

Let's
journey
together.



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Annual
Report
2023

Practicing
the way
of Jesus
for the renewal
of all things.

Rhythm of Life

*Pray
Rest
Learn
Gather
Contribute*



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Pastoral Reflection

We find ourselves in this place again - another year of journeying together as family. Another year of working out what it means to practice the way of Jesus for the renewal of all things, practicing our communal rhythms of praying, resting, learning, gathering and contributing. A year full of deepening relationships, with one another, our neighbors, our renewal and justice partners and our triune God. It was a year of becoming comfortable in our own skin; similar to a child growing into a pair of shoes that were intentionally purchased with a little extra wiggle room, 2023 felt like a year of coming into our own. A little more confident in our identity, a little more accustomed with our distinctiveness as holy ones, and a greater realization of our calling to live into our innate purpose or, to go along with the shoe pun, "walk it out."

In 1 Samuel 7:12, the Israelites were battling against the powerful Philistines and, by the grace of God, had gained ground. Samuel stopped and named a stone "Ebenezer," which means "stone of help." He used this stone as a physical marker of how far the Lord had brought the Israelites, and a reminder that he wasn't done yet. We resonate with Samuel and sense a similar "marking" in the season we find ourselves in as a church. May we look back and celebrate God's work, confidently proclaiming "thus far, the Lord has helped us," while eagerly looking to the horizons ahead.

In 2023, we sought to embrace the forgotten way of holiness and devotion, as well as lean into the ancient practice of confession. Though a vulnerable commitment, we have encountered beauty and healing in exposing areas of our lives where there is hiddenness, sin, disordered desires, and brokenness. And, as a family, we put a stake in the ground to claim absolution, freedom, and the light of Jesus in those dark places. We have methodically walked through the liturgical church calendar as a reminder that our faith is not a modern Western phenomena, but a global historic community of brothers and sisters spanning two millenia. Liturgies and traditions have kept our young congregation rooted; knowing that we are speaking the same words and performing the same sacred acts that church fathers and mothers have said and done long before us. This sweet sense of history in our midst has helped remind us that we are part of a larger story.

For the year ahead, we have an ever-expanding hunger for the things of God. We feel that the potency of testimony will mark the year ahead. Revelation 12:11 says "And they have defeated him [the enemy] by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony. And they did not love their lives so much that they were afraid to lose it." The enemy is overcome by King Jesus! Yes! Amen! By his blood being shed and by our testifying to his goodness, his provision, his love, his mercy, his compassion, how he heals, he rescues, he loves, he redeems. May 2024 be a year of proclaiming what God has done in and through us, testifying personally to his faithfulness and how he has restored (or restory-ed) our lives.

On the Emmaus Road journey (Luke 24) we join in with the two disciples - learning from Jesus and journeying with him. That imagery sums up what we feel like 2023 held for our community; journeying together with Jesus, learning from him, and communing at the table with him. As we move through 2024, let us not forget what happens at the end - the disciples immediately, with burning hearts, return to tell the others what had happened! In the days ahead, may we, out of encounter with the risen Lord, be moved as witnesses to what the Lord has revealed to us and done in us.

*In Love,
Spencer and Jordan Loman*



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Snapshots of our community.



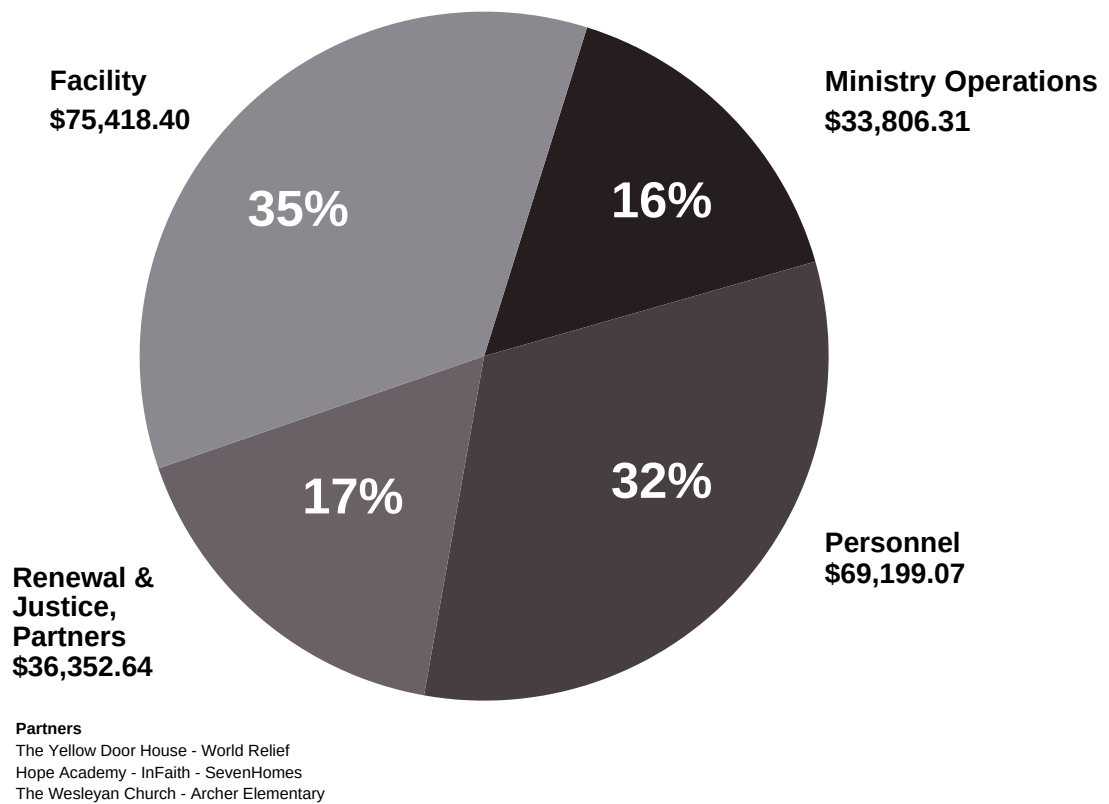


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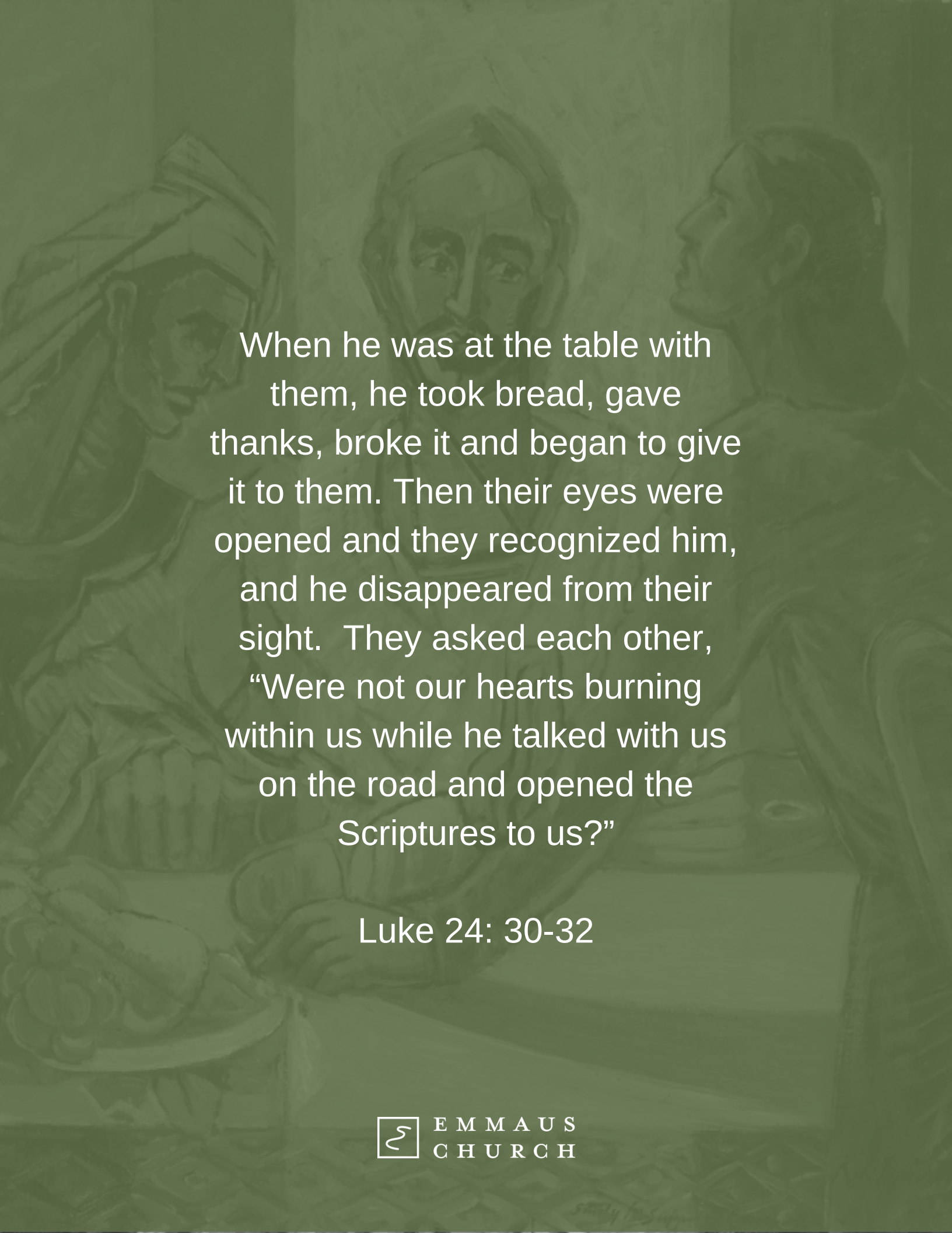
Total Operational Income
\$231,416.23

Total Operational Expenses
\$214,776.42



2024 Budget:
\$195,776.00
(\$16,314.67 monthly)

Finance Team:
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When he was at the table with them, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and began to give it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him, and he disappeared from their sight. They asked each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?”

Luke 24: 30-32



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