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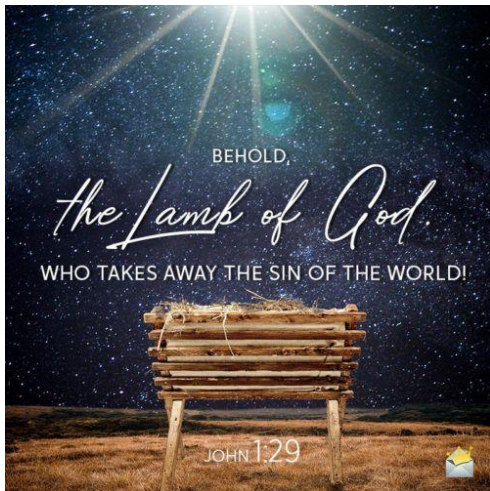
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***"Notes from the  
Castle Church Door"***

***December 2023***



Christmas greetings to you!!! As we walked to the manger this year did we really adore the gift of Jesus, the Son of God, who came to bring salvation to all peoples? Jesus, the Lamb of God, sacrificed Himself so that we have, by faith, His love, comfort, hope and forgiveness that we are called to share with whom the Lord puts in our path.

***Martin Luther - When I look at myself, I do not see how I can be saved. But when I look at Christ, I do not see how I can be lost."***

Our mission at WEM is to proclaim Christ to travelers and to the citizens of Lutherstadt Wittenberg. It is an honor and privilege to host worship services for those who may need a spiritual pause in their journey. A huge THANK YOU to our Deputy Directors, the ones who are in Wittenberg to manage the ministry. They are volunteers and work tirelessly to promote the worship services in Wittenberg and to assist the pastors.

Another season of worship is completed (our 25<sup>th</sup>!!!) and we were truly honored to host 13 pastors who came to Wittenberg using their own resources. It is a two-week commitment by each pastor. On behalf of the WEM organization, I am so grateful to the Lord for providing pastors to proclaim the Gospel to many travelers from around the globe. In 2023 we had over 50 different countries represented in our worship services. It truly is a "snapshot of heaven."

If you or someone you know will be in Wittenberg between May 1 and October 31, 2024, please plan on attending our services. There is a 20-minute devotion on Wednesdays and Thursdays at 2 p.m. in the chapel next to the Town Church. On Fridays the 20-minute devotion is in the Castle Church at 12:00. Every Saturday there is a regular worship service at either the Town Church or Castle Church that begins at 5 p.m. and finishes by 6:00. It is an opportunity to worship our Lord Jesus with people from all over the world.

Also, if you have a group that can't be at one of our four worship services, please let me ([Robert.flohrs@gmail.com](mailto:Robert.flohrs@gmail.com)) know and I will see if we can make special arrangements. We are happy to accommodate groups and do so many times each year.

**Thoughts from Pastor Don Hinchey and his wife Margaret who were in Wittenberg this fall.**



"The music during our time there this year was wonderful -- everything from Renaissance instruments to jazz to the old faithful, "A Mighty Fortress," Because we were there over Reformation, it was an especially moving experience. Worshipping in a packed Castle Church on Reformation Day and walking out the "95 Theses" doors -- I got chills!"

"The worship services provided by WEM are truly appreciated by the tourists who visit Wittenberg. They want to sing "A Mighty Fortress" where Martin Luther lived and walked and preached. You can see the joy -- and often the tears-- on their faces when we sing! We had great expressions of gratitude after worship."

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:

- 1) **Make checks payable** to "Wittenberg English Ministry" and send them to:

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8865 East Baseline Road # 417 Mesa Arizona 85209 (Oct – mid Apr)

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

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