

FAIRMOUNT MINISTRIES

AN OUTREACH OF THE LUTHERAN CHURCH - MISSOURI SYNOD



PRAYERS FOR FAIRMOUNT MINISTRIES:

- Students: Finals and semester-end projects
- Safe travels during Christmas break
- Prayers of thanksgiving for the blessings
- That God would continue to bring people to Fairmount who need to hear the Gospel message
- That He would provide opportunities for conversations
- That God would continue to provide his rich blessings upon the ministry
- That the Lord would inspire our community to become monthly donors &/or get involved with Fairmount Ministries.

A DAY IN THE LIFE AT FAIRMOUNT

A peek into how ministry has changed

The ministry at Wichita State University (WSU) began almost 60 years ago. From 1959 to today, there have been many passionate Christians who have grown and shaped the ministry into what it has become. The external façade and the name of the ministry have changed many times over the past five decades, but the mission has not.

Our mission was given to all Christians by our Lord, Christ Jesus in Matthew 28. "Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age".

Our vision for the ministry is to provide opportunities to foster relationships, encourage community, and promote dialogue about faith and life, for the university and the community in order to bring people closer to Jesus Christ.

Through Fairmount Coffee Co. God has provided a front door to meet new people. People who are unbelievers, unchurched, or just seeking a safe-place to live out their Christian faith.

In past years Pastoral Advisor, Dr. Tape, has said that often times he would see possibly a handful of people in a week's time, but now we see a handful of people before the business day even starts!

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In its first year (August 2017-July 2018) Fairmount Coffee Company had 23,200 transactions. **Think of the number of people who grace our doors who do not know the love of Christ, or who have possibly walked away from the Church entirely.** And it is because of coffee that we are able to reach these new people!

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

In the past, international students have been a focus and priority of our ministry and this has not changed. The coffeehouse has brought many new relationships with international students who come to Fairmount Coffee to study. In fact, our entire staff has an extremely special relationship with a student from the Middle East who was raised Muslim. When we met him last fall, he was already a Christian, but he constantly seeks to know Jesus more and to learn more what Scripture says about his Savior. As a child and young adult in the Muslim faith, he was discouraged from asking questions, but we continually encourage him to come to us with any doubts and questions. You can often find him in our office, peppering us with his questions.

It has been special to see how seeking a simple cup of espresso has led him to be an active part of our ministry. He has volunteered in our first Vacation Bible School, he has come to our fellowship events and Bible studies, he has met with two of our local pastors for further in-depth instruction, and he is always willing to help serve the ministry at Fairmount in any way he can.

OPPORTUNITIES TO GATHER TOGETHER & SERVE

Fairmount Ministries offers many opportunities for young people to dive into the Word, connect with other believers, and grow in their faith. In the 2017-2018 academic year, **Fairmount Ministries reached an average of 60 college students and young adults through Bible study!** We are excited to continue those relationships this year as well as develop new relationships and invite more to join us in Bible studies and small groups.

This academic year, we have opportunities for young people to be in the Word weekly through small groups, to gather for topical discussions monthly with our local pastors (Theology on Tap), come together for a monthly Praise Night at Fairmount Coffee Co., and for young women to connect with fellow sisters twice a month over devotions and coffee (Saturday Sips).

Praise Night is something new that our students and young adults have asked for! It is a night where we come together in community--all are invited to attend. We start the evening in fellowship and a meal together. After dinner, we open with a few praise songs and hymns. Dr. Tape then leads an in-depth Bible study. After, we gather the prayer requests on our Prayer Wall (see pic. on next page) and break into small groups to pray over each other, the ministry, and those prayer requests left by Fairmount Coffee guests.

*** **Some common misconceptions about our ministry is that we are sponsored/funded by one local congregation. Another is that we are fully funded by the Wichita congregations. And yet another is that the KS District fully funds our ministry. Although the KS District and many local congregations generously give to Fairmount, we are our own independent 501c3 and we are reliant on the generosity of donors, like you, to continue the ministry at Fairmount.** ***



Vacation Bible School at Fairmount Coffee, Summer 2018.

NUMBERS, BLESSINGS, & HIGHLIGHTS

Since 2017, our ministries have grown to offer **8 opportunities for Lutheran led Bible studies a month.**

Small Group, weekly. Studying *Romans with Luther*.

Saturday Sips, twice monthly.

Theology on Tap, monthly.

Praise Night, monthly.

Last academic year, Fairmount Ministries reached an average of 60 college students and young adults through Bible study. **That is 15 times more than previous years!**

The space is being utilized more now than ever! There are four other weekly denominational & non-denominational Bible studies. **These groups average a weekly attendance of 77 young adults/students.**

Many Lutheran pastors and ministry staff, campus ministers, and other area pastors utilize Fairmount Coffee as a place to meet with, teach, and counsel people. It is truly special to witness God work through His faithful servants in our space!

In Summer 2018, Fairmount Coffee Co. hosted its **first Vacation Bible School** for the Fairmount Neighborhood. What a joy to see nearly 10 neighborhood children each evening! Thank you to King of Kings, Kansas City, Missouri & LCEF for making this week possible!

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COFFEE CONVERSATIONS

Through something as simple as coffee, God gave this ministry a new opportunity to meet more people than ever! We are able to connect with more students and young adults than ever before; sharing in their joys, their struggles, and their triumphs--all while pointing them to the Savior!

Even though we can't talk to every guest, people are listening and watching. As one student sat in the living room a few weeks ago studying, he overheard a conversation in one of our offices with another WSU student. He popped in and said, "I hear you talking about my friend Jesus. Can I join?"

MORE BLESSINGS

We are immensely blessed by our Church family. From financial supporters, to volunteers, to prayer warriors, we continually are blown away by your generosity. Here are just a few ways in the past months that our Church family has blessed us!

-Christ Lutheran, Augusta, stopped by for coffee and presented Fairmount Coffee with an endowment gift.

-Three local Lutheran churches partner with us as monthly sustainers.

-Dr. Tape, Pastoral Advisor, had invitations to speak at Trinity Lutheran, Winfield and in Salina for the Regional LWML meeting. Meeting new friends and connecting with old is always a blessing!

-Jenn Eickman, Director of Development, had opportunities to connect in fellowship at two local ladies Bible studies at Ascension Lutheran and Risen Savior Lutheran. Both were great mornings of discussion, study, and making new connections.

-13 Kansas Lutheran congregations have blessed us with their financial gifts in 2018.

-12 Praise Bands joined us in our One Year Celebration for 12 hours of praise music on Aug. 25. It was a beautiful day, with amazing music, and connecting with our friends and community!

-Journey's Bible Study, Ascension Lutheran, came to visit Fairmount Coffee for their monthly fellowship luncheon gathering.

-Pastors Tom Harmon and Nick Cordt led our two fall Theology on Taps. We discussed topics such as *What the Bible says about Demons and Ghosts* and *Can you be a Patriot and a Christian?* Both the turn-outs and discussions were outstanding!

-WSU students and members from a local congregation's praise band have offered their talents to lead praise songs at our monthly Praise Night. What gifts these friends give our ministry!

-A quilting group from St. Paul's, Preston, stopped by with two beautiful handmade quilts for our One Year Anniversary Silent Auction.



Prayer Wall at Fairmount Coffee Co. where guests leave prayer requests.

SPONSOR A STUDENT'S MISSION TRIP

There are two upcoming opportunities for Christians to serve with Fairmount Ministries.

In past years, Fairmount Ministries has helped cover expenses for college students who attend our mission trips. **Here's one way you can help us to continue this tradition!**

Consider sponsoring a full or partial scholarship.

Houston, TX Trip, Jan. 2019: \$150
Mexico Trip, March 2019: \$400

More info?

www.fairmountministries.org/mission-trips

OR

Send checks to Fairmount Ministries,
3815 E. 17th St. N., Wichita, KS 67208.
Write *Mission Trips* in the memo.

Visit: fairmountministries.churchcenter.com/giving
Select *Mission Trips* to designate funds

THOUGHTS ABOUT FAIRMOUNT MINISTRIES & COFFEE COMPANY...

Some words from students and young adults about our ministry.

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“I was blessed with the opportunity at the beginning of this year to go to Beaumont, TX with the LSC/Fairmount Ministries to help with LCMS disaster relief for the Hurricane Harvey victims. In the short time we were there, we managed to insulate several houses and sheet rock a couple as well. What I think was the biggest blessing was simply our presence. Countless people were touched simply by the fact that this group of college students from Kansas was willing to come down and help. Not only were we there to help, but we were there to help through Christ.

Physical comforts come and go. What we built will someday fade, but the love of Christ shown through our actions will last forever. This was the biggest and best impact that I think we could have ever had and thanks to Fairmount and St. John's, that is exactly the impact we had. I ask you all to keep the people of Southeast Texas in your prayers as they rebuild from the storm and that through it all, the light of Christ will shine brightly!”

- Dakota Bennett, WSU Student

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“Fairmount has been a place of creativity for myself. Many late nights with coffee have been spent writing, creating, and developing ideas in an environment that promotes inspiration. This has been beyond a huge blessing with my own spiritual walk and walks with others who mentor me and are being mentored by me.

God has also blessed me with some of the most caring staff and friends that I trust. I've shared joyous and tough heartfelt moments with them. I do not regret a single moment spent around the shop or the staff offsite, building His kingdom here in the Wichita area.”

- Dylan Nichols, young adult, local photographer, and regular at Fairmount Coffee Co.

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“Fairmount has been a place where my students and I can always come to have great drinks, service and even better conversations. The environment of Fairmount is so welcoming to everyone that walks in!”

- Patrick Glaze, a Catholic FOCUS missionary, young adult, and regular at Fairmount Coffee Co.

Did you know that in the last year, operating expenses for Fairmount Ministries & Coffee Co. have increased 400%, to \$20,000 per month? We need your financial support now, more than ever before!

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

GIVE: Consider a financial gift to Fairmount Ministries and/or Coffee Company.

PRAY: Pray for our ministry and our community. Pray thanksgivings for all the blessings that He has given Fairmount Ministries.

GET INVOLVED: Stop by for a cup of coffee or lunch, join us for Bible Study or a fellowship event, or volunteer with us. We could not continue to share the love of Jesus with our community without the support of our amazing volunteers.

We love it when our friends show up to share their time and talents! From leading Bible study, to mowing, window washing, errand running, event planning, to serving on a committee; we are so thankful for our volunteers.

SHARE: Share Fairmount Ministries & Coffee Co. with your family, friends, and coworkers. Tell them about this ministry, how you're involved, and why you love Fairmount! Invite them to join you for coffee/lunch or to one of our events! Another way to support our ministry is to host your church function, Bible study, or get together at Fairmount.

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