



From the Rector's Desk

October already! It seems like just yesterday we celebrated our first anniversary of Emmaus and now we are about to celebrate Thanksgiving! I want to take a moment to thank everyone for making our anniversary celebration so memorable... for being here, for the wonderful pot luck meal following the service, and for the enthusiasm that was palpable to Bishop Anne as she led worship and fellowshiped with us.

Now, as we move into this month, there are a few things to take note of:

Divine Renovation @ Emmaus

The first is a unique opportunity for us to engage together in deep learning about who we are as part of God's church, as disciples or apprentices of Jesus, and as those sent out into the world in mission. Divine Renovation is a series of three morning sessions that will have us talking and learning and imagining. These sessions will be facilitated by Mike Amirault, a member of Emmaus who has studied theology at Wycliffe College. We are so fortunate that Mike is gifting us his time, knowledge and enthusiasm... his love of Jesus is contagious!

The first session takes place October 28 and I hope you make time to participate.

Bible Study @ Emmaus

Weekly Bible Study has also started back up at Emmaus. Tuesday mornings we gather from 10-11am to engage with Scripture and discuss living out this life of faith. From now until the end of November we are working with the readings from the Sunday previous, digging deeper into the Word of God. This study is open to all and no registration is needed. Simply show up! I can't guarantee the coffee will be great, but the conversation is always good.



Worship @ Emmaus

Sundays @ 8:30 a.m.
Traditional Holy Communion (BCP)

Sundays @ 10:30 a.m.
Communion Celebration (BAS)

Wednesdays @ 9:00 a.m.
Holy Communion (BCP)

Music @ Emmaus

Another something new! At the beginning of the summer our organist, Robert Ollikkala retired from playing at Emmaus. Over the summer Tasha Filice filled in, which gave some time to consider how best to move forward with music ministry at Emmaus, knowing that music is such an important part of our liturgy and is a wonderful way to praise God. With that in mind and in consultation with the Wardens and the Advisory Board, Tasha Filice was offered the position of Music Ministry Associate, which she accepted and began effective October 1. Tasha will continue as organist, but will also work to cultivate, encourage and foster the music ministry at Emmaus, encouraging participation, teaching new music and assist in shaping liturgical music. As we welcome Tasha to this position, we give great thanks for Deborah Kalinowski who has functioned as our volunteer choir director over the past year, and for Judy Pratt and Mary McDonald who have also assisted in picking service music. Also thanks to the choir who have been troopers during this transition. We are fortunate to have a group who work well as a team and are so dedicated to music at Emmaus!

Thanksgiving Prayer

Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise
for all you have done for us.

We thank you for the splendor of the whole creation,
for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life,
and for the mystery of love.

We thank you for the blessing of family and friends,
and for the loving care
which surrounds us on every side.

We thank you for setting us tasks
which demand our best efforts,
and for leading us to accomplishments
which satisfy and delight us.

We thank you also for those disappointments and failures
that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone.

Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ;
for the truth of his word and the example of his life;
for his steadfast obedience,
by which he overcame temptation;
for his dying, through which he overcame death;
for his rising to life again,
in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom.

Grant us the gift of your Spirit,
that we may know Christ and make him known;
and through him, at all times and in all places,
may give thanks to you in all things. Amen.

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Contemplative Practice Group @ Emmaus

Our Christian Life and our relationship with God is one that involves the gift of contemplation and thus, engaging in contemplative prayer and practices is seen as a process of transformation that we are invited into by God as we journey in faith. Beginning Wed. Nov. 8th, 7pm at Emmaus, we will gather with those interested in learning more about what it is to engage in contemplative practices, beginning with Centering Prayer. This group will come together about every six weeks or so to support one another as we grow in contemplative practices; to talk about how the process is going and how we are experiencing the presence of God in transformative ways. If you have questions or would like to chat a bit more about this, please see me or Bill Pletsch.



Ministry @ Emmaus

We have several opportunities where we are praying for those whom God might be calling to engage in specific ministries. While sometimes confused as the same, participating in ministry is different than volunteering. Engaging in ministry has, at its root, the participation in God's mission for the world. It is primarily about living out the Gospel, praying that Christ's love would be revealed in what we do. With that in mind, I invite you to prayerfully consider if the Holy Spirit is nudging you to any of these ministries.

Vincent Place Outreach

Vincent Place is one of the primary outreach partners of Emmaus. We support Vincent Place by preparing and serving meals once a month for those in our city who struggle with food security. We also prepare gifts for folks at Christmas which are given at a special dinner. Though participating in this ministry, we are given the opportunity to engage in friendship with people whom are often overlooked as friends. One of my favourite things when at Vincent Place is hearing the stories of others... sometimes hilarious, sometimes tragic, sometimes uplifting. And if you're not the chatty type, there is plenty to do behind the scenes! Please see either myself or Judy Pratt to talk about this more.

Children's Liturgy

During the 10:30am service on Sunday's children are invited downstairs for a time of engaging in God's Word. As a Children's Liturgy Leader you will pray with the children, tell stories from Scripture, talk about what's been heard and about what God is saying to us. We have a curriculum that is easy to follow, but flexible enough to use your own gifts to creatively lead this time. Please come and chat with me if this is where you feel God is calling you and we will talk further about this ministry.

Music Ministry

As mentioned, we are working at cultivating music ministry at Emmaus. If you sing, choir is an opportunity to praise God with your voice, however there are other areas to engage. If you play an instrument, from the triangle to guitar to saxophone, talk with Tasha Filice about how this gift might be used to help lead Emmaus in worship!

Liturgy Formation Group

The liturgy is a gift that helps us to shape our worship in ways that are prayerful and transformational. While we have set liturgies for use in the Anglican Tradition, there is opportunity for creativity in how we live into the liturgy. Doing so, however, takes effort. I am pulling together a Liturgy Formation Group who will commit to engaging in this important work. This group will meet with me three times a year (in and around October, February, May) for planning and once for an extended time of reflection and prayer (likely late Aug/early Sept). My hope is for a small (apx. 6 people), but diverse cross-section of people who are actively engaged and committed to participation in the liturgy. This is a group who will be committed to prayer and listening and who will be willing to imagine and explore. If this is an area of ministry you feel called to, please talk with me, conveying why you feel called.

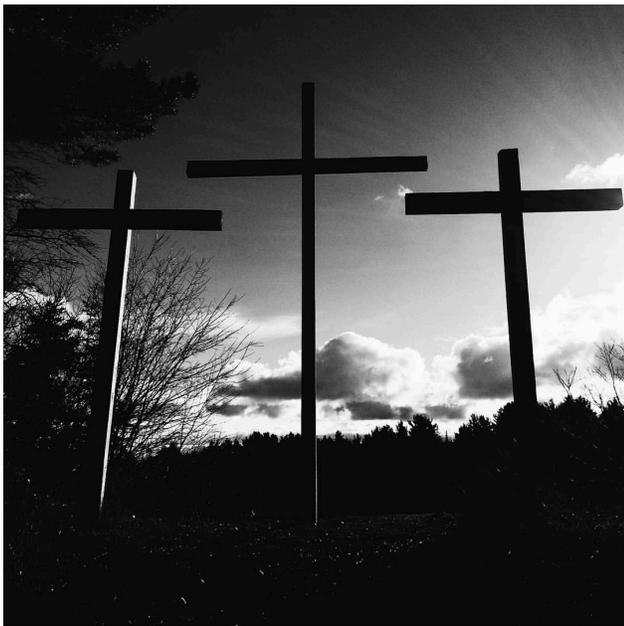
My friends in Christ, I am hopeful!

I am hopeful and I trust that Emmaus is being transformed in and through Christ, to faithfully live out our call to be a light in the world and to share in God's mission of love here and now.

And I am thankful.

Thankful to be engaged in ministry alongside each and every one of you, in the midst of the ups and the downs, knowing that we have been brought together to God's glory, "whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine."

With thanksgiving,



Office hours: M-F 9:00am-12:00pm

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