

# 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.

**Please pray for area churches:** Please be in prayer for our brothers and sisters at Northfield Community Church in the week ahead.

**We need Sound and AV techs:** No previous experience needed—on the job training provided. Please contact Rob Ryden [rryden@emmauschurch.org](mailto:rryden@emmauschurch.org) if you would like to become a sound or AV tech at Emmaus and serve an average of one Sunday per month.

**Moms/Babies/Toddlers:** Mondays in February, gather in the church nursery 9:30-10:30 am with other moms with babies and toddlers. This informal gathering is a chance to fellowship, play and pray. Questions? Contact Rhea Mehrkens [rheamehrkens@gmail.com](mailto:rheamehrkens@gmail.com).

**Women's Retreat:** The Women's Retreat at Mt. Olivet is March 1-2. Come to the table in the narthex and someone will be there to help you register. If you have questions, please contact Kathy Kopseng [agkopseng@gmail.com](mailto:agkopseng@gmail.com).

**Shoe box items:** We are collecting soap for Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes. Bring your donation to the church office.

**Trout Lake Summer Camp:** Emmaus offers scholarships to each camper. Contact the church office for the scholarship code you will need when registering online.

**Women In Touch:** February's speaker is Shirley Comeaux. Join for breakfast Saturday, Feb. 9 8:30 am.

**Next Singles/Divorced/Widows/Widowers Group:** Meet at Emmaus 4:15 pm Saturday, February 9 to carpool to Michael Maas's home in Owatonna. Bring a hot or cold, gluten-free dish to pass and your favorite board game. No need to RSVP... simply show up at Emmaus.

**Northfield Women's Center Fundraiser:** The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, February 10, 8:30 am—12:00 pm at Church of St. Dominic 104 Linden St. N., to benefit the Northfield Women's Center. Adults \$9, Children 4-10 \$5, and 3 and under are free.

**Membership Class:** Sunday, February 10th 12:15 pm. Lunch will be served. This class is the first step toward membership at Emmaus. Please RSVP to the church office if you will attend.

**Charitable Giving and Taxes:** February 17th 10:00 am Fellowship Hall, Matthew Rich will share his expertise on how to give and still take advantage of tax benefits within the new tax laws. All are welcome.

## From The Treasurer

We have completed forty-four weeks of the 2018-2019 fiscal year  
Offering Last Week: \$9,165 (\$2,609 below budget)  
Offering YTD: \$500,038 (\$17,310 below budget)  
Capital Campaign Pledges made: \$188,645  
Campaign Pledges received: \$81,584

## This Week At Emmaus

**Today:** Worship 8:45 and 11:00 am; Sunday School for all ages 10:00 am

**Wednesday:** Men's Breakfast 6:00 am; WOW 6-7 pm; Youth Group 7-8:30 pm

**Thursday:** 6:30 pm Adult Ministry Board Meeting

**Friday:** Women's Bible Study 9-10:30 am

**Saturday:** Women In Touch Breakfast 8:30 am

**Next Sunday:** Worship 8:45 and 11:00 am; Sunday School for all ages 10:00 am

Membership Class 12:15-2:15 pm Conference Room

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# EMMAUS CHURCH

## The Parables of Jesus



Sunday February 3, 2019 | Parables of Jesus

# TODAY

Worshiping Together

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Prelude	<i>Welcome Table</i>
Welcome	Rob Ryden
Call To Worship	
Congregational Singing	<i>How Great Thou Art</i> <i>Echo</i> <i>The Call</i>
The Lord's Prayer	
Offering	<i>Tremble</i>
Message and Prayer	Pastor Abe Johnson
Song of Response	<i>O Come To The Altar</i>
Communion	
Benediction	

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Encouragement Fund: On Communion Sundays we collect the Encouragement Fund. These monies are used to meet the physical needs of those within our congregation who may need some financial assistance. You can leave your donation in the basket in the back of the Sanctuary as you leave today. Thank you.

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#### Today's Worship Leaders

Rob Ryden, Gigi Tisdale, Barry VanWieren, Lisa Gillispie, Dean Lindeman, Sam Ryden, Tony Mathison

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#### Next Week

February 10, 2019  
Series: The Parables of Jesus

Speaker: Pastor Abe Johnson  
Sermon: A Rich Man & Lazarus

## 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:

Banquet Guest List: Luke 14:15-24

Pastor Abe Johnson

#### Questions:

Share one highlight or challenge from your week.

Have someone in your group summarize Sunday's sermon. What stood out to you in Sunday's message?

This week's focus was Jesus' parable about a great banquet (Luke 14:15-24). What do you find challenging about this parable? What is encouraging to you?

Discuss this statement: "The biggest obstacles to discipleship (possessions, work, family, etc.) are also the biggest opportunities for discipleship." Is this true? In what ways?

The parable of the Great Banquet tells of an urgent invitation given to people in all sorts of places. What places can we go as a church or as a Life Group and be invitational, welcoming people to celebrate?

Prayer: Ask God to reveal to you someone to invite over for a meal at your home or to invite to church or the community meal.

## 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.