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**THE PATHFINDER**  
Camp Emmaus Camp Minne-Wa-Kan

Spring has arrived! We are counting down the days until our summer staff arrive at Camp Emmaus and soon thereafter the campers. For most in the Midwest springtime is eagerly anticipated. We are ready for longer days, warmer weather and new life to emerge. In the midst of the warmer days, wildlife reemerging and flowers budding it is hard to doubt God's presence, power and goodness. The beauty and new life that come with spring, bring us hope and serve as a much-needed reminder that no amount of darkness can ever conquer light. Winter is long, cold and dark but without fail every year spring arrives. Knowing that seasons change is what gets me through the coldest winter days. I rejoice in knowing that spring and summer do return. But more than that I rejoice knowing that even on the darkest, coldest days there is a glimmer of hope and light to remind us of what is to come.

John 1:5 says "The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it." It not only says that darkness *doesn't overcome, doesn't conquer* the light, it says that *light shines* in the darkness. There is light even in the darkest season. In the seasons of nature we cling to the promise and hope that spring will come. In the seasons of our life we can cling to the promises of God. Our Summer theme for 2021 is "Through it all". We will be focusing on and diving into the promise that God's love endures through it all, through the darkest of days and hardest times, through every season of life. God has promised us light and love even in darkness. God's love endures *through it all*, through the kindness of strangers, through a long-awaited hug from a friend or family member, through the abundant beauty in nature, through summers at Camp Emmaus. God's love endures *through it all*. I'm the 3<sup>rd</sup> generation in my family to experience God's love through a summer at Camp Emmaus and I look forward to the generations to follow. Without a doubt God's love radiates through Camp Emmaus, through the dedication of our counselors and staff, through the excitement of the campers, through the generations, through every season. *Through it all* God is there shining through.

As summer quickly approaches and we eagerly anticipate the arrival of both our staff and campers, we invite you to join us in our ministry through your prayers. Praying that we may be good stewards of God's love this summer. That all who join us will feel the presence of the Holy Spirit and experience God's boundless love.

Peace my friends,  
Lydia Holden  
Program Director

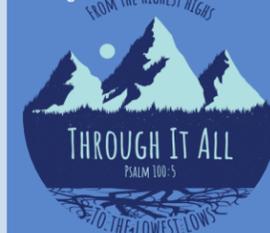
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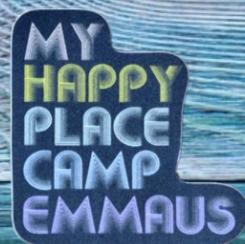
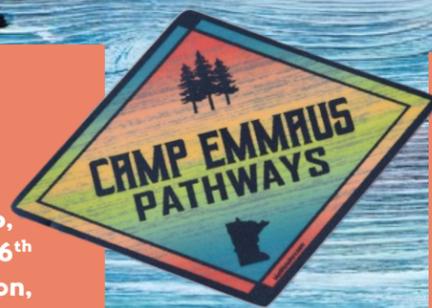
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*"For the LORD is good and his love endures forever; his faithfulness continues through all generations." – Psalm 100:5*

## BACK TO CAMP

After a year away from camp, Chase (8<sup>th</sup> grade) and Katie (6<sup>th</sup> grade) Peterson, from Glyndon, MN, were the first to register for Camp Emmaus this summer. This brother and sister pair have signed up for Adventure Camp and are excited to try something new and different after their previous experiences with Elementary Camp. Both Chase and Katie agreed that the first time they went to camp they were nervous because they had never been there before and went alone. After being at camp, they made new friends and had fun participating in all the camp activities. Now this year, they are so excited to be back at Camp Emmaus where they describe it as a place that is fun and exhilarating!



When we asked what they have taken away from their camp experiences in the past, their answers put a smile on our faces. Chase and Katie explained that their moods are changed, they are on their phones less, and their overall attitudes and behaviors are more positive. Chase even stated that their parents notice these changes when they come home.

Since talking to these two young campers, it made us even more excited to bring those experiences and memories back for our campers! We are looking forward to offering Chase and Katie's favorite camp activities like swimming, camp outs, and arts & crafts, safely to everyone this summer. We hope that you will join Chase and Katie this summer, as we step away from our devices and jump into the great outdoors to connect with God and each other.

## Annual Meeting

The Pathways Annual Meeting was held virtually again this year. On Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, we welcomed Pathways representatives and friends from around northwest Minnesota and beyond. We started with conversation and fellowship while viewing a slideshow of the recent progress to the new multi-purpose maintenance building at Camp Emmaus. It was great to see so many new and old friends connecting with each other from around the region.



Among the highlights of the meeting were the establishment of the Pathways Endowment Fund Committee, approval of the 2021 operating budget, and the unveiling of planned Chapel improvements at Camp Emmaus including handicap access to the chapel and lakefront. We are extremely grateful to outgoing board members, Sue Grafstrom and Clay Ellingson, for their years of service and dedication to Pathways. We are very excited to welcome Rev. Janelle Hennager, Jenny Hagelstrom, Brother Jeff Brown, Terry Piphon, Rebecca Esser, Mark Hensrud, John Knorr, and Larry Kent to the Pathways Board of Directors. We look forward to the gifts they bring to our leadership team and know that God continues to guide Pathways.



### Tax Free Giving

For those of you age 70<sup>1/2</sup> and above, IRS regulations now permit withdrawing funds from qualified retirement accounts to reduce your taxable income. IRA withdrawals that are made payable to Pathways (or another 501(c)3) could offer a significant tax savings. Consider a tax free gift to Pathways today.

## Retreat Staff Spotlight



DONNA YLINIEMI



KEN YLINIEMI



RYAN SCHLICHTING



KRISTI YORK

Pathways is a special place for so many people and our exceptional retreat staff is part of that reason. Donna, Kristi, Ken and Ryan along with our fulltime staff help make your stay a memorable one by providing "Pathways hospitality" at retreats. If you are interested in booking a fall retreat or would even like to be part of our retreat staff call the Pathways office today at 218-227-5107

### Camp Ravioli Lasagna

- 1 lb of ground Italian sausage or ground beef or turkey
- 1 jar (28) ounces spaghetti sauce
- 25 ounces frozen cheese ravioli (thaw before using)
- 1 cup of ricotta cheese
- 1 egg
- 1/4 cup parmesan cheese
- 1/2 tsp Italian seasoning
- 2 cups mozzarella cheese, shredded.

In a large skillet, cook ground meat over medium heat until no longer pink; drain. Mix ricotta cheese, egg, parmesan cheese and seasoning together. In a greased 9 x 13 pan layer a third of the spaghetti sauce, half of the ravioli and meat, half of the ricotta mixture and 3/4 cup cheese; repeat layers. Top with remaining sauce and cheese. Cover and bake at 400° until heated through, 40-45 minutes.

## Through it All

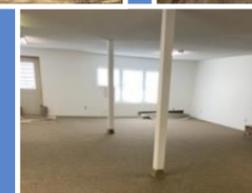
Through it all Brad and the Pathways crew have been working tirelessly to finish camp improvement projects. We are putting the final touches on the new multipurpose maintenance building. The staff house remodel at Camp Emmaus is finished and repairs are complete at Camp Minne-Wa-Kan from the water damage in the lodge basement. It looks better than new. We are excited to welcome campers and families this summer and share our improved spaces with everyone.



CAMP EMMMAUS



CAMP MINNE-WA-KAN



### Hills and Valleys

By Tauren Wells

On the mountains, I will bow my life to the one who set me there

In the valley, I will lift my eyes to the one who sees me there

When I'm standing on the mountain aft, didn't get there on my own

When I'm walking through the valley end, no I am not alone!

You're God of the hills and valleys!  
Hills and Valleys!

God of the hills and valleys  
and I am not alone!

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