, and build a foundation for a new life rooted in Christ.

As we approach the holiday season, we ask that you keep Metro Hope Ministries in your prayers. For many residents and their families, the holidays can bring additional challenges, including loneliness, strained relationships, painful memories, and financial or emotional burdens. Please pray for the residents as they continue their journey toward healing and restoration, for their families as relationships are strengthened and renewed, and for the dedicated staff who faithfully minister to them each day.

Pray that the Lord would provide strength in moments of weakness, peace in times of uncertainty, and encouragement when the road seems difficult. Above all, pray that each person who comes through the doors of Metro Hope would experience the transforming love of Jesus Christ and find lasting freedom and hope in Him.
"So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed."
— John 8:36 (ESV)

May we continue to faithfully support this wonderful ministry through our prayers, encouragement, and love, giving thanks for all that God has done and trusting Him for the lives He will continue to transform.

Passing of the Mantle

Operation Christmas Child has been a huge blessing in my life over my 20 years with the Southern Twin Cities Team and during my time as project manager here at Emmaus.

The time has come for me to step down so others can step into this role and experience that same blessing.

If you or a group are interested in taking on a larger role, please consider volunteering to lead.

I encourage you to read about the amazing impact these shoeboxes have—bringing many people to Jesus through these gifts and the 12-lesson discipleship program. This ministry aligns directly with our Emmaus mission of helping people say yes to Jesus.

Donations Needed

- Pencils, sharpeners, colored pencils, crayons, and scissors
- Toothbrushes
- Paper and notebooks
- Socks for boys and girls
- (ages 2–4, 5–9, and 10–14)
- **We need a trailer or several vans for transportation.**

Volunteer Opportunities

- **Wednesday, November 11th** // After the simple supper, youth will fold and label boxes.
- **Friday, November 13th** // Move stored items to the setup area for the next day.
- **Saturday, November 14th** // (after 8:30 AM): Organize tables and may pack some boxes.
- **Sunday, November 15th** // (8:00 AM – 1:00 PM): Box packing event. No sign-up is required to pack, but we need volunteers to help keep things organized.
- **Tuesday, November 17th** // Deliver boxes to Berean Baptist Church in Burnsville after Bible study.

Even an hour or two of your time makes a significant difference. Nancy Anderson and I hope to pass the torch to the next generation and encourage you to get involved in this wonderful ministry.

Sign-Up in the Atrium or Contact Us

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Help Us Decorate for Christmas! 🎄

Come help us prepare Emmaus for the Christmas season! We're looking for volunteers to help decorate the church on Saturday, **November 28, at 10:00 AM.** Many hands make light work, and we would love your help! If you're able to join us, please contact Lynne Smith at smithhouse2@comcast.net or (612) 414-1931. Thank you for helping make our church beautiful as we celebrate the birth of our Savior!



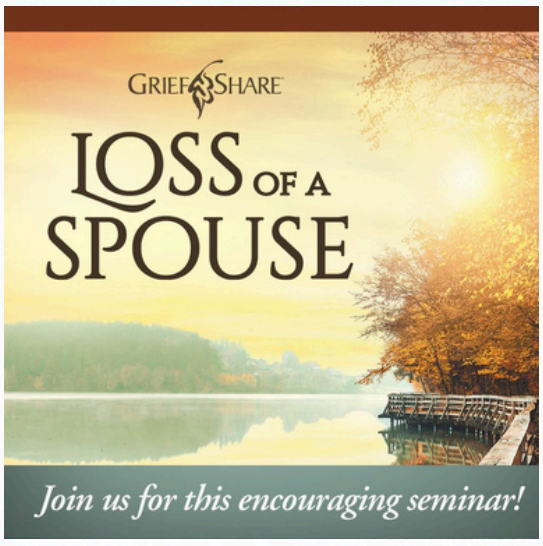
Golden Hearts

Wednesday, November 18th @ 11a in the Fellowship Hall (Gym)

Meal 10$
Menu: BBQ Pulled Pork, Au Gratin Potatoes, Garden Medley Salad, Dessert

Sign Up and reserve your spot in the atrium between services Sundays, Nov 8 & 15th.
This is a Country Music Western Event, so bring your cowboy hat, cowboy boots, bandana, etc.

Our program will be the Creekside Crickets band, Emmaus' Lois Liudahl's band. This performance will be in honor of Lois.



Respond! Short Term Missions

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!

We are so grateful to all of you who helped by set up, preparing, cooking, eating & clean up for the Salmon Dinner Fundraiser. Thank you for your generous donations for the ministry work in Naknek, Alaska. Many lives & hearts will be touched!

If you are looking for an adventure with God, come up to Naknek, Alaska & serve during the salmon season.

Contact Grant & Becky Petersen
Respondmissions@gmail.com
952-201-1698

Golden Hearts

Diane and Gary Tenneson will be stepping down from their leadership role with Golden Hearts in the spring of 2027. We are grateful for their years of faithful service!

We are looking for someone to help coordinate and schedule future gatherings. Several Golden Hearts members already assist with each event, so you won't be doing it alone! Gatherings can be as simple as coffee and cookies, musical performances, guest speakers, or other opportunities for fellowship.

Please prayerfully consider serving in this wonderful ministry

GriefShare

GriefShare is offering two special events in November.

Surviving the Holidays // Thursday, November 5th @ 1:30p
A two-hour seminar designed to help you navigate the holiday season, as losing a loved one can make celebration feel impossible.

Loss of a Spouse // Friday, November 13th @ 6:30p
Anyone who's experienced the life-altering loss of their spouse, no matter how recently, is welcome to attend this seminar to gain help and hope for navigating the pain of absence.

Please register for either event online HERE, email mavis@emmauslutheran.org, or contact the Emmaus Church Office at (952) 884-4751.

EMMAUS COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 13, 2026

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

Opening Devotions: Cheri Anenson shared from Spiritual Leadership, Chapter 3, "The Master's Master Principle." She noted that the word "leader" is used only six times in Scripture, while the role is more often described as that of a servant. Jesus' teaching was revolutionary both in His time and today, as reflected in Mark 10:45: "The Son of Man came not to be served but to serve." Cheri challenged the council to consider: "Can we do effective ministry without the Spirit of God working through us in every step?"

Secretary's Report (approved via email):

- Missions Committee motion via email - proposed supporting The Hospitality Center (a mission of the month - located at the University of MN) with $1,800 for their October 10 outreach event to international students. Motion carried

Executive Committee:

- The Nominating Committee has compiled a list of 10 names for the Call Committee. Council reviewed the list of names for the Call Committee. Executive Committee requested approval that the Special Congregational meeting to elect the Call Committee be held at 6:30pm on 10/28/26. Motion carried

Deacon's report: reviewed the Ministries and Structures diagram Ben Webb provided. Each area must begin by focusing on preaching the Word of God. We need to determine the heart of our church, what is important as a spiritual body.

Financial report: Motion to accept September Financials. Motion carried

Pastor Nick's Report (presented by Ben Webb):

1. VPI: if council members haven't taken the assessment they need to do so, asap.
2. Jeremiah Bang applied and has been accepted to the Association Free Lutheran Theological Seminary. He will begin his studies in the fall of 2027 and would like to continue on staff at Emmaus through seminary.
3. Presented for discussion CNN article "A 'tsunami' of church closures is poised to remake America."

Ben Webb's Report:

- **T**hanked the council, staff, and volunteers for their work on the 75th Anniversary celebration. A highlight for Ben was being involved with 4 generations of Music worship leaders, Scot, Josh, Ben, and Rachel.
- Requested that council members sign up to lock the church building after services on Sunday afternoons.

Old Business:

- **S**ecurity review. The Trustees provided handout to brief council on risk management. Committee is working through the risk management matrix.

New Business:

- Motion to replace carpet in 3 areas of the church. The Prayer room, the room called the Corral (old nursery), and the stairs going to the balcony. Motion carried

- Motion from the Missions Committee to provide one-time gifts of $1,000 each to Mary Kaluza for Operation Christmas Child support and to KAKN Naknek Radio Station for its heating system. Motion carried

Motion to adjourn (Keith Grinde) second (Nate Anderson) - Motion carried

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In This Season of Giving...

If you desire to give an extra gift to Missions during the holidays, this money is used to send a special gift to the missionaries we support. You can give by writing your check to Emmaus and put "Missions" in the memo line, or you can give through the kiosk by designating "Missions". International Missionaries need to receive gifts through their U.S. support ministry.

Please Note

Due to I.R.S. regulations, checks with an individual's name on the memo line are not tax-deductible. Please also note: We cannot accept checks written out directly to an individual.



Happy Thanksgiving to our Missionaries!
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These are the individual missionaries Emmaus partners with; there are several additional ministry organizations. Learn more at emmauslutheran.org/ministrypartners.

For our international missionaries, email is the best way to send an encouraging note or Christmas greeting. We use a separate US address to send financial support.

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Celebrating 75 Years of God's Faithfulness

What a blessed weekend of celebration we had Sep. 18-20! From the Night of Music & Praise through the Saturday sports events & banquet, on to the Sunday worship celebration and Open House, the halls of our gatherings echoed with praise to our faithful God! What a sweet sound it was to have 250-300 voices of all ages giving glory to His Name! The weekend was filled with warm reunions, sweet homecomings, healing hugs, and the presence of the Lord.

If you weren't able to attend the concert or banquet, please check out our YouTube page!

There are many people to acknowledge and thank, but we will not attempt to list them here. Please know that your efforts in creating a wonderful celebration were deeply appreciated.

Unfortunately, a couple of names were inadvertently omitted from the list in our Anniversary Booklet of generations of Emmaus who went on to become pastors, and we apologize for that error: Nathan Richman, Matt Nelson, and Joel Baker.

(If there are others who should have been listed in that booklet, please feel free to email us at 75@EmmausLutheran.org)
If you have photos or videos of any of the weekend events, please send them to 75@EmmausLutheran.org. We want to document the beautiful celebration of God's faithfulness for 75 years.

The celebration continues now with a monthly focus on specific ministries, each of which will have the opportunity on a Sunday morning to show their early years and how God has provided resources and guidance over time to accomplish His will for Emmaus. The first of these monthly features was on Missions in October—be watching for more evidence of His leading and provision as we move forward while acknowledging His great faithfulness in the past!

~ The 75th Anniversary Committee: Mike Anenson, Aaron Bogott, Bev Foss, Keith Grinde, Renae Halvorson, Carol Krueger, Mavis Miller, Marsha Navamanie.

Archives Team Forming

As we worked to prepare for the 75th anniversary celebration, we discovered some wonderful treasures in the church archives, and we want to ensure that those archives continue to tell Emmaus' story as the years pass. An archives committee was formed at one time in the 90s, but the people who were on it have either moved away or have passed away.

Bev Foss, who has been writing the "Decade Snapshots" for the website, has found the archives to be very helpful in her work, and there is value in maintaining a record of our history. (Be sure to read those Snapshots!) If you are interested in being part of an ongoing Archives Team, please contact Mavis Miller at mavis@emmauslutheran.org or (952) 431-1132.

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