

PATHFINDER



Summer 2019's Theme Growing Together



Our theme for the upcoming season calls for constant renewal and growth, and together campers will explore how we can be transformed and can transform the communities around us. Focusing on our theme verse from Romans, we will learn how we can grow together in

Generosity, Compassion, Justice and Forgiveness.

We will explore examples of God's glory in nature, in the Gospels, and in communities and modern responses to God's call in our lives.

Theme verse- Romans 12:2: Do be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Love Grows at Camp Emmaus



Jake Upham and Samantha Grover both attended Camp Emmaus as kids and later while watching a middle school video realized they went to the same camp. Samantha worked as a counselor for five years and Jake started in 2012 and worked there as a counselor as well. We had a chance to talk to Samantha about her experience.

"We started off as counselors together, the next year we were asked if we would do houseboat together! That's when we got to spend a good amount of time together. The houseboat kids all said we would get married one day, they knew before us.."

Samantha also shared what camp meant for the two of them in their relationship.

This year has been a year of growth and change at Pathways. We are committed to building relationships with a connection to God at our camps. This October we were excited to see two of our own get engaged at beautiful Camp Emmaus.

"Both Jake and I have a huge passion for Camp Emmaus, it's been a huge part of our past, a big part of who we are today and we plan to do everything we can to help the future of Pathways to help it thrive and show more families how awesome outdoor ministry is. We both led the Emmaus crew to the National Youth Gathering this summer, have helped with staff training since we've no longer been "summer staff", and volunteered on site when we are able. We have both done off season retreats and helped with camp promo days at churches. We have always talked about getting married at camp, it's such a special place to us and we would love to show others how incredible it is through our exciting day! Recently, we spent the day walking around the lake and back trails, making a fire, talking about our future and memories."

Samantha and Jake ended the day on the dock where he asked her to marry him! Pathways is so excited to be part of a connection that will last a lifetime.



Pathways Stories

John 'The Tool Man' Glas

John Glas has been a part of Pathways and Camp Emmaus for the past 28 years. John started his position as summer maintenance in 1990. Prior to that he was involved in several work projects and also served on the board of directors. Known as the 'Tool Man', his handiwork and positive energy can be seen all over camp. John has exhibited his love for Pathways and God's creation in more ways than just his work.

We had a chance to catch up with John to ask him a few questions about his camp experiences.

What is it about camp that brings you so much joy?

I enjoy being outdoors, sitting on the deck for meals, and fixing things up to make them nicer. I also love being around the kids and staff, watching them develop and grow in their faith.

What is your favorite spot at Camp Emmaus?

I love sitting on the deck at the lodge, looking out over Lake Morgan. Cabin "Love" is another one of my favorite spots, it's rustic, but neater than heck.

What are you most proud of at camp?

I take pride in keeping the place nice and well maintained. It's just a delight to be a part of camp.

What are you looking forward to the most in the 2019 camping season?

I am looking forward to putting the loon raft out to see if we have baby loons on Lake Morgan again next summer. Also cutting down dead trees, grinding stumps and maintaining the hiking trails will be fun.

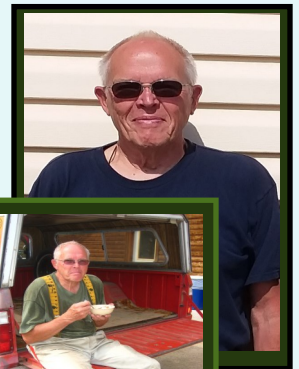
John has been so much more than a summer employee of Pathways. His dedication and reliability make him the go-to-guy for improvement projects at camp. His generous heart and philanthropic spirit can be witnessed by the recent gift of a zero-turn mower for use at Camp Emmaus as well as other significant donations to Pathways. John's humor, positive attitude and involvement are embedded in Camp Emmaus. It is most visible when he leads campers with his own energetic table prayer. "For life and health and daily food we give you thanks oh Lord."

John 'The Tool Man' Glas, Thank you for your service and dedication to Pathways and Camp Emmaus.

Join John Glas in the spirit of giving by donating to Pathways to-

Our goal is to give every child the opportunity to come to camp regardless of financial ability.

A great way to support this life changing ministry is to become a contributing PathKeeper or Trailblazer member. These donors contribute \$120 or more annually so campers may continue to be provided all the benefits of Pathways programs.



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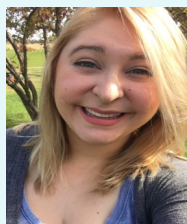
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Our Staff



Chris Andreasen has come onboard as Interim Executive Director of Pathways Lutheran Outdoor Ministries. He brings a wealth of knowledge and experience having previously been with Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch and Tri-City Storm Soccer Club. His passion for camping, canoeing, and outdoor ministry along with his positive energy make him a great addition to the Pathways team. As we look towards the 50th anniversary of Pathways, there is a sense of optimism and excitement about the future of Pathways.



Andrea Wright started in her position as Program Director in February of this year, but she is no stranger to Pathways! As a camper and as a summer staff, her passion for youth work and outdoor ministry was sparked and encouraged. As a former missionary with the YAGM program of the ELCA and with a background in hospitality, she brings a sense of adventure, warm welcomes, and a strong belief in the ways that camp can help individuals, families, and communities flourish.



Misty Fry started as Office Manager for Pathways in late April. She has an exciting range of experience, from taking care of bookkeeping in an office setting to her most recent years as an art instructor for the City of Moorhead. She has a passion for seeing kids grow and learn, and the office at Pathways has been the perfect place for her to use her gifts in keeping things organized. She is excited to see where Pathways will grow in the future.



Brad Fossen has been the Facilities Director for Pathways since April 2005. Throughout his time here, he has seen and helped guide Pathways through many changes. Improving the camps and keeping everyone safe is his number one priority. While many campers enjoy our ropes course, maintenance challenges are his kind of adrenaline rush! He loves having his office be the great outdoors. Some of his hobbies include hunting, fishing, spending time with family, and of course fixing anything he can get his hands on.



Next year is Pathways 50th Anniversary !

To celebrate this landmark year we will be holding an event at Camp Emmaus on Saturday July 13th 2019. Come celebrate all of the rich history of Pathways and support the future of our ministry with food, fun, and fellowship on the shores of beautiful Lake Morgan.



**Book your Spring 2019
retreat now!**



Pathways is now booking retreats on a first-come first-served basis. Whether you are looking for a cozy weekend away to rejuvenate or a fun space for your youth group, secure your dates at Camp Emmaus or Camp Minnewakan for an unforgettable retreat experience.



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