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***” Notes from the
Castle Church Door”
June 2023***



On May 11, 2023, Wittenberg English Ministry (WEM) hosted a 25th anniversary celebration of offering English language worship services in “Luther’s Town.” The event took place at the Alte Rathaus (Old City Hall) which is right behind the Luther Statue on the town square. We were privileged to have in attendance representatives from 14 different organizations with which we work in cooperation including the city, the churches, Wittenberg Information Center and Luther (Martas) Hotel. Rev Keith Loesch, the first Executive Director of WEM, along with former mayor Eckhard Naumann and Stephan Schelhaas, a resident of Wittenberg, were instrumental in starting WEM.

The above is a framed picture of the Castle Church and one of our A-frame signs we have out in 3 or 4 locations in Wittenberg every day that we have a service. Uwe and Jörg, who help us with the signs near the Castle Church and the Wittenberg Information Office, presented this gift at the anniversary reception.

Pictured on right is the former Mayor of Wittenberg, Herr Eckhard Naumann, Daniela Klös from the Martin Luther Foundation (our translator) and Bob Flohrs, director of WEM. Herr Naumann recalled the beginnings of WEM and thanked the ministry for its impact on travelers and the city of Wittenberg. He was very kind and appreciative of our Ministry.



In attendance (pictured to the left) at the reception was Rev Jon Lange and his wife Tami (pastor for the first 2 weeks of this season), Rita and Bob Flohrs, Susan and Harold Boxberger who were beginning their time as Deputy Directors. DD's are lay people from the States who manage the ministry in Wittenberg for up to six weeks.



Rev Mike Peck and his wife Lisa served in Wittenberg the last two weeks of May. Mike said: *"It's hard to put into words what it was like to lead worship in these historic settings. Preaching at the Luther churches was a unique privilege. As a preacher, part of me wondered what Luther would have to say about my clear communication of the gospel of God's grace in Jesus Christ. The most rewarding aspect was simply offering a ministry presence in the community and engaging with folks in that capacity. I really appreciated having the time to read some of Luther's writings and Reformation history in the place where it happened!"*

A Martin Luther quote: “A Christian is never in a state of completion but always in the process of becoming.”

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



Three ways are available to **financially support** WEM, a 501(c)3 tax exempt organization:

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- 3) **Designate** a free-will offering for Wittenberg English Ministry in your congregation.



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