

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Northfield Christmas Sharing: Gift suggestion tags are located on the table in the narthex. Bring your new, unwrapped gift to Emmaus and place in the Christmas Sharing box by Sunday, December 10th. Your gift stays right here in Northfield.

World Vision: World Vision gift catalogs are available in the narthex. Donations provide clean water, farm animals, education, medication and more to children and families around the world.

Advent Vespers Service: Join us this evening for our Advent Vespers Service and Meal. The service begins at 4:30 pm with the meal to follow.

Women's Retreat: Ladies, mark your calendar for the Women's Retreat February 9-10 at Mt. Olivet Retreat Center. Registration will begin in December.

Men's Retreat: Men, mark your calendar for the Men's Retreat February 2-3 at Mt. Olivet Retreat Center. Registration will begin soon. Questions? See Mark Quinnell, Rob Ryden or Doug Stanga.

Whispers of Hope Concert: Come celebrate the fabulous work done by Whispers of Hope Friday, Dec. 8 7:00 pm at Emmaus. Free admission. Refreshments will be served. Concert features Patty Kark & Jim Anderson.

WIT: Women In Touch breakfast is Saturday, Dec. 9th 8:30 am. Hear from Tammy Filzen and Connie Olson about their work at Whispers of Hope. All ladies welcome. Bring a friend.

Children's Program: Sunday, December 17th our children will share the Christmas story during the 8:45 service. A reception for all will be held at 10 am in the Fellowship Hall. We will have an 11:00 am service.

Year End Giving: Any financial contribution you wish to be counted as donated in the 2017 calendar year must be postmarked or turned in to the church office by Sunday, December 31st, 2017.

Staff Love Offering: 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.

Stephen Ministers available during the holidays: This can be a difficult time of year for many people, for many reasons. Emmaus has Stephen Ministers available to listen. Contact Pastor Susan for more information about the confidential support of a Stephen Minister.

Surviving the Holidays: Presented by Divorce Care. Thursday, December 14 6:30-8:00 pm Room 215. A light supper will be provided. All persons thinking about separation/divorce, are separated or divorced and needing support through the holidays are invited to attend. No cost. There will be a video, discussion and support offered. RSVP to Pastor Susan 507-645-9480 x209.

From The Treasurer

We have completed thirty-five weeks of the 2017-2108 fiscal year

Offering Last Week: \$21,408 (\$9,227 above budget)

Offering YTD: \$396,894 (\$29,456 below budget)

This Week At Emmaus

Today: Worship 8:45 and 11:00 am

Sunday School for all ages 10:00 am

4:30 pm Advent Vespers Service and Meal

Tuesday: Women's Bible Study 7 pm Room 215

Wednesday: Men's Breakfast 6-8 am Kitchen

WOW 6-7 pm; Youth Group 6:30-8:00 pm

Thursday: Bible Study Fellowship 9:30-11:30 am

Divorce Care 6:30 pm Room 215

Friday: Whispers of Hope Concert 7:00 pm

Saturday: Women In Touch breakfast 8:30 am

Fellowship Hall. All women welcome.

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EMMAUS CHURCH



Sunday December 3 2017

| Week 2: O Sing A Song...

TODAY

Worshiping Together

Prelude	
Welcome and Announcements	<i>Tim Drake</i>
Call To Worship/Advent Wreath Lighting	
Congregational Singing	Angels From the Realms of Glory Come Thou Long Expected Jesus In The Bleak Midwinter
The Lord's Prayer	
Offering	Peace Has Come
Scripture & Message	<i>Pastor Abe Johnson</i>
Hymn of Response	Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence
Communion	
Benediction	

Encouragement Fund: *The Encouragement Fund is collected on Communion Sundays. The monies are used to meet the physical needs of those in our congregation. As you leave the Sanctuary today, you will find a basket at the back where you may leave your donation.*

Today's Worship Leaders

Tony Mathison, Susan Lohmann, Sam Ryden, Rob Ryden, Michael Maas, Barry VanWieren

Next Sunday

December 10, 2017 Speaker: Pastor Abe Johnson
Series: O Sing A Song... Sermon: Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming

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.



Notes

December 3, 2017 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence Pastor Abe Johnson
Habakkuk 2:18-20

Let all mortal flesh keep silence,
And with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly-minded,
For with blessing in His hand,
Christ our God to earth descendeth,
Our full homage to demand.

Rank on rank the host of heaven
Spreads its vanguard on the way,
As the Light of light descendeth
From the realms of endless day,
That the pow'rs of hell may vanish
As the darkness clears away.

King of kings, yet born of Mary,
As of old on earth He stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture,
In the body and the blood;
He will give to all the faithful
His own self for heav'nly food.

At His feet the six-winged seraph,
Cherubim with sleepless eye,
Veil their faces to the presence,
As with ceaseless voice they cry:
"Alleluia, Alleluia,

Questions:

- What are your favorite traditions that prepare you for Christmas?
- What stood out to you in today's sermon?
- What stands out to you in the lyrics above?
- What has Christ caused you to turn away from in your life?

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.