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Spring 2022  
**The Pathfinder**  
Camp Emmaus Camp Minne-Wa-Kan



# The Results Are In!

Pathways held a corporate meeting on May 1, 2022 to vote on the purchase of Camp Emmaus from Trinity Lutheran Church in Moorhead. Following Trinity's approval to sell Camp Emmaus, the Pathways Board of Directors put forward a motion to buy the entire 347-acre property for \$200,000 with an additional \$500,000 commitment to Trinity's capital campaign over 5 years. Our meeting was filled with great questions, imaginative conversation, and faithful discernment. In the end the Pathways constituency voted overwhelmingly in favor this proposal (92% approval). Resolution to the long-standing question of ownership will allow Pathways freedom to move forward with its own campus design and facility improvements to share Jesus Christ with youth and families for years to come. We are grateful to Trinity Lutheran Church for working with us to ensure that Camp Emmaus remains a ministry site!



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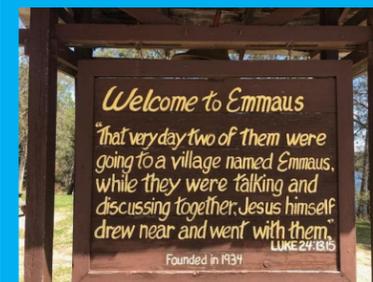
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## Spring Emoji Pictionary

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Pathways is committed to providing access to this ministry for every child regardless of financial ability. Through your generous contributions on Giving Hearts Day and other gifts providing camp opportunities, we are helping numerous families offset the cost of camp this summer. If you are in need of financial assistance or would like to support camperships, please contact the Pathways Office at 218-227-5107



# A New Face at Pathways

Jen Finch (she/her) Joins Our Staff as Office Manager



Jen felt the call to serve the community from a young age. She always wanted to play office as a child so she is living her dream doing both with Pathways. Jen joined the Pathways team in April of 2022 and brings with her many years of experience and a vast knowledge of office management, social media, customer service, and a passion for nature. Jen thrives on efficiency and loves learning new things. In her spare time, you'll find her shadowed by her miniature poodle, Eddie, as he is always accompanying Jen with tending to her large plant collection, hiking, reading, listening to music, cooking, painting & traveling. Reach her at [Pathways@PathwaysBibleCamps.org](mailto:Pathways@PathwaysBibleCamps.org) or 218-227-5107.



## Summer Program

Can you believe summer is finally here?



After a long winter and cold spring, warmer temperatures are here. The seasons will continue to change but we are excited to welcome campers and their families in the coming weeks. Though we tend to measure the seasons by temperatures and hours of sunlight, we know that God is beyond measure and surrounds us with love through every season.

Our summer staff have arrived and are making final preparations for a summer of celebrations, experiences, and sharing of God's boundless love! Our summer theme, *Boundless! God Beyond Measure*, explores how God's goodness, love, welcome, forgiveness, and generosity are boundless and wonderful. As we travel to our communities for day camp and run our onsite programs with youth and families, we hope that everyone we encounter will be "filled with all that God is."

***"I pray that you and all God's people will understand what is called wide or long or high or deep. I want you to know all about Christ's love, although it is too wonderful to be measured. Then your lives will be filled with all that God is." - Ephesians 3:18-19***

Throughout the summer, our days will be full of praising and playing. From canoeing, to arts & crafts, to campfire worships and building community; we hope to embody the love and joy we are called to in Christ. All are welcome to journey alongside us as we experience this love of God that is too wonderful to be measured!

With Joy,  
Kale Johnson, Program Director

This year's summer theme is *Boundless! God Beyond Measure*



Pathways Lutheran Outdoor Ministries



Pathways Bible Camps



## Total Inclusion!

On April 24-26, Pathways new Board Chair, Pastor Eric Clapp, along with Executive Director, Chris Andreasen, and Program Director, Kale Johnson, attended the Lutheran Outdoor Ministries "Total Inclusion Symposium" at Luther Crest Bible Camp in Alexandria, MN. The focus of the symposium was to identify ways that we can make camp a more welcoming and inclusive environment for marginalized neighbors. Through workshops, intentional conversations and sharing experiences, we were able to identify priorities and action steps to train staff, increase our hospitality and plant seeds for inclusive program options going forward. As we enter into our next strategic planning process, the goal of Total Inclusion will be at the forefront of our discussions. A special thanks to the LOM Network and the Margaret A. Cargill Philanthropies for lifting up the importance of inclusivity and making the symposium possible.



*Pathways Lutheran Outdoor Ministries has a place for everyone around the campfire! For more information on Total Inclusion at Pathways, please find our Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion statement on our Website in the "ABOUT" section.*

## Even More Facility Improvements

Because of the support of our donors, volunteers and people like you, we were able to make even more facility improvements this spring.

The Trinity Lutheran Church Foundation of Moorhead funded the electrical work on the maintenance garage at Camp Emmaus. New lighting, outlets and switches were installed and will allow for a safer and more convenient workspace. The completion of this building allows us to be better stewards of the camp we are purchasing. We are grateful for the support of the Trinity Foundation and all other donors who helped us complete this project.

Thanks to a gift from an anonymous donor we have replaced the old, worn out siding on the chapel at Camp Minne-Wa-Kan. Structural improvements to the foundation and walls were completed last fall and the old siding was removed earlier this spring. The new siding along with repaired windows, replaced doors and a new cross above the main entrance ensures the chapel remains a centerpiece of this beautiful camp.

These continued projects and progress are necessary to increase the overall camp experience for our campers, families, and retreat guests. We are so grateful to be able to complete these projects and share the beautiful outcomes with everyone as we sustain our facilities and continue to reach others through our mission.

### Thank you!



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