

Wittenberg English Ministry

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“Notes from the Castle Church Door” June 2022



We’ve had over a month of worship services in Lutherstadt Wittenberg this season and we praise the Lord for this unique ministry to English speakers – as well as some who don’t speak English very well.

(Photo, left, is Rev Richard Carter) We started with our first worship service in the Chapel next to the Town Church on May 4. At different times attendance has been one person, none and then many. It was so good to hear “A Mighty Fortress” sung again in the Chapel, the Town Church, and the Castle Church.

From one service there was a report from our Deputy Directors, Steve and Deb Kukuk: *“Today, 17 worshipers including 3 Germans, 3 from Guatemala (now living in Germany), 1 from England and 10 from US (Virginia). The reader and his family moved to Germany from Guatemala several years ago. One*



German lady spoke very little English, but she was so moved (I think by the singing of “A Mighty Fortress is my God”) that she was weeping – she told us in German that she was very moved by the service. One German man brought his aging mother with Alzheimer’s in a wheelchair. He spoke a little English and brought his mother to listen to the music. Although she was unable to respond to the music, he said that it gives her comfort. He comes from a town near Eisleben every three weeks to spend time with his mother – such a wonderful example of love in action.”

Martin Luther once said: **“Whenever the word is rightly preached, and attentively heard, it never fails to bring forth fruit.”** Our mission at WEM is to preach the Gospel to many different people from across the globe. As the Word of God is preached, the Holy Spirit works on the hearts and minds of those who hear it. *(Photo, right, is Rev Derek Waffel)*



Stammtisch, a weekly gathering of local Germans, tourists and WEM pastors and deputy directors. The purpose is to speak English while having great conversation and fellowship. *Stammtisch* in 2022 gathers at the Old Latin School next to the Town Church every Thursday evening at 7 p.m. *(To the right of the column are Carla and Rev Peter Kirby. Peter was the first pastor to lead the WEM services which began on May 4. My wife Rita is partially hidden by the column to the left and I am to the left.)* Such an enjoyable time of fellowship and conversation.



We want to thank ALL OF OUR SUPPORTERS who make this ministry possible, including those who have designated their **THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS** to WEM.

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