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Advent Party 2017

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Emmaus Year-End Wrap Up

In this issue we pause to take stock, say thanks, and then start planning for the fall. It's been a great year at Emmaus and we are grateful for all of the students, young adults, partners, and donors who helped make it happen! Its also great to see what some of our alumni are doing in their post-graduate academic life. Part of our mission is to help build leaders for our future and its fun to see alums taking on the rigors of graduate, medical, law and seminary schools as they pursue their callings in life.

—John

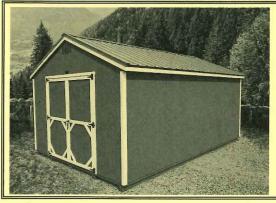
Two Summer Projects Looking for Donations and Volunteers

A New fire Pit with Seating: This summer we are re-tooling some of our programming and outreach efforts to help us better meet students where they are at. We do know there is interest in storytelling and contemplative space and sitting by the fire. We are going to build a new fire ring with surround seating for 15–20 people. This will be used in our weekly programming in the fall and spring, as well as with our summer community. The total cost will be about \$1500. Work will begin June 25th.









A New Shed for bikes and power tools: Over the years we have had numerous bikes stolen off of our outdoor bike racks. We now have more students with nicer bikes that need an indoor place to keep. We are also wanting to store our gas-powered tools away from our main resident building. We will build a 12' x 16' shed on the back side of Emmaus house that will house all of the bikes and gas machines. The total cost will be about \$2000. Work will begin in mid-July.



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Emmaus Campus Ministry

is a ministry of ELCA Lutherans in partnership with the Episcopalians and United Church of Christ. We are a Reconciled in Christ Ministry, welcoming students of all perspectives and identities.

Calling for Student Contacts!

We are also ready to connect with new and returning students in the fall. If you know of a student who might be interested §in any of the community, projects, or work that we do please let us know. Also, if you have a student at MSU or at state schools outside of Montana we can help them get connected §to campus ministry. Its helpful to have a name, cell number, §and home church or town.

Many thanks to our 2017-18 leaders, interns, and staff:

-Micah Drew, Boise, peer minister: Confluence Coordinator, worship planning

-Kathleen Heiskell, Spokane, peer minister, resident life coordinator

-Sadie Ayers, Alabama, worship leader

-Natalie Newberry, Kalispell, outreach worship leader

Jon Kieffer, Hawaii, outreach worship leader

-Jon Erler, Kalispell, outreach worship leader

-Maya Overman, Missoula, youth events and peer minister

-Abby Lynes, Great Falls, Sunday dinner and discussion, peer minister, outreach worship

-Alishka Gusky, outreach worship, youth events

-Aurora Boylan, Missoula, communications, social media and marketing

-Liz Peden, Helena, Social Work student, Friends in Need coordinator, fall of 17

-Abby Huseth, Missoula, Faith and Climate Action Montana organizer, Confluence leadership

-Jennifer Kieffer, California, Faith and Climate Action Intern; winter 18

-Anne Harney, out east, Faith and Climate Action team winter 18

-Katie Koga, California, interfaith organizer, 17-18 school year

-Adam Stadheim, Texas, interfaith organizer, 17-18 school year

-Ilona Cisk, Boise, Friends in Need co-coordinator, fall of 17

-Tara Sweet, Butte, Administration, winter 18

CONGRATS TO OUR SPRING GRADUATES!

Micah Drew, Boise, BA in Journalism and in Exercise Science; entering MS degree in Exercise Science at Boise St.

Liz Peden, Stevensville, BA in Social Work, taking a gap year and enters Master of Social Work program in fall of 19

☑ **Abby Lynes**, Great Falls, BA in Journalism, summer internship at the Oregonian Newspaper in Portland

☑ Soren Ormseth, BA in Physics, gap year and enters PhD in Physics at Univ. of Wisconsin fall of 19

✓ Kathleen Heiskell, Master of Social Work; staying in Missoula, looking for social work position!

2017-2018 Highlights!

1. Emmaus resident community: we have two houses with 11 resident students. This group commits to meeting weekly, engagement in hospitality, and to be the core of our Emmaus community.



2. Outreach worship team: We had 8 different students or young adults lead worship and give the message in 5 different congregations across Montana.



3. Local youth events: we helped our partner churches plan three youth events this past year.



4. Friends in Need: Liz and Ilona co-teamed this work. We did Habitat for Humanity





work days, nursing home visits, Family Promise, and sand bagging for floods.

5.Interfaith work: Katie and Adam were interfaith organizers for Emmaus. This position includes being the organizer for our Muslim ally group called SALAM (standing alongside America's Muslims). SALAM has a full working group made of UM faculty, students, staff, community members, clergy and church folks. They organized a Diverse U speaker in the fall at UM and our third annual Celebrate Islam Week in April of 18.



6. Anti-Racism Work: Emmaus was a partner in planning the MLK community celebration with Empower Montana, the YWCA and campus representatives. We are also helping to build a racial justice coalition in Missoula.



- **7. Faith and Climate Action Montana:** Abby, Anne and Jessica served as our leadership team along with our community leaders. We put on several educational events and Now Is the Time workshop in the spring.
- 8. Pastor connections on campus and in the community: Pastor Lund taught a one credit Honor College freshman course called Finding Your Path with 20 students. We also hosted a monthly Emmaus Lunch program with different guest speakers.

EMMAUS STUDENTS IN HIGHER EDUCATION

PhD Programs:

Hilary Heskett, Kalispell, PhD in Physical Therapy, Pacific University

Jesse Weis, Stevensville, PhD in Psychology, University of Alabama

Lindsey Buck, Great Falls, PhD in Economics, University of Connecticut

Peter Metcalf, Missoula, PhD in Forestry, University of Montana Dan Sager, Hamilton, PhD is Psychology, The Wright Institute

Medical School:

Miriam (Brown) Duseybury, MD at Edward Via College of Osteopathic Medicine

Cara Zou, Missoula, MD program at the University of Washington Brittany Christensen, Powell, MD at the University of Washington Paige Ely, Seattle, MD program at the University of Washington

Law School:

Sean McQuillan, Hamilton,

Law School at University of Montana

Caity Zimmerman, Livingston area, Law School at University of Montana

Anna Iler, Powell, Law School at University of Montana

Seminary:

Daniel Viehland, Texas, MDiv, Wesley Theological Seminary, graduate May 18, accepted call as pastor in Townsend

Lindsay Ross-Hunt, MDiv, Bexley Seabury Seminary, graduate May 18, will be ordained in Episcopal Church

Mary Dickman, Kalispell, MDiv, Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary, graduate May 18, ordination TBA

Kevin Beebe, MDiv, Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary, internship year, graduate in August, ordination and call TBA Annela Rova, Arlee, MDiv, Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary, first year student

COMMUNITY PARTNERS IN OUR WORK

1. Campus partners:

the Branch Diversity Center coordinating committee, Student Involvement Network, Diverse U planning board, Davidson Honors College, the Office for Civic Engagement, Social Work department, Religious Studies, Women's and Gender Studies, Lambda, American Indian Student Services, and the Association of Campus Ministers.

2. Primary partner Congregations:

These are core partners with us: Our 7 ELCA congregations in the area, UCC Missoula, Holy Spirit Episcopal; the Montana Synod of the ELCA

3. Secondary congregational partners:

These are congregations that we work with on various projects through the year with deeper engagement: Har Shalom Jewish Congregation, Unitarian Universalist, the two Methodist congregations, the Greek Orthodox church, four Roman Catholic congregations, and the Presbyterian church in town.

4. Agencies and Non-profit partners:

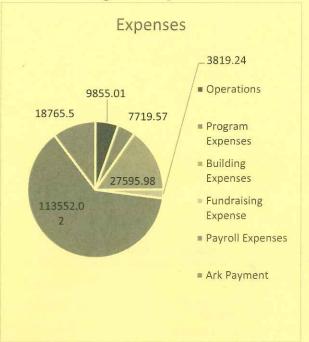
Missoula Interfaith Collaborative, YWCA, Empower Montana, Missoula Urban Indian health Center, Salvation Army, Soft Landing Missoula, Missoula Rising, 350.org, the Sierra Club, Climate Smart Missoula, the Montana Racial Equity Project, Center for Large Landscape

THANK YOU!

- -Many thanks to <u>Jan Turbak, Doug Peterson, Clay Acker, Georgia Cobb, and Pat King</u> for their years of service on our board!!
- -Also, thanks to Mick Hanson and Adrian Hoye for their continued work on our renovation team!
- -Thanks to <u>Virginia Lund</u> for her tireless caretaking of the Emmaus yard and student center!
- -Many thanks to our <u>partner congregations</u>, <u>individual donors</u>, <u>the Montana Synod</u>, <u>and the ELCA churchwide organization</u> for helping to keep us afioat!!
- -Thanks also to the <u>Diocese of Montana of the Episcopal Church and the UCC</u> for their partnership and support!
- -Many thanks to the <u>Lilly Foundation</u>, the <u>Hetzel Foundation</u>, <u>Thrivent Financial</u>, and the <u>Knutson Foundation</u> for their generous support of Emmaus!>
- -Many thanks to <u>Thrivent Financial</u> for giving us a Thrivent Action Team Grant for our event!

Financial Highlights June 2017 through May 2018

	Jun 1, '17 - May 23, 18
Income	
Individuals	16,053.86
Congregational Gifts	27,256.84
Grants	60,997.99
Fundraiser Income	17,369.19
Rental Income	55,281.08
Miscellaneous Income	11,973.35
Total Donations & Contributions	188,932.31
Expense	
Operations	9,855.01
Program Expenses	7,719.57
Building Expenses	27,595.98
Fundraising Expenses	3,819.24
Payroll Expenses	113,552.02
Annual Ark Payment 8 of 10	18,765.50
Total Expenses	181,307.32



- Within the past year we have been blessed to receive \$16,054 in donations from 81 households.
- 7 of our donors thoughtfully designated \$1,653 in Thrivent Choice Dollars to benefit our ministry.
- We are honored that 35 congregations and church groups supported our work, totaling \$32,257.

Grants Received		
Montana Synod	\$28,600	
Episcopal Diocese of Montana	\$4,100	
Hetzel Foundation	\$5,000	
Thrivent Action Grants	\$1,000	
ELCA	\$8,056	
Lilly Endowment (year 2 of 5)	\$20,000	
Missoula Community	\$463	
Spirit of Peace	\$500	
8 Grantors totaling	\$67,719	
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Business Donors

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Lee Christianson & Julie Keickbusch Jones - Thrivent
Financial
Pita Pit

Church Donors: American Lutheran Church – Billings, Atonement Lutheran – Missoula. Bethany Lutheran Church – Dutton, Bethlehem Lutheran – Kalispell, Christ Lutheran Church – Libby, ELCA Endowment Distributions, Emmanuel Lutheran Church – Missoula, Faith Lutheran Church – Hamilton, First American Lutheran Church – Hardin, Grace Lutheran Church, Holy Spirit Episcopal Church-Missoula, Immanuel Lutheran Church-Missoula, King of Glory Lutheran Church-Billings, Messiah Lutheran _ Red Lodge, Montana Synodical Women's Organization, New Hope Lutheran Ministry – Great Falls, Northridge Lutheran – Kalispell, Our Savior's Lutheran – Columbia Falls, Our Savior's WELCA – Columbia Falls, Our Savior's WELCA – Laurel, Our Savior's – Bonner, Our Savior's Lutheran – Box Elder, Pella Lutheran Church, Plentywood Lutheran , Prince of Peace Lutheran Church _ Missoula, Redeemer Lutheran – Great Falls, Shephard of the Valley – Townsend, St. John's Lutheran – Helena, St Luke's Lutheran Church – Shelby, St. Olaf's, St. Paul Lutheran – Missoula, St. Paul Lutheran – Fairfield, University congregational Church, Montana Synod, WELCA, Zion Lutheran Church-Lewistown, Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp



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Thank you for your help in minimizing this expense!

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How You Can Support Emmaus:

- Donations are always needed and welcomed! Your gift always goes to an engaged ministry!
- Sponsor a student: you might prefer to sponsor a Spring Break trip student, or perhaps an intern working on one of our projects. Contact Pastor John for details.
- Thrivent Action Team Grants: Thrivent Financial members can now apply for two Action Team project grants of \$250 each year. We have many events that are eligible and will definitely find the right project for you!!
- Thrivent Choice Dollars: We have a growing number of Thrivent members who direct their choice dollars to Emmaus. This is a great way to support us!
- Come and cook: We are looking for volunteer cooks on Wednesday nights to feed our group. You are welcome to drop off, or join our group for the evening.