

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Hearing Assistance Available:** If you need assistance in hearing any part of the worship service, please go to the sound booth at the back of the sanctuary where we have devices to assist you.

**Prayer Opportunity:** Prayers to ask God to heal the divisiveness in our country and world during the 10:00 hour, in the prayer room, each Sunday. All are welcome to pray. Individual prayer requests will be prayed for as well. Please contact Pastor Susan with questions.

**Operation Joy:** Please take a gift suggestion tag from the Christmas tree in the Narthex. Bring the unwrapped item back to Emmaus by December 9th. The CAC will distribute gifts to area families in mid December.

**Please pray for area churches:** Please pray for our friends and neighbors at Rejoice! Church of Dundas in the following week.

**Sunday, December 2:** Doug Olsen's 90th Birthday Party 1-4 pm in Fellowship Hall today. Everyone is welcome to come celebrate Doug.

**Thursday, December 6:** Feed My Starving Children packing event in Eagan. Gather at 10:30 am. Donations can be made to FMSC and brought to the church office to help with the cost of the meals.

**Saturday, December 8:** Singles Social Group 7:00 pm gather at the NAG theater, 411 3rd St. W., to see the production of A Christmas Story. Tickets are \$17 and can be purchased from the Northfield Arts Guild.

**Saturday, December 8:** Women In Touch Breakfast 8:30-10 am; This month's speaker is Kim Briske.

**Sunday, December 9:** Children's Christmas Program during the 8:45 am service. Gather in the Fellowship Hall for a reception at 10 am. Worship service at 11 am.

**Sunday, December 16:** Emmaus 55+ Outing to the King's Room. Meet at 12:15 at Buntrock Commons at St. Olaf College. Cost is \$18 paid to Bon Appetit. Sign up at the Adult Ministries Bulletin Board. Contact Art Kopseng with questions [agkopseng@gmail.com](mailto:agkopseng@gmail.com)

**Sunday, December 16:** Advent Vespers Service and Meal 4:30 pm. Please join us for a beautiful service of song and scripture, then enjoy a catered meal afterwards.

**Children's Ministry Families—A Reminder:** Please have your children here Saturday, December 8 2:30 pm for the Christmas Program rehearsal. We will feed the kids dinner after the rehearsal and you can pick them up at 5:00 pm.

**End of Year Giving:** Please have your financial gifts to the church office or postmarked by December 31st for the 2018 giving year.

**Staff Love Gifts:** Each year at Emmaus we take an offering to share among our church staff. If you would like to contribute, please put the words "Love Offering" on the memo line of your check and put it in the offering tray or mail it to the church office.

## From The Treasurer

We have completed thirty-five weeks of the 2018-2019 fiscal year  
Offering Last Week: \$7,103 (\$4,671 below budget)  
Offering YTD: \$389,781 (\$22,294 below budget)  
Capital Campaign Pledges made: \$169,370

## This Week At Emmaus

**Today:** Worship 8:45 & 11:00 am; Sunday School 10:00 am; Doug Olsen's 90th Birthday Party 1-4 pm  
**Wednesday:** Men's Breakfast 6-8 am; WOW 6-7 pm; Youth Group 7-8:30 pm  
**Thursday:** Divorce Care 6:30 pm; Adult Ministry Board 6:30 pm  
**Friday:** Whispers of Hope Concert 7:00 pm  
**Saturday:** WIT Breakfast 8:30 am Fellowship Hall; Children's Program Rehearsal 2:30 pm  
**Next Sunday:** Children's Program 8:45 am; Reception 10:00 am Fellowship Hall; Worship 11:00 am

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# EMMAUS CHURCH



Sunday December 2, 2018 | Wish List: Hope

# TODAY

Worshiping Together

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Prelude	<i>Keep Your Lamps</i>
Welcome	Pastor Susan Quinnell
Call To Worship	Lighting of the Advent Wreath
Congregational Singing	<i>Come Thou Long Expected Jesus God With Us O Come, O Come, Emmanuel</i>
The Lord's Prayer	
Offering	<i>Come Light Our Hearts</i>
Message and Prayer	Pastor Abe Johnson
Hymn of Response	<i>Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming</i>
Communion	
Benediction	

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**Encouragement Fund:** On Communion Sundays we collect the Encouragement Fund Offering. These monies are used to meet the physical needs of those in our congregation. Please place your gift in the basket at the back as you leave the Sanctuary today. Thank you.

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### Today's Worship Leaders

Tony Mathison, Lisa Gillispie, Elin Odegaard, Barry VanWieren, Dean Lindeman, Jason Ripley,  
Kate Andrew, Ella Andrew

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### Next Week

December 9, 2018  
Series: Wish List

Speaker: Pastor Abe Johnson  
Sermon: Peace (Luke 1:67-80; Is. 9:2-7)

## Welcome to Emmaus

Welcome to all who have joined us today. As we gather together let our hearts be filled with gratitude for all the things God has done. Let us accept and encourage one another with the same love and grace that God has extended to us through Jesus Christ. And let us honor God in our songs, our speech, our reflections and all that we do here today.



Today's Message:

Hope: 1 Peter 1:3-12

Pastor Abe Johnson

How do I hope the meditations and practices of the season will shape me?  
How can I prepare myself, my home, and my family for the arrival of Jesus in a way that nurtures a spirit of anticipation and hope?  
What practical steps can I take to guard quiet moments but also embrace divine interruptions?  
Light can warm and it can guide, but it can also expose and surprise. What does light in the darkness mean for the world? What does it mean for my life in this season?  
What does it mean to listen to the prophets in this season—not just the prophets of old, but the prophets of today?  
*These questions come from Rachel Held Evans on her Blog post 26 Ideas for Advent.*

## About Emmaus

We are a community of faith committed to growing in our love for God in worship and devotion; to cultivating a community characterized by love, grace and humility; and to loving our neighbors in service and hospitality. In all we are and in all we do we want to become fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ.