



## Gospel Relief

I was recently encouraged by four wonderful promises which I want to pass on to you. It may be that some reading this will need to hear these promises today. For others, these are promises to embed in your heart so that you will have them ready when your time of need comes. Emmaus, these promises are about the relief you can experience in Jesus now. These are not distant, eternal realities awaiting our entrance into heaven. These are God's promises for his children to lay hold on Christ for themselves.

### 1. God promises to relieve the pain of meaninglessness.

2 Corinthians 4:16–17 (ESV): *So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison.*

There is divine purpose even in our sufferings to produce glorious rewards in the age to come. Because the child of God is blood bought by Jesus, every part of his or her life has been given meaning. One of the most bewildering places to find meaning is in your suffering and pain. One rightly cries out, "Why God?" One of the answers given in the Bible for pain is that your present trials are working to create a greater, more glorious joy for you in heaven. There is no meaningless moment or experience for the child of God. God is working anything and everything for His glorious and good purposes. So when you feel the pain of meaninglessness, cling to the promise that God is at work so that you will not lose heart.

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## Worship with us!

### Sunday, June 7th

COMMUNION SUNDAY  
8:30a - Traditional Service  
10:30a - Contemporary Service

### Sunday, June 14th

8:30a - Traditional Service  
10:30a - Contemporary Service

### Sunday, June 21st

8:30a - Traditional Service  
10:30a - Contemporary Service

### Sunday, June 28th

8:30a - Traditional Service  
10:30a - Contemporary Service

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## **2. God promises to relieve the pain of guilt.**

Colossians 2:13–14 (ESV): *And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.*

Your guilt is nailed to the cross. Leave it there. When Satan accuses you of being a fraud or calls you names unfit for a child of God, read again your declaration of acquittal. Your debt that was greater than you could ever repay was cancelled and paid by the blood of Jesus! The moment you become aware of your sinful thoughts, desires, or actions today, repent of them and thank God that your sin is forgiven. Don't try to climb up the cross and hang on to the sin and guilt that Jesus has already nailed to his hands. As the old hymn goes, "When Satan tempts me to despair, and tells me of the guilt within. Upward I look and see him there. Who made an end to all my sin."

## **3. God promises to relieve the pain of feeling unloved.**

Romans 5:6–8 (ESV): *For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die – but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*

You are perfectly loved by God. This is hard to believe when we feel lonely. Thank God that our feelings come and go. They do not define our reality; God does. If we need proof to remind our forgetful hearts we need look no further than Romans 5:8. Even while you were still despising God as a dead sinner (Eph. 2:3), Jesus died to extend the Father's gracious love to you. When you feel the pangs of loneliness, turn to your Savior and cling to His promise. He really loves you.

## **4. God promises to relieve the pain of fearing death.**

Philippians 1:21–23 (ESV): *For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better."*

You can have the freedom of not fearing death. Although there are many things we fear about death, like who will take care of our loved ones, or how we will cope with our loss, the Apostle Paul encourages us by his example to prefer nearness to Christ over any other pleasure. Paul was convinced that Jesus is better than anything this world can offer. When doubts and fears attack you, return again to God's Word and cling to the promise that to live is Christ and even to die is gain.

"Death is the final corner that we turn before we see the old homestead." John Piper

### **Cling to Jesus**

Friends of Emmaus, pray that you will cling to Jesus through His promises. Mark them in your Bibles. They will be your lifelines in times of need.

Ephesians 3:20–21 (ESV): *Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.*

- Ben Webb

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## 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

### **Pray for our Military:**

1SG Nathan Carlsrud - National Guard  
PFC Jerrick 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 on **June 11th, 2026**



# AFLC Annual Conference

Date: June 10-13, 2026

Theme: "Sure Hope" - Philippians 1:6

Location: Concordia College | Moorhead, MN

View the conference schedule, or watch livestreams of evening services at [AFLC.ORG/CONFERENCE](http://AFLC.ORG/CONFERENCE)

The online registration deadline has passed, but Walk-Up Registration is available during select hours at the conference.

Walk-Up Pricing: Single: \$65 // Couples: \$105

Everyone is invited to attend!



## Sunday Treats Volunteers Needed!

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

Volunteers are invited to bring treats to share, help serve, and welcome guests during fellowship time.

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



## Thank you Volunteers!

Thank you to the many hands that helped make this last ministry year happen! We had over 280 people serving in various capacities throughout the year, including Bible study teachers, Worship team, A/V Tech Team, administrative help, decorating, cleaning, Photography, Kitchen crew, and so much more!

*"Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ." -Colossians 3:23-24*



## Children & Youth

### **Children's Church begins June 7th during the second service!**

The kids will be dismissed from the service. This is another option for families. Please decide for your family what is right for you. This is for kids 3 years old to those going into 1<sup>st</sup> grade in the fall. We are always looking for volunteers to help with this class. It is a 20-minute commitment once a month for three months. Please let me know if you are interested in volunteering.

### **VBS is right around the corner!**

We are looking for people to help volunteer for VBS. Each year, our kids' number rises, and our volunteer number decreases. Please be prayerful about helping with VBS. There really is something for everyone. If you are worried about limitations, please let me know, and we can find a place perfect for you to serve.



## Children's Ministry Schedule

**Jun 7, 14, 21, 28** | Children's Church Sundays @ 11a

## Youth Ministry Schedule

**Jun 3, 10, 24** | EMUS Youth Group @ 6p - 8:00p

**Jun 10** | Youth Valley Fair Day @ 9a



## Congratualations Graduates!

We are so proud of these students and are excited for how God is going to continue to work and move in their lives! Please join us in continuing to pray for these students:

Elling Dyrud  
Gabe Ellithorpe

Jo Isaac Erickson  
Welsely Peters

Kale Kappahn  
Dresden Hortsch

# Celebrating 75 Years of God's Faithfulness

A full weekend of celebrations and opportunities is being planned, and we hope you are saving the dates to be a part of it! And spread the word! Contact friends and family who were part of Emmaus in the past and share the information with them!

Friday, Sep 18 – An evening of worship, music, and praise, featuring favorite hymns and praise songs from across the decades, along with video clips of Christmas at the Inn, the Vienna Choir trip, and children's musicals. We're gathering 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 – Saturday morning will hold three opportunities to have fun together. All events today will begin at 9a. 1) A 9-hole golf tournament at Birnamwood Golf Course in Burnsville. 2) A disc golf tournament at Moir Park in Bloomington. 3) A 5K run at Valleyview Park in Bloomington. Anyone can participate! More details will be forthcoming.

Pre-registration and payment for the Birnamwood tournament are required by Sep 7 for \$20, including prizes. Maximum 24 players. (In case of rain cancellation, payment will be refunded.)

Please pre-register for the disc golf tournament and the 5K run so we can be adequately prepared. Please sign up by Sep 7.

Our Diamond Anniversary banquet will be held at Cedar Valley Church (86th & Bloomington Avenue) at 4p. 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. Childcare is available for children ages 3 to 3rd grade (starting grade in September), with pizza, veggie sticks, and a beverage for \$10 per child. Banquet tickets sales at church will begin July 26th, and must be purchased by Sep 7.

Sunday, Sep 20 – We'll mark this important anniversary with a 9a fellowship and "I Remember When ..." time, a joint worship service at 10:30, and an open house from 12:30-4p, which will include lots of "over the years" ministry displays and informal reunion opportunities. A lite lunch (bun sandwiches, chips, water) will be available in the gym from 12:30-2p (served by Emmaus Youth, donations appreciated). Emmaus Women's Ministry will serve coffee, lemonade, and bars during the afternoon hours. This will be a day of nostalgia, a great celebration of God's goodness, and anticipation of His leading into the future.

Thank you to everyone who's volunteered to help with the celebration. We'll need more help for the anniversary weekend. The tasks are many and varied: tech/media production, decorating\*, greeting\*, hospitality/food service, child care. (\*At Emmaus and Cedar Valley) Please get in touch with Mavis Miller ([mmiller@emmauslutheran.org](mailto:mmiller@emmauslutheran.org)) to volunteer.

## Save the date!

### **A Night of Music & Praise**

September 18<sup>th</sup> @ 7p

### **Golf Tournaments\***

#### **5K Run\***

September 19<sup>th</sup> @9a

### **Anniversary Banquet\***

September 19<sup>th</sup> 4p @  
Cedar Valley Church

### **Worship & Open House**

September 20<sup>th</sup> (10:30-4p)

\* Registration and/or tickets required in advance.



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saying yes to Jesus  
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## Memory Jogged?

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



# Women's Ministries

## Challenging Women to Say "Yes" to Jesus

### Upcoming Events!

June Women's Ministries Meeting

June 4<sup>th</sup> at 9a in Room 209. All Emmaus women are invited to join this wonderful group of ladies for devotions, fellowship, and event planning.

### Mark your calendars!

*Sundays, beginning June 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:40a in Room 209 Bible Study Video series by Ray Vander Laan – "THE STUDY"*

June 7 <sup>th</sup> – The School	July 12 <sup>th</sup> – The Commandment
June 14 <sup>th</sup> – The Dust	July 19 <sup>th</sup> – The Neighbor
June 21 <sup>st</sup> – The Friends	July 26 <sup>th</sup> – The Samaritan
June 28 <sup>th</sup> – The Call	August 2 <sup>nd</sup> – The Kingdom
July 5 <sup>th</sup> – The Gennesaret	

These videos are standalone lessons and open to men & women.

*Wednesday, Jun 10 – AFLC National WMF Day at Concordia College in Moorhead, MN. Learn more: [aflc.org/conferences](http://aflc.org/conferences)*



This year's theme is: "I Believe, Help My Unbelief" from Mark 9:24. This is a great way to meet other WMF members. The online registration deadline has passed, but Walk-Up Registration is available during select hours at the conference.

Financial assistance for registration is available. Please contact an Emmaus WM Committee Member for more information.

How Much Do You Know About the AFLC WMF (Women's Missionary Federation)?

The WMF started in 1962 as a unique arm of the AFLC. Emmaus' Women's Ministries supports the National WMF through dues designated to fulfill the mission of the WMF. Here's a short video that gives a brief history of the WMF and what ministries are supported: [vimeo.com/972512237?fl=pl&fe=sh](https://vimeo.com/972512237?fl=pl&fe=sh)



More on the WMF – The WMF has a bi-monthly E-newsletter that highlights a devotional, Missionary spotlight, current WMF projects & more! Check it out at [aflc.org/women/](http://aflc.org/women/) and sign up!

The Women's Ministries Team is looking for help with "short-term" assignments LIKE Publicity, Decorations, Photography at Events, Planning Retreats, etc. Attending monthly meetings is not a requirement. Contact the church office (952.884.4751) to share your gifts and talents with us.



# Praying Around the World

- Please pray for the upcoming Respond mission trip to Baja, Mexico. Pray for the Lord's love to shine through our youth and adults, as they share in ministry time and home building. They will be staying at the Foundation for His Ministry Base.
- Praise the Lord for the upcoming ministry work that Emmaus family members will be involved with the AFLC Home Missions ministry in Naknek, Alaska and in the remote villages in this area, this summer. Grant and Becky Petersen will be working with outreach to those who come to a gathering place known as "The Net", in Naknek. Andrew and Lynea Wright, and Elling Dyrud will be flown into remote bush areas near Naknek to bring VBS to the children who live in the bush villages. Pray for their safety and for the Gospel to go out unhindered.
- Please pray for Joe Issac Erickson who will be traveling with Orality Institute to minister in Ukraine with a team and that will be serving with Tomaz and Miriam Chimel. Pray for their time to be used efficiently and effectively as they reach out to those the Lord allows them to minister to during their time in this part of the world.
- Please pray for Jon and Jill Mork as they begin their furlough time in the US and in Canada, that their ministry in Papua New Guinea will continue to grow in their absence. Pray for the Lord's guidance as they spend time with family and friends and find rest and renewal in the months ahead. Pray for their family time to be healing as they join together, following the loss of family members while they have been ministering in Papua New Guinea.
- Praise the Lord for the outreach of, "Good in the Hood", as they minister to individuals and families in need. Please pray for God's provision for this ministry, as they meet the needs of many, both physically, and spiritually.



## Mission Events:

June 11th- 11:00  
Missions Committee Mtg

June 21<sup>st</sup> - Missionary  
Meet & Greet

Please join us in room 119, for a special event being held between church services. Sara Maifeld (SEND International), will be sharing about the ministry she has been called to in Japan. She will also be sharing in the 10:30 service.



# Mission of the Month

## Sara Maifeld with SEND International

During the month of June, we will focus on the ministry of Sara Maifeld, who works with SEND International in Japan. Almost 3 years ago, Sara, a recent graduate of the Free Lutheran Bible College in Plymouth, MN, came to our missions committee and asked for our prayer and financial support to answer what she knew was an intimate calling from the Lord. She shared her journey of how the Lord had given her a love for the people of Japan and a desire to reach their hearts. Sara was ready to leave her home in South Dakota and move to Japan if the Lord opened the door for her by providing a way for her to be part of this ministry. God did that very thing, and we, as the Emmaus Family, are grateful to support Sara as she is currently serving in Japan.



Each day as Sara learns more about the language and customs of her neighbors and the community she lives in, we know the Lord continues to increase her love for the souls the Lord has called her to live amongst. God is indeed faithful and Good. He has also allowed Emmaus-supported missionaries, Andrew and Alexis Olson, working with "They Need The Bible", to be connected with Sara in Japan. A true blessing that they can serve the Lord and have this blessing of a united heart in reaching the lost with the saving Gospel of Christ.



Thanks for supporting Emmaus missions so we can join together and be part of this amazing journey Sara is on. Join us this month as we learn more about how the Lord is opening doors for the Gospel in Japan. Sara will be at Emmaus on June 21st. Be sure to come and hear what the Lord is doing in this part of Asia, and please continue to hold her up in prayer.



### Prayer Needs:

- Please pray for Sara as she prepares to visit the U.S. soon. Pray for those she will leave behind in Japan, that her work will be well covered in her absence. Pray also for her time seeing family and friends while she is in the states, that she will find rest and refreshment during this time.
- Praise the Lord for Sara's connections with other ministries and missionaries. Please continue to pray for her connection with "They Need the Bible" and the Olsons, that God would be glorified by this bond in Christ and that others might find true freedom in the Lord.
- Praise the Lord for the ministry of SEND. Pray this ministry continues to be of high integrity, lighting the path for those who minister to bring the Gospel to the Ends of the Earth.
- Please pray for the relationships that the Lord is giving Sara in her Japanese community. Pray that she will be free to share how the Lord has made such a difference in her life, as she is a daily witness to just that very truth!

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# Respond! Short Term Missions

## Here We Go Again!

We have exciting news to share. The Triple B Boys are on the move. Sunday, June 7th, the 'Boys' will be leaving after the Respond! commissioning and sendoff of prayer.

Respond! has purchased Al Campbell's 1-ton semi-cargo van to donate to FFHM. A much-needed, reliable, high-clearance vehicle. For anyone who knew Al, we think he would approve. Al loved to volunteer his time and talents (block layer and cement finishing) at the Mission over the years. His family also gave 6 boxes of his cooking supplies to bring down to whoever needs them in the area. What a gift!!



The van will be pulling a Respond! enclosed trailer full of donations to be given out this summer. It also carries the bedding donations for Rafa House and Rancho de Cristo. That is, 30 sets of twin sheets, pillow protectors, mattress protectors, and pillows. We will purchase the new 30 mattresses locally. There will also be supplies for the 2 work teams this June in Baja.



The van and trailer (so full), also have many donations that have been collected over the years, stored in the 'Crazy Room' that were too big or heavy to fit in suitcases, as we went on previous trips. Now is the opportunity to bring them to those who greatly need the supplies. The list includes— Spanish Bibles, books, medical supplies, a variety of clothing, tools, kitchen supplies and equipment, an electric wheelchair, mechanic tools, furniture, educational toys, sewing room supplies to teach classes, gifts, and blankets.

We are excited to be the pipeline that God is using to bless others.

## We do need your help!

Due to the high cost of fuel, we are short of funds for our transportation. The fuel for the van driving down and our airplane tickets rose exponentially. They have both increased beyond our budget.

Please prayerfully consider a donation to Respond/fuel

## Thank you – Thank you – Thank you!

Thank you for partnering with us in this adventure and dependency on God.



# JUNE 2026

## Office Hours

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

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 6:30p Church Council Meeting	3 6p Emus Youth Group 6:30p Worship Rehearsals	4 9a Pickleball 9a Women's Ministries 1:30p & 6:30p GriefShare Loss of a Spouse Event	5 OFFICE CLOSED	6 8a Men's Bible Study
7 <b>Communion Sunday</b> 8:30a Traditional Service 10:30a Contemp. Service 11a Children's Church  Respond Baja Van Departs	8 9a Quilters	9	10 9a Youth Valley Fair Day  6:30p Worship Rehearsals  AFLC Annual Conference	11 <b>Twin Cities Prays</b> 9a Pickleball 11a Missions Committee	12 OFFICE CLOSED	13 7a Men's Breakfast 8a Men's Bible Study
14 8:30a Traditional Service 10:30a Contemp. Service 11a Children's Church  Respond Baja STM	15 9a Quilters	16	17 6:30p Worship Rehearsals	18 9a Pickleball	19 OFFICE CLOSED	20 8a Men's Bible Study
21 <b>Father's Day</b> 8:30a Traditional Service 10:30a Contemp. Service 11a Children's Church  Respond Baja STM Returns	22 9a Quilters	23	24 6:30p Annual Mtg 6p Emus Youth Group 6:30p Worship Rehearsals	25 9a Pickleball 1:30p GreifShare Feinds	26 OFFICE CLOSED	27 8a Men's Bible Study
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## Helping People Say 'Yes!' to Jesus

### ANNUAL MEETING

Wednesday, June 24th @ 6:30p in the Sanctuary

**All members are encouraged to attend!**

The meeting will feature:

- Election of new officers
- Pastoral Reports
- Treasurer's Report plus 2026/2027 Budget
- Mission support updates & changes

*"There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift."*

*-Ephesians 4:4,6-7*



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# EMMAUS COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

MAY 12, 2026

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

## Opening Devotions: Mark M James 1:2-8

- Pray with faith, knowing it is God's will that will be done
- Sometimes God will need to align us

## Secretary Report: approved by email

### Executive Committee Report: Paul

- The July 4th holiday will be observed by the staff on either July 2 or the 6th
- The congregation will be electing a new president for this next year

## Trustee Reports:

### Treasurer's Report: Al

- We are right on budget for the year
- April was a challenging month for giving
- Recommendation from Trustees to approve the April Financial report: Vote and approved

### Trustee Report:

- Nate is researching the church's security camera system
- Gary is continuing to work with the Greeters & Observers, and a sub-committee has been formed
- New carpeting is complete. It went very well. Thank you to Karla for supervising the project. Thank you also to the staff and custodians, and also to Mark McCaffery.
- Mark M is meeting with the sidewalk project contractor to begin work soon.
- Nate and Karla looking at internet & technology options for the church

## Deacon Report: Paul & Pastor Nick

- Discussion on how the separate deacon/trustee meeting format is going.
- Vision Path: Discussion of how Emmaus will be moving forward with Vision Path

## Pastor Nick Report: May 2026

### 1. Vision Path Update

As the new 2026-2027 fiscal year approaches, we are looking to update our Vision Path communication to the congregation. During our deacons' committee meeting, we will discuss a new Vision Path brochure and Vision Path updates for our annual meeting reports.

### 2. Congregational Annual Meeting

As we finalize our Annual Meeting agenda, we will take time to discuss additional old or new business topics of interest to bring to the congregation's attention.

### 3. Worship in the Park May 17th, 2026

We are looking forward to Worship in the Park at West Bush Lake Picnic Shelter. Although there is considerably less to set up for our service this year, please note that we still need the church council's help organizing and greeting people before the service at 10:30 am.

### 4. Office Manager Update and Scheduling

Things are going well

## Pastor Kevin Report: May 2026

### 1. Missions

May Nate and Rhoda Jore – Orality Institute

June Philippine Asian Mission Inc

- No meeting since our last council meeting. Our last council meeting approved \$1200 for Adam Laposky with FCA and \$1000 for Hospitality Center's Friendraiser.

- On Thursday the Missions Committee will be considering support for Elling Dyrud's trip to Alaska, Jolsaac Erickson's Orality trip to Ukraine, and the Respond Mission trips to Mexico.

- The Missions Committee will also be considering our level of support for our ministries.

### 2. Met with Ben to discuss the handoff of Home Groups, Mission Committee, and Visitation Committee

I generally categorize my work into 3 areas:

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. Visitation Committee final approval:

Donna Bogott, Dikka Brummer, Keith Grinde, Jan C. Johnson, Gary Tenneson, Deb Rustad, Diane Schmiess, Kim Livingston, Keith Kedrowski

Motion to approve committee members (Keith) Seconded (Chuck) Vote: motion approved

### 4. Important Dates: we have a full schedule and most of this comes in the next two weeks.

5/13 End of Year party / Calendar Planning Meeting

5/17 Worship in the Park 10:30

5/20 Volunteer Appreciation Meal – Over 160 Volunteers

5/24 Memorial Day weekend – Summer Schedule

5/27 Women's Salad Supper

5/30 Will Schultz's funeral

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:

- Single service for 75th Anniversary Sunday service on September 20

Motion: (Chuck) Motion to have a single service from 10:30am – 12pm on Sept 20

Seconded (Mark M) Vote: Motion approved

## New Business:

- 2026-2027 Budget: Al Discussion and review of proposed budget
- Future Respond Fundraising Events: Motion (Chuck) to approve Respond having two Pancake Breakfast events and a Salmon Dinner event in the upcoming fiscal year. Staff will assist in determining the dates. Seconded (Mike) Vote to approve; approved.
- Motion (Aaron) to send Jess Green in place of Jeremiah for the Respond trip to Mexico. Seconded-Mike Vote: Approved

## Motion to adjourn meeting (Chuck) second (Keith)- Motion approved.

Minutes submitted by Mark Stowman

# Confirmation Photos Needed Can You Help?

In preparation for Emmaus 75th Anniversary, the Anniversary Committee is gathering photos of the annual graduating confirmation classes. However, several of them are missing from the church archives, and we are asking for your help in locating them.

If you have photographs from the years listed below, we would appreciate it if we could borrow them from you in order to have copies for the church archives. (Originals will be returned to the owner after copies are made.)  
Years needed: 1961, 1999, 2000, 2009, 2010, 2016

We have poor quality black & white photocopies from 1988, 1991, 1992, & 1993. If you have a clear, good-quality photograph of any of those years, we would also appreciate the opportunity to borrow them from you.

We are also seeking a donation of an iPad (2 years old or newer) for use in our celebration. Please contact Mavis Miller ([mmiller@emmauslutheran.org](mailto:mmiller@emmauslutheran.org))

Thanks for your help!



## 75th Anniversary Registration & Payment Information

Payment can be made online at [emmauslutheran.org/give](http://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 - \$20/adult, \$10/child

Number of adults & names \_\_\_\_\_

Number of children & names \_\_\_\_\_