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Lent 2025

Please Pray

for Wittenberg Door Campus Ministry to grow in community identity around biblical studies and prayer,

for increased trust in God's Word and promises,

that the Lord would raise up the right individual for Wittenberg Door Campus Ministry to call to serve as the next chaplain,

for opportunity to build lasting and purposeful relationships, especially with those we have met recently and our whole international scholarly community,

for the faculty, staff, and students involved in the work of the University of Missouri Hospitals and Clinics, which is more open to Pastor Spotts than it has been in the past,

that the Lord would use our current participants to bring more people they know into our fellowship and to trust in Jesus.

that the church congregations of The AALC will thrive and grow together,

that God's peace and truth will reign in the public square.

The season of Lent is upon us! This doesn't actually change much of what we're doing at Wittenberg Door Campus Ministry, but the more frequent church services, the more somber hymnody, and the subdued colors in liturgical church services do lead us to consider the gravity of the Christian walk in this fallen world. During the 40 days of Lent we find ourselves more aware of the temptations we face.

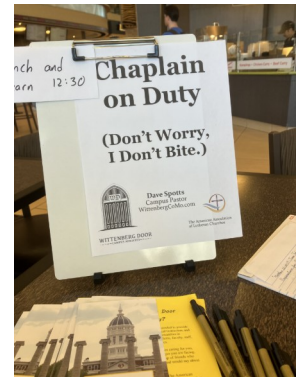
At first glance, many people consider campus ministry as a work which cares for happy-go-lucky young people who have many advantages and few cares. However, it only takes a few days in public places on campus to overhear conversations about broken lives. Families are dysfunctional, with addiction, abuse, and divorce rampant. Some of the most promising students come from homes stricken with unemployment and poverty. International students are separated from their families not only by distance, but also by cultural and economic forces. There are many on campus for whom life threatens to bring hardship and disappointment.

In our contemplation of the sufferings of Jesus, particularly in his temptation in the wilderness, we also find ourselves caring for the sufferings of those around us. May the Lord make us particularly aware of ways we can bring hope and help to those in need.

Our dinner and conversation evenings are intended to provide opportunities for people to come with their troubles and insecurities, as well as their victories, and make lasting friendships with Christians. These are an important entryway into the Christian life.

Our adult confirmation class, mentioned in the last newsletter, is up and running, with five participants. Thanks be to God for His powerful word!

We are still asking and praying for more Lutherans who live in our community to join with us in caring for the campus population! It makes a huge difference to newcomers when someone shows interest in their lives.



Did You Know?

Wittenberg Door Campus Ministry is not planting a permanent church congregation.

We are a mission outreach of The AALC to college communities.

Pastor Spotts is a called and ordained pastor of The AALC.

Pastor Spotts is not on faculty or staff of any of the colleges to which he ministers.

Wittenberg Door Campus Ministry is committed to providing real live, face-to-face, pastoral care to students, faculty, staff, and administration, as well as their families.

The work of Wittenberg Door Campus Ministry mostly reaches to international scholars and their families. Most have very little prior knowledge of Christianity.

We depend on your prayers and financial support.

... make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you... Matthew 28:19-20, NKJV

Wittenberg Door Financial Update

With about 16% of the year over, we have raised about 6 and a half percent of our annual budget. This is on par with last year. We still want to see support increase so we will be able to call a full-time campus chaplain in the near future. Please spread the news about what Wittenberg Door is doing among your friends and church groups.

Wittenberg Door Campus Ministry is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Your contributions are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law. Checks mailed to us are deposited with no commission paid to any intermediary. Most of our contributions are actually received this way, but we can receive funds sent through Paypal or Apple Pay as well. Giving is easy! Simply visit www.wittenbergcomo.com and click on "about" and "support us" to learn more.

Upcoming Activities:

Weekly – Thursdays 12:30 pm – Lunch and Learn Bible discussion, Student Center – Matthew's Gospel

Weekly – Tuesdays 9:00 am – Christianity 101 Adult Course

Weekly – Tuesdays 4:00 pm – Bible study @ Beta Sigma Psi

Weekly - Thursdays 5:00 pm Greek Club – studying John's Gospel just now!

Friday, March 14 5:00 pm Dinner and Conversation Evening @ Spotts' House followed by Evening Prayers at Trinity Lutheran with the Laudamus Choir from Concordia Seminary

Friday, March 21 – Pastor Spotts at The AALC Clergy Commission

Friday, April 11 6:00-8:00 pm Dinner and Conversation Evening @ Spotts' House

Sunday, April 20 – Easter Sunday, the Day of Resurrection

Friday, April 25 6:00-8:00 pm Dinner and Conversation Evening @ Spotts' House

May 16-18, many graduation ceremonies

Watch the calendar at www.wittenbergcomo.com, follow our Facebook page, and friend WDCM Chaplain on Facebook to see times and places where Pastor Spotts can be found around campuses in coffee shops or restaurants!