

# EMMAUS CAMPUS MINISTRY

Summer/Fall 2020

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**Retreats:** In July Pastor John and 9 summer residents went to Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp for a time of recreating, connecting and talking with summer staff about racial tensions, de-colonizing church, and the Black Lives Matter movement. It was a great time to both relax and engage on important questions. Last year for fall retreat we camped and rafted on the Blackfoot River. In February we enjoyed a weekend of delicious food, fun and fellowship at Georgetown Lake.



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**Emmaus/ Methodists Partnership:** We continue a new partnership with the Missoula Methodist Campus Ministry board. The Methodists have their own campus ministry house (Wesley House) and adjoining parsonage on Arthur Avenue two blocks south of Emmaus. This summer Pastor John and a few Emmaus students helped the Wesley board insulate, drywall, texture and paint the walls and ceiling of two bedrooms and we now have 4 students living at the Wesley house who are also connected and part of the Emmaus community. That puts our total resident group up to 15 students for this fall. We also have seminarian Rebekah Cochran providing leadership and she and her spouse Maddie are living in the Wesley parsonage.



**Student and seminary interns:** helping students find their place and passion in life happens directly with Emmaus internships. In Faith and Climate Action, seminary student Tess is leading a community of activists engaging with climate through the lens of faith. Our seminary interns Kaylie and Rebekah are helping lead Emmaus student meetings and are providing momentum in building up the core student group. Rai Combs is leading anti-racism organizing.

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## Oktoberfest canceled!

Due to concern for vulnerable community members we feel we cannot safely host this annual celebration and fundraiser. Thanks for your years of support at this event and we hope to visit again soon!

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# Upcoming Events

## Weekly student meetings

**"Decolonizing the Church"** on Sunday nights: In our country Christianity has a legacy of being used to justify the stealing of native lands, cultural and actual genocide and the enslavement of millions of people. Today we need to unpack that history and the theological perspectives that shaped it and consider how we go forward as a church. The gospel at its root is a story of liberation and we have a duty and opportunity to be part of that liberating work for indigenous and people of color today.

**Wednesday night** meetings are a chance for community, worship/grounding, connection and discussion.

We are using a small group format to better accommodate social distancing. Student should contact John for details.

**Faith and Climate Action** meets every other Tuesday at 4 p.m. Please email Tess at [faithandclimateactionmt@gmail.com](mailto:faithandclimateactionmt@gmail.com) for more info.

# Thanks, We'll Miss Ya!

Outgoing Board Member **Barb Christian!** Thank you for your dedication to Emmaus and your many cheerful and supportive words!



## Faith and Climate Action Coordinator **Sydney Bollinger!**

Sydney graduated from the Environmental Writing Masters program and returned to her native Atlanta. She hopes to continue her thesis project "Surface Tension: Essays on an Evolving Faith" and turn it into a book.

## Lead Confluence Organizer **Abby Lynes!**

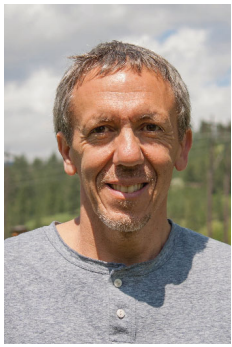
Emmaus alumna and Great Falls native Abby will be staying in Missoula. She has marketing, development, and community organizing skills and is available for employment!



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# When All Lives Matter Is Not Enough

By Rev. John Lund

The declaration that all life matters is a foundational theological truth of mainline Christian thought. It comes from the 6 days of creation narrative in Genesis 1 that all people and all of life was created by God

and deemed good by the Creator. We can also assume this was the working belief that Jesus operated from as he taught and healed and built his ministry.

In our national conversation around racism and white supremacy, one of the pushback phrases from white voices is that we should say “All Lives Matter” rather than “Black Lives Matter.” On one hand, it is hard to argue against an “All Lives Matter” framework. It is at the core of what we believe as Christians. However, in our current context this phrase functions to erase the particular stories of bigotry and abuse that are being shared by our Black, Indigenous, and other people of color (BIPOC) neighbors around the country. The truth is that BIPOC people have not felt like their lives matter as much as white lives in daily, personal, and systematic ways most everywhere they go.

It is safer for us to say that all lives matter, or that God loves everyone. Jesus didn’t get in trouble by telling people to love their neighbors. He got in trouble by loving particular neighbors. His hometown congregation was excited when he read from Isaiah about bringing good news to the poor, but when he mentioned loving Syrians they tried to throw him off a cliff. He got in trouble for loving people who were sinners or untouchable, people with leprosy, Samaritans who couldn’t be trusted, and even gentiles who were hated.

It is in the naming of groups and people that we can recall specific policies and stories that are connected to those people. In Montana we have a long history of erasing native people from their lands (such as the Bitterroot Salish from the Bitterroot Valley) and then through white Christian boarding schools attempting to erase native culture, language, music, values, spirituality, and way of life. Since the beginning of our statehood in Montana, it has been clear that white settler lives, values, religion, children, and wealth matter more than the lives, values, religion, and children of native people. The devaluing of native people continues today as we consider murdered and mission Indigenous women, the undercutting of the CSKT water compact on the Flathead River, various pipeline proposals through tribal lands, and numerous racist comments and micro-aggressions that happen every day across our state.

If we really believe that all life matters to God and to us, then we who are predominately white Christians must declare that Native lives matter, and that Black lives matter, and Latino lives matter, and transgender lives matter, and Muslim lives matter, and so on and so on. These are groups who do not believe us when we declare that all lives matter, because that is not how they have been treated. We also need to be specific to remind ourselves that there is still rampant racism and bigotry that people experience every day, and that if Black and Native lives really do matter, then we have specific work to do.

Of course all lives matter, but not in this country, at least not yet. Can we imagine and pray and live into a time when they do? Lets get to work.

## Welcome Faith and Climate Action Coordinator Tess Gallagher Clancy!



Tess was born and raised in the Bitterroot Valley. She attended UM, studying history and working with the student fossil fuel divestment group, the Montana Sierra Club, and the Industrial Workers of the World. She was partway through her first year

of a Master of Divinity degree at Union Theological Seminary in New York City when COVID hit, and has returned to Missoula for the foreseeable future.

## Welcome new board member Liz Delaney!



Liz is a high school Spanish teacher in Frenchtown where she lives with her husband Doug. They have three adult children, a grad student at UM, a software engineer in Bozeman and

a junior at Montana Tech. They are members of Valley of Christ in Frenchtown. Liz joined the board because she enjoys young people and believes in the mission of Emmaus.



# Program Highlights



**Anti-Racism and LGBTQIA+ Advocacy:** Currently our Sunday night meetings are focused on “Decolonizing the Church.” In our country Christianity has a legacy of being used to justify the stealing of native lands, cultural and actual genocide and the enslavement of millions of people. Today we need to unpack that history and the theological perspectives that shaped it and consider how we go forward as a church. The gospel at its root is a story of liberation and we have a duty and opportunity to be part of that liberating work for indigenous and people of color today. Last year we helped organize the Martin Luther King Jr. Day community celebration. We are also a key partner in a two-year project called “Open and Affirming Missoula” which focuses on both racial justice and LGBTQIA+ advocacy and allyship. We held a “Building Inclusive Church” workshop in partnership with the ELCA Reconciling Works program. BIC training supports faith communities to publicly and intentionally welcome people of all sexual orientations, gender identities, and gender expressions.

**Emmaus resident community:** Our 15 residents living in two adjacent houses and the Welsey House commit to leadership roles in the community, simple living practices, and hospitality. They encounter many conversations, questions, bonding experiences, and discernment opportunities just by being in the space every day. They also generate regular group activities that include other campus ministry students and friends, like dinners, poetry nights, cookie baking, movie nights, game nights, wilderness outings, and art walk tours.



**Emmaus student group:** Wednesday night meetings are a chance for community, worship/grounding, connection and discussion. Sundays are currently a time for learning about and discussing “Decolonizing the Church.” We had great turnout at our welcome events this fall.

**Outreach Worship:** Last year we loved connecting to the wider church community through outreach worship, visiting congregations to lead worship, share a message, and also lead an adult/youth education time to talk about young adults, Christianity and church. We visited 7 churches and look forward to the time we can visit again.



**Faith and Climate Action Montana:** led by Sydney Bollinger with a full working group made of UM faculty, students, staff, community members, clergy and church folks, highlights included conversations such as “Love, Despair, and Hope: Working Through Climate Change Grief” and “Deep Time: The Journey of the Universe and the Human Response” and protests against environmental degradation.



**Pastor connections on campus and in the community:** Last fall Pastor John taught a one credit Honor College freshman course called Finding Your Path with 20 students. He preached several times at our local ELCA churches and worked closely with community organizations such as the Missoula Interfaith Collaborative, Empower Montana, and the YWCA.

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## Welcome seminary intern Kaylie Ines!



Hi! I am Kaylie Ines. I am originally from Wichita, Kansas, where my three older brothers and two nieces and nephews still live along with my family. I have finished my academic studies at Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary in Berkeley, California, where I will receive my Master of

Divinity. I hope to become an ordained minister in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. You can find me out in nature, reading a Stephen King novel, writing poetry, baking goods, and sipping on good coffee or tea in my spare time!

## Congratulations alumna Stacey Siebrasse!

Rev. Stacey Siebrasse and Lance Heggem were married by Pastor John in a lovely ceremony on a windy August day in the Bear Paw Mountains south of Havre. Stacey is a 2006 UM grad and pastored churches in California and Billings before leading the community organizing efforts of Missoula Interfaith Collaborative. Lance is a rancher in Winifred where the couple will reside. It was special for John to be part of this step in Stacey's journey, having connected with her 15 years ago in his first year at Emmaus.



## Join the Emmaus team!

We are seeking a creative and confident Director of Development and Alumni Relations to work 8-10 hours per week nurturing and growing our donor base. Must have experience in non-profit fundraising and donor development and be outgoing and focused on relationship-building. Also requires strong organization skills and familiarity with non-profit databases. Pay rate \$17+ DOE.

Contact Kristen at [ecmumt@gmail.com](mailto:ecmumt@gmail.com) with questions or to submit a resume and letter of interest.



# Welcome Residents!



Kelsey Noble grew up in Fresno, California and has lived in Missoula for 3 years. She is a senior at the U of M studying Elementary Education and loves gardening, hiking, and slacklining. She also spent this summer working at Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp and loved it!

Ben Peterson is a student at the University of Montana studying Elementary Education. He's really interested to see how our system adapts to the unique challenges that this year brings with it, and looking forward to starting to work with kids in classrooms ASAP.



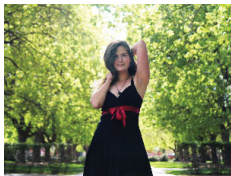
Garrett Miglin grew up and went to college in New Jersey. After two years of service and travel with AmeriCorps (sort of a domestic Peace Corps) he moved to Great Falls in 2019, and is now a first year law student at UM. He is new to the Emmaus community and looking forward to getting to know everybody!

James Bradley grew up outside of a small ski town in Colorado, where he spent his days playing in the woods. Now he's here at the university studying Journalism and German.



Shalom Kristanugraha originally hails from the volcanic islands of Indonesia. Before finding their way to glacial Montana in pursuit of a Master's degree in Environmental Philosophy, Shalom made home in Michigan, Kentucky, England, and Massachusetts. Nowadays, Shalom spends a lot of time musing over the question of what it means to live and die well in this era of anthropogenic climate change. Shalom enjoys taking long walks, fixing bikes, reading anthropology, and roughhousing with friends.

As ex-President of Emmaus Campus Ministry, Jeremiah Ormseth has had time to ponder about the legacy he left behind. For those unaware, forces loyal to Leonard successfully ousted Jeremiah from the post under controversial circumstances. Jeremiah is a senior in Computer Science.



Emily Walling is from Victor Montana. She just finished a B.A in Japanese and plans to move to Japan to teach English as soon as possible. Emily loves nature, art, hiking and playing guitar. She likes how welcoming and friendly the people are in the Emmaus community.

Leonard Ormseth was selected for student group presidency in a FAIR and HONEST process. His tenure has been marked by sharp criticism from his estranged brother, who harbors delusions about the days of the past. He saves some time for skiing, being on the river and finishing up a degree in environmental science.



Raina Woolworth is from Mississippi and came to University of Montana to do work on climate change. She loves running, hugs, and red wolves.

Daniel Duensing is a junior, originally from Colorado Springs, Colorado. He is studying photojournalism and secondary education at the University of Montana. Daniel spends his free time trailing running and skating.



Laura Grooms is a senior born in Minnesota but raised in Asia, Minnesota and Florida. Majoring in Anthropology and minoring in Media Arts. She is also a Scuba Diving Instructor!

Tess was born and raised in the Bitterroot Valley. She studied history at UM UM, studying history and working with the student fossil fuel divestment group, the Montana Sierra Club, and the Industrial Workers of the World. She was partway through her first year of a Master of Divinity degree at Union Theological Seminary in New York City when COVID hit, and has returned to Missoula for the foreseeable future.



# Financial Highlights

## May 2019 through April 2020

### Financial Position April 30, 2020

#### Assets

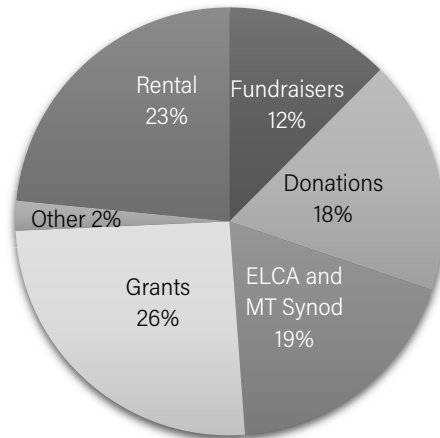
Current Assets	160,924
Fixed Assets (Buildings)	865,421
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>1,026,345</b>

#### Liabilities and Net Assets

Liabilities	
Current Liabilities	6,175
Long Term Liabilities	81,743
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>87,918</b>
Net Assets	
Unrestricted Net Assets	954,029
Net Income	-15,602
<b>Total Net Assets</b>	<b>938,427</b>

**Total Liabilities and Net Assets 1,026,345**

### Sources of Revenue



- 93 households gave \$31,402, including \$12,411 at Oktoberfest and \$4,345 in Thrivent Choice Dollars
- 33 congregations and church groups gave \$15,061
- 10 businesses sponsored Oktoberfest and 21 donated auction items
- We launched Confluence thanks to support from the ELCA, MT Synod, UCC and United Methodist churches
- We made the 10th and final payment to buy-out the Ark from Glacier Presbytery
- Building projects on Emmaus House included a wheelchair ramp, new doors, a new beam and refinished floors upstairs. We also added a patio around our firepit

### Statement of Operations May '19—April '20

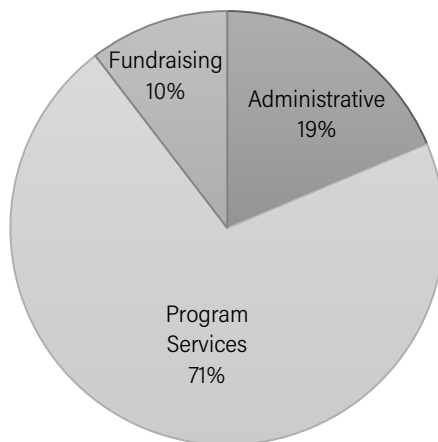
#### Revenues

Donations (Congregations)	14,511
Donations (Individuals)	18,901
ELCA and MT Synod	35,106
Fundraisers	23,485
Grants	47,990
Other Income	4,240
Rental Income	44,174
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>188,407</b>

#### Expenses

Buildings	18,926
Direct Program	11,319
Fundraisers	2,074
Operational	8,311
Payroll	144,987
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>185,617</b>

### Expenditures



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## Reflection

Greetings! I am Rebekah Cochrane, one of the interns working with Emmaus this year. I am a 3rd year seminary student at Luther Seminary and I'm honored to share my story with you. I am a total church nerd. I grew up in a traditional ELCA congregation, I love organ and choral music, I actually enjoyed Confirmation class... and I thought all of this is what led me to seminary. Holy cow, did the Holy Spirit have a surprise for me! As I began seminary, I was captivated by professors, scholars, and pastors who were able to put language to the feelings that the Gospel stirred in me, those feelings that gave me goose bumps or teary eyes or that nervous feeling in my stomach. Slowly but surely, the Bible stories I learned growing up and the rituals of Christian communities became a source of liberation in my life. So many people inside and outside of our Christian communities have experienced Christianity as limiting, exclusive, and hurtful. When Jesus called us to be in community with fellow believers and to share the Good News of liberation, I don't know exactly what was in his imagination... but I know that anything limiting, exclusive, and hurtful wasn't a part of it.

I have come to believe that we are called to create Christian communities that are exactly the opposite: liberating, expansive, and life-giving. That's the kind of community that is being planted through campus ministry. And the work is just beginning! In our current context of uncertainty and change because of the pandemic campus ministry has had the freedom and creative leaders to experiment and adapt, to evaluate and to learn- all with the goal of building the kind of liberating community that is needed right here and right now. I have been so blessed to be called into the work that God is already doing in Missoula. I am grateful to the leaders who have shared their gifts already and am so excited to see who the Spirit brings along on this journey! Thank you to the Emmaus community for your prayers and support.