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**The Pathfinder**  
Camp Emmaus Camp Minne-Wa-Kan

### Through it All

*"This experience was exactly what we needed!"* This phrase was repeated throughout the summer by campers, parents, and staff alike. God was with us Through it All at Camp Emmaus and across Northwest Minnesota. After nearly 2 years away due to the pandemic, Pathways lived out our mission of offering unique environments where God encounters people and renews them to live lives of love. Although we were at 60% camper capacity, we were able to offer a little bit of normal in an ever-changing world full of anxiety and worry. Lives were impacted and faith was developed. Our summer ministry team rose above the challenges of being shorthanded and were instrumental in connecting young people to their faith and Christian community through the love of Jesus Christ.



## Forest Match Up

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| Red Oak      | Chestnut   |
| Silver maple | Common Oak |
| Sweet gum    | Oak        |
| Ash          | Birch      |
| Ginkgo       | Beach      |
| White Oak    | Red maple  |
| Poplar       | Sycamore   |

Match the leaves to their pictures. Can you tell us how many of these trees are located at *Camp Emmaus*? Put your answer on your donation envelope and correct answers will be entered in a drawing for a *Pathways* hoodie! Contest ends December 1st.



Pathways is willing to come to your congregation to share about God's work through camping ministry.

**We are available for Camp Sundays, Camp Wednesdays and youth events!**

Help sustain the ministry of Pathways for years to come. On Thursday, November 18<sup>th</sup> Pathways will once again take part in Give to the Max Day, Minnesota's Giving Holiday. The Pathways Board of Directors and others have come together to match gifts up to \$10,000 to offset lost revenue and continue to share the love of Jesus Christ through camping ministry. Because of you we are able to give our campers something certain, the constant presence of God's Love, in an uncertain world. Thank you for helping Pathways give our campers life-shaping experiences in faith formation.



Early giving is open now! Follow the instructions on page 3

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## Past and Present

Camp Emmaus has been around since 1939 and thousands of campers have been impacted. I recently interviewed two past campers. This is what they had to say.

**Mavis** went to Camp for the first time in 1946. Her memories of camp include the delicious food that was eaten outdoors by the chapel and sometimes around a campfire. She remembers all of the songs she enjoyed singing with the other campers. Mavis has many fun camp memories like brushing her teeth in Lake Morgan and her counselor trying to shoo away the chipmunk that snuck into their cabin. Mavis made lifelong friends that she is still in contact with. She said one of the most exciting parts of camp was getting to sleep in sleeping bags and she remembers how much she enjoyed praying together. Mavis has always kept Camp Emmaus close to her heart and she continues to support us in so many ways.



**Paige** remembers first going to camp in 2006 with Calvary Lutheran Church in Park Rapids. Paige's favorite song to sing around the fire is *Amazing Love* and her favorite meal is Donna's Ranch Chicken. One of the camp memories that stands out to her is the summer she went to camp without her glasses. She had to climb the rock wall and remembers the counselor telling her that God is like climbing blind. Even though you cannot see, you know that you will get there and that everything will be fine. Paige met many lifelong friends at camp and she dreamed about being a counselor someday. Not surprising, she did just that in 2018! Paige told me Camp Emmaus is her safe place. A little bit of normal away from all of life's struggles.



Both Mavis and Paige came away from camp with amazing memories, with friends and songs in their hearts, but most importantly they came home with the true beauty of camp, a lifelong faith in God and Christian community that remain part of their lives today. Because of generous supporters like you, Pathways will be here for many more generations to make a profound impact on young lives.

## In Tune with Nature

This summer Pathways made a special attempt to connect our campers and staff to God's creation. Cabin groups took nature walks around camp to identify trees, plants, animals, insects, and other creatures living right in our backyard. Thursday evening cookouts gave our campers the opportunity to prepare meals over an open fire. Canoe trips on the Shell River gave campers the opportunity to spot amazing wildlife in their habitat. Some of the highlights include; fish, eagles, cranes, turtles, frogs, deer, and so much more. One group even saw a black bear on the river. Re-connecting to the earth and being better stewards of the land that God has given us is more important now than ever before. See if you can identify all of the leaves on the Forest Match Up on page 4.



## Retreat Season is Here!

Space is available for winter and spring retreats, small-group gatherings, meetings, and more at Camp Minne-Wa-Kan and Camp Emmaus. We will help make your stay memorable by providing warm Pathways hospitality. If you are interested in booking a retreat call the Pathways office today for more details at 218-227-5107



 Pathways Bible Camps

 Pathways Lutheran Outdoor Ministries

## Timeless Beauty

The chapel at Camp Minne-Wa-Kan is a special place full of beauty and memories. Last winter we noticed that the building was in need of structural repairs and other deferred maintenance. Plans were made to raise money to repair the deteriorated foundation, brace up the



walls, repair the windows and replace doors. The completion of this project will ensure that the beauty of Camp Minne-Wa-Kan can be enjoyed for generations to come. We are still in need of help to pay for resurfacing the ball court and log cabin restoration. If you are interested in supporting more improvements you can designate a gift for camp Minne-Wa-kan.

## It's Never too Late

Established in 1998 the Pathways Endowment Fund was officially created this year at our annual meeting. With an initial investment of \$25,000, the fund will grow through Memorial and Estate gifts to support Pathways programs, special projects and camperships. By supporting the Pathways Endowment Fund you can impact the faith development in the lives of our campers for years to come.

The time is right for the Pathways Endowment Fund to help you accomplish your giving goals. Contact Chris Andreasen for more information at 218-227-5107.



Visit [www.GiveMN/Pathways-125](http://www.GiveMN/Pathways-125) anytime between now and Nov.18th to make a donation.

You can also send a check to PO Box 627 Moorhead, MN 56561 or call us at 218-227-5107.

Visit our website at [www.PathwaysBibleCamps.org](http://www.PathwaysBibleCamps.org)

Thank you!

If you are over age 70 1/2 you can make a tax-free gift to Pathways through your IRA