

THE PATHFINDER

SUMMER 2020



After a spring filled with many ups, downs, and questions, the Pathways Leadership Team came to a decision about summer programming for 2020. It was decided that onsite camp would be cancelled for the best interest of our campers, staff, families, and communities.

Although we are sad and disappointed that we can't have camp as we know it, we are excited to explore new ways to grow in our mission. That is why we are moving forward with the "Priorities of Pathways" or "POP"! for short.

Connections

The first priority of the POP! Program is about how we will stay connected to our campers, families, churches, and communities even though we aren't together at camp. We have a small group of 8 summer staff members who are connecting through campfire worships, camp highlights, prayer time, nature walks, songfests, testimonials, and a +55 bible study. We are also offering video resources for churches through this program.



Transformation

Another priority of our POP! Program is our Camp Transformation process. We are hard at work improving the staff building, updating the girls' bath house, and moving ahead with the new maintenance building. We also have plans to improve the chapel entrance, suspension bridge, and general cabin maintenance. This Camp Transformation process is being completed with the help of our donors and volunteers as good stewards of the camp. This will ensure the best camp experience for our future campers and retreat participants.

Stability

The final piece of our POP! Program centers on sustaining the ministry of Pathways for the future. Congregations have been requested to contribute designated funds for camperships to fund virtual programming and summer staff. Parents are invited to donate their down-payments and many are saying "yes!" Businesses are being asked for material donations, such as lumber, siding, shingles, etc. Volunteers are being lined up for building and work projects. The development team is making personal visits with many faithful Pathways donors.

In order to carry out these priorities, we encourage you to consider financially supporting Pathways with your gifts this summer. Together we can build a solid foundation for the ongoing ministry of Pathways.

Retreat Opportunities



Even though camp will not be open for normal programs, Pathways still wants to offer a place of faith formation and spiritual renewal. We are offering retreat opportunities at Camp Emmaus for families and small groups. Take some time in the great outdoors to recharge your batteries and dive deeper by connecting with the Holy Spirit. Come for the day to tour camp, take a canoe trip, enjoy a paddle boat ride, go trout fishing on Lake Morgan, and shop in our brand new camp store.

Please call Pathways office @218-227-5107 for more information about booking.

Work Projects



Pathways has several work projects that need to be completed at both of our camps this summer. We still need to paint, replace screen doors on cabins, and maintain our sites. We strive to be good stewards of the land that God has gifted us and we need your help. Please call or email Pathways to schedule your work project @ 218-227-5107 or email at pathways@pathwaysbiblecamps.org



Summer Ministry Team

Pathways is grateful to have our Program Director, Taylor Rodriguez, and seven returning leaders (Alex Fuchs, Noah Peters, Andie Kassenborg, Laura Jossund, Bethany Newquist, Jennifer Johnson, Maddy Blattenbauer) out at camp coordinating our new program. We appreciate their willingness to accept God's call to service with Pathways even though things will be different. The staff will be conducting worship services, bible studies, arts and crafts, special music, and more on our social media platforms to bring our mission alive this summer.



Beating Heart



The ministry of Pathways is made up of different working parts. In order for Pathways to be successful, all the parts have to work together. Pathways staff and leadership team are the hands and feet of our mission. Our donors and partners in prayer are the heart of Pathways. Without you, our feet and hands would be unable to nurture the faith in our campers and retreat participants. As Paul explains in

1 Corinthians 12, with each part working together and doing its own job, it honors the body as a whole for Christ.

As regular exercise strengthens the heart muscle, we encourage you to consider monthly giving to Pathways through Vanco. This is a simple way to keep our heart strong with a regular heartbeat. Please consider helping us to honor our mission with your commitment to monthly giving. Go to www.PathwaysBibleCamps.org, click on the "Give" tab and choose the "Recurring / Automatic Giving" option. We thank you for being the heartbeat of our organization and we look forward to fulfilling our mission together!



Already have a Campwise account? You can now also choose monthly giving right in Campwise go to www.pathwaysbiblecamps.org and select the "Give" tab and login as a "Donor" then choose "Schedule Reoccurring Donation."

Leadership in Action

This past March, Rev. Chris Leach answered the call to serve as Pathways Board Chair. We asked him to do a Q and A with us for our newsletter, and here's what he had to say!

Tell us a little bit about yourself: I grew up in Thief River Falls, MN, attended the University of North Dakota for Music Education, and later Luther Seminary to become a Pastor. My wife Sarah and I have two children, (Norah and Nicholas). I served as the Director of Youth Ministries, have been a camp counselor for Pathways, and I've served as pastor at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Barnesville since 2015.

What brought you to Pathways?: I love camp, but I especially love the intersection of faith, creation, and loving energy that shines in a kid's life as they gather in this uniquely blessed environment.

What is your favorite summer activity?:

I love Bonkers! Enough said.

Final thoughts: We are here for you and so thankful for your commitment to connecting with and sharing this pathway to growing in faith together.

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Pathways is so grateful to have Rev. Chris Leach on our team and we look forward to the year ahead!



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