

FAIRMOUNT MINISTRIES

AN OUTREACH OF THE LUTHERAN CHURCH - MISSOURI SYNOD



MOVING FORWARD!

Counting many blessings in our "new normal"!

FALL 2021 RECAP

While we have intended for "ministry as normal" to go on in light of the pandemic, there has been the need to be flexible and adjust as needed. We are still getting used to our new normal but have many God sightings to share with you in this update! We have met many new friends this semester, both at Fairmount and on campus! We were blessed with receiving over 100 free laundry detergents from our friends at the KS District LCMS to give out to students the first week of school, along with a cup of coffee. Our fall kickoff event, Party on the Patio, was one for the books with record attendance! Our fall kickoff provided great opportunities to connect with new students and introduce them to the Fairmount community. The coffee shop continues to be a hub for college students, and we are grateful to be a part of the lives of our campus community through providing coffee & community!

CAMPUS MINISTRY ADULT LEADERS

We are looking for volunteers that are outreach-minded and interested in serving in our campus ministry on a regular basis. Our leaders help in our weekly college bible study and other events and serve as mentors to our students. If you are interested in learning more, visit <https://www.fairmountministries.org/adult-leader>.

PRAYER REQUESTS

- **Students:** Finals and semester-end projects
- **Safe travels** during Christmas break
- For our **leadership** as we navigate many changes and make important decisions for our ministry.
- For our **staff**, as we navigate the rapid growth of Fairmount. Keep our team safe and healthy so that we can serve our community well in all we are called to do.
- That God would continue to provide **open doors for us to connect** with and engage with our community.
- **Thanksgivings** for the many blessings He has sent and continues to send.

...a continued look at what's been happening at Fairmount



**COMMUNITY GARDEN
WORK DAY**



**THEOLOGY ON TAP
NOVEMBER 2021**



THE GATHERING 2021

SHARING OUR GARDEN

Our little community garden wrapped up its 4th season a couple of weeks ago, and we could not be more excited with the progress we have made to expand the capacity of our garden. This year we installed our "Sharing our Garden" stand by our front door for our community to enjoy the bounty from our garden. We also had friends of Fairmount that saw the box and decided to bring their overflow of garden goods to share as well. The "Sharing our Garden" Box provided a better way to distribute the produce from our garden and ensure that the community could enjoy it. Other improvements included installing an irrigation system, which provides more consistent watering of our garden, and a small tool shed, which allows the tools to be accessible for volunteers to use while they tend to the garden. Plans for next year include an expansion of our garden space. To learn more about the garden and get plugged in, visit our website at www.fairmountministries.org/garden.

THEOLOGY ON TAP

Theology on Tap is back by popular demand! At Theology on Tap, we will meet at local breweries or pubs for drinks, food, social time, and a discussion about a theological or spiritual topic. Rev. Aaron Hannemann led the first event discussion titled "The Spiritual Junk Drawer: Examining Bad Commonly Held Beliefs about God." We are working on figuring out our new Theology on Tap schedule going forward. In the meantime, visit our website at fairmountministries.org/theology-on-tap for updates and to stay in the loop.

THE GATHERING

Thank you to those that registered and attended our annual Fundraising Benefit Dinner, The Gathering! We are pleased to announce that it was a successful event, with over 115 in attendance and over \$16,000 raised for our ministry!

There are so many people that made this event possible. We would like to especially thank the Gathering co-chairs, Karen Thurnau and Vicki Lessman, and the committee members for the countless hours they spent to make this event happen. Thank you also to the sponsors who helped offset the cost of our event. We also appreciate Sam Weaver of Interwoven Imagery for donating her services and taking great pictures to remember our event. Check out the album at fairmountministries.org/gathering!



**SAVE THE DATE FOR
NEXT YEAR!**

September 16, 2022
Kansas Aviation Museum

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT



KAREN HALL
COUNCIL MEMBER

Name: Karen Hall
Role/Title at Fairmount: Council Member
Occupation: Retired Realtor
Favorite Food: Cooked!
Hobbies: Quilting
Favorite Bible Verse: Psalm 46:10 - Be still and know that I am God.
How are you connected to Fairmount: They thought I was a gardener!
What inspired you to get involved at Fairmount: It is God at work!
Favorite Fairmount Treat: Lemon Rosemary Scone

Though she says, "they thought I was a gardener," Karen has been instrumental in the expansion of our community garden and connecting us to important resources! We love having Karen's calm and encouraging presence, and sense of humor in our ministry. Karen, you are a blessing to work alongside!

We are always looking for more volunteers to get involved at Fairmount, to use their gifts and talents to further God's kingdom. If you are interested in getting involved, volunteering with us, visit our website at fairmountministries.org/volunteer to get plugged in!

Examples of Volunteer Roles

- Council Member
- Committee Member
- Errand Runner
- Office Support
- Community Garden
- Lawn and Landscape
- Maintenance
- Event Planning
- Event Support
- Mentor
- Bible Study Leader

STAFFING UPDATES

Welcome Jeana!

In August, Jeana Jones joined our team as our new bookkeeper! Jeana has been a huge help with the day-to-day keeping of the books, which has been an increasing need as our operation has continued to grow over the past few years. Jeana and her family are members at Risen Savior Lutheran Church. Jeana is married to Marc, and they have 4 kids, Megan, Aidan, Nolan, and Kaitlyn. While Jeana is not a coffee drinker, she says that she might have to become one because it smells so good!

Yes, You just might have to! It's one of the fun "perks" of the job! Welcome to the Fairmount team, Jeana! We are so glad that you are here!

Congratulations Lucas!

We thank God for the continued success in the operation of Fairmount Coffee Co. When we first opened the coffee shop, we knew that it would take a few years to hit a stride, and we are thankful to share that it has finally happened! One of our goals since opening the coffee shop was to have a dedicated full-time manager (Our Director of Outreach, Paige Edgington, has been wearing both hats since the opening). We are excited to share that we have promoted a long-time staff member, Lucas Lash, who has recently been serving in many behind-the-scenes positions. Lucas has now been promoted to full-time manager of the coffee shop. We are so excited to "welcome" Lucas into this new role!

With this addition, we are also looking forward to more time and resources for our team to continue to develop and grow our outreach to the University and Community through Fairmount Ministries & Coffee Co.!



JEANA JONES
BOOKKEEPER



LUCAS LASH
COFFEE SHOP MGR.

MISSION ADVANCEMENT GOAL UPDATE

In the Summer 2019 newsletter, we shared our mission advancement goals to ensure that Fairmount Ministries & Coffee Co. becomes a sustainable mission. In the midst of COVID-19, we have made progress on our goals and accomplished the important project of a new HVAC System and Roof Replacement, but do not want to lose sight of our initial goals. With the rapid expansion of our ministry to include the outreach of the coffeehouse, our need for resources (staff, financial, space, volunteers has increased immensely)

Please prayerfully consider how you can help us reach our financial goals.

1. Increase monthly gifts

Our first financial goal is to increase monthly recurring gifts by \$4,000 per month. This would be 160 families pledging \$25 per month (\$300 per year), 80 families pledging \$50 per month (\$600 per year), or 40 families pledging \$100 per month (\$1,200 per year).

UPDATE: since our initial request, we have increased our monthly pledges by \$1,880! We are nearly 65% to our goal (\$6,000 in monthly pledges).

Would you please prayerfully consider becoming a sustaining partner with our ministry?

2. Raise an immediate \$50,000-\$100,000

The rapid growth of our ministry has depleted the amount in our operating reserves. It is our second financial goal to rebuild our contingency funds.

UPDATE: While bolstered sales in the coffeehouse have improved our cash flow, we still have work to do to ensure that we can grow and sustain the ministry. We also anticipate big projects and needs coming up, including increased staffing, parking lot resurfacing and expansion, building expansion, and more.

Would you please prayerfully consider if you are in a position to give a one-time large gift to our General Fund?

3. Pay off debt

In 2017, Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF) extended a line of credit for approximately \$300,000. Our final financial goal is to pay off the line of credit with LCEF as soon as possible.

UPDATE: Since our initial request, we have made progress in paying off our debt. Our balance is now down to approximately \$250,000.

Would you please prayerfully consider if you are in a place to give a one-time large gift to our Debt Reduction Fund?

THANK YOU FOR HELPING US REACH OUR GOALS!

Give Online: Visit our website to give one time or recurring gifts electronically at www.fairmountministries.org/give

- or -

Give by Mail: Fairmount Ministries, 3815 E. 17th St. N., Wichita, KS 67208
Please designate fund in memo line (ex: General, Debt Reduction)

OTHER WAYS TO SUPPORT THE MINISTRY

PRAY: Pray for our students, staff, volunteers and leadership. Visit the Prayer Wall in our shop to see and pray for the needs of our community.

GET INVOLVED: Join a team or committee, volunteer in an area of ministry, or at an outreach event or fundraiser.

SHARE: Share about Fairmount with your friends and family. Introduce them to our ministry by bringing them in for a cup of coffee or lunch.