



HISTORY INTEGRITY TRUTH SCRIPTURE



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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 whirlwind of the 2024-25 academic year came to a close, and in the past month the dust has settled. Amid graduations, a few health challenges (nothing has turned out to be serious), and a number of pressing obligations, writing a newsletter has been pushed to the side on the desk a few times. Wittenberg Door Campus Ministry is still here, and still at work!



Early in May, several participants suggested we have a series of movie nights which would focus on an after-movie discussion of the world view issues present in the film. This is something I have wanted to do for many years. But I didn't want to do without some

other traction. Having several people suggest it, specifically with a goal of seeing and discussing moral, cultural, and theological issues which confront our society, pushed us into action. We are not planning to watch films particularly intended to portray Christianity and marketed to a Christian audience. Rather, we want to deal with what journalist Terry Mattingly would call "religion ghosts." There are plenty. Our May film dealt with the fact that Christian confessions are backed up by historical events, specifically the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus as recorded in documents which can stand historic tests. In June our film explores the idea that trouble, and specifically trouble caused by a sinful nature, will follow us wherever we go.



I hope you notice that these films and discussions focus on our values of history, integrity, truth, and Scripture. We want to encourage people in this post-modern culture to engage with unchanging truth.

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.

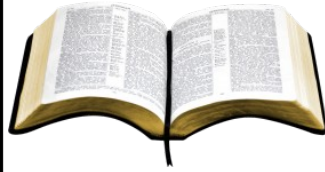
Pastor Spotts is not on faculty or staff of any of the colleges to which he ministers.

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

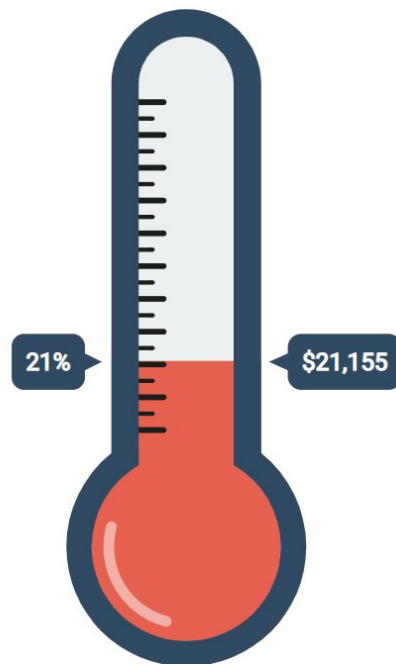


In the last newsletter I described an adult confirmation class. Thanks be to God, we have several people who are involved in local confessional Lutheran congregations and who are seeking out their place within the life of the local congregation.

Finances and the Call Process

Wittenberg Door Campus Ministry has moved into the call process. There's a little paperwork that The AALC administration still wants us to complete. As we review the documentation they require, it's clear that we need to have a frank discussion with supporters about our overall support

GOAL: \$100,000



base. To call a full-time chaplain, our goal is to raise about \$30,000.00 per year in additional support, and to do it as soon as possible. In effect, this means we need to be able to build about 80% of our annual budget, rather than the slightly under 50% we've been gathering in recent years. Though it's been a generally good year for support raising, we're still at about 21% of the budget raised in six months. It has been a blessing to be able to work for the past ten years, building Wittenberg Door. I've been able to do it

without receiving significant financial compensation. We don't have any reason to expect that our next chaplain will be able to do the same.

To communicate well with supporting churches and to make the needs known, I've been working to arrange visits to different congregations. If you're involved in a local church that has supported Wittenberg Door in the past, or would think about providing support for this Christ-centered ministry in the future, please let me know. I'd love to get your church on my schedule.





It's best for a missionary visit to happen when the local pastor is present. This allows us to keep the focus on the work of Wittenberg Door as a mission outreach, rather than as being a group that supplies a substitute pastor.

Of course, anyone can join the Wittenberg Door 300, making regular gifts to support our ministry. We care for those from all around the world who have come to our very doorstep! Many of them are from economically depressed nations or from nations where Christianity is not culturally present, or even where it is banned. This means we don't expect the students and scholars who join with us to be able to support the ministry. We need others, like you.

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.

You will notice on the calendar that the fall semester begins on August 28. We expect many welcome events to happen in the two weeks before and after that date. We pray that the Lord will send many laborers to help in the work of welcoming people from around the world and nurturing those we have already met.

Upcoming Activities:

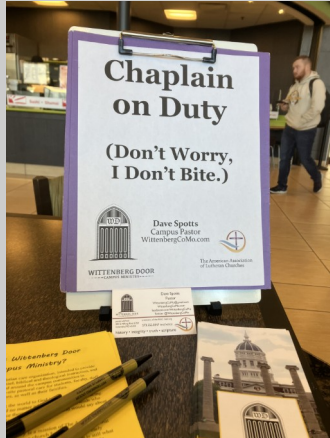
Weekly – Thursdays 1:30 pm – Lunch and Learn Bible discussion, Student Center

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

Friday, June 27 7:00 pm Movie/Discussion Night @ Spotts' house

Sunday, July 6 Pastor Spotts at Faith Lutheran Church, Watseka, IL

Saturday, July 12 2:00 pm Ryan Groh Installation, Schubert MO



Sunday, July 13 Pastor Spotts at Hope Lutheran Chapel, Lake Ozark, MO

Friday, July 25 (Tentative) 7:00 pm Movie/Discussion Night @Spotts' house

Sunday, July 27 (Tentative) Pastor Spotts at Ascension Lutheran Church, Waterloo, IA

Tuesday, July 29 9:00 am Mizzou International Center Orientation for Fall Welcome Activities

Sunday, August 3 (Tentative) Pastor Spotts at St. John's Lutheran Church, Pocahontas, MO

Sunday, August 10 Pastor Spotts at St. John's Lutheran Church, Brunswick, MO

Sunday, August 17 Pastor Spotts at St. John's Lutheran Church, Brunswick, MO

Sunday, August 24 Pastor Spotts at St. John's Lutheran Church, Brunswick, MO

Monday, August 25 Mizzou classwork begins. End of semester Reading Day is Friday, December 19.

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!