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Words . . . for the Word

Last month marked the 500th anniversary of the first publication of Martin Luther's German translation of the New Testament. Begun while Luther stayed at the Wartburg castle and polished after he returned to Wittenburg, this work was an important contribution. It was not the first instance of New Testament's appearing in German, but it was the first translation into German from the original Greek. Luther was determined to provide an accurate and understandable New Testament in the common language for German people.

Also in 1522, Luther released a Preface to the New Testament. He wrote, in part, that "it is a testament when a dying man bequeaths his property, after his death, to his legally defined heirs. And Christ . . . commanded and ordered that his gospel be preached after his death in all the world. Thereby he gave to all who believe, as their possession, everything that he had. This included: his life, in which he swallowed up death; his righteousness, by which he blotted out sin; and his salvation, with which he overcame everlasting damnation. A poor man, dead in sin and consigned to hell, can hear nothing more comforting than this precious and tender message about Christ; from the bottom of his heart he must laugh and be glad over it, if he believes it true" (*Luther's Works* American Edition, 35, 358-359). Having this Word from that Savior in words familiar to people would help them believe. It would be a blessing.

Words . . . for the Word! The Word (Christ) comes to us in words. So learning is important. Luther himself had been a university professor at Wittenberg for a decade by this time. Yet even after he started teaching, he was learning the biblical languages. He could engage in the New Testament translation because he had previously hit the books, preparing himself for the future.

At the universities served by our central Illinois District campus ministries, students are preparing themselves for future usefulness to the Lord and to the people with whom He will surround them. In their studies, they encounter many words. Amid everything else, our campus ministries keep them in touch with the Word.

From campus ministry, these dear students will learn that all of life and life's resources is a gift from the Lord, and their other studies will be put into the larger picture of responsibility to the Lord Who bought them with the highest of prices. The Word of God as it applies to stewardship will impact on the words they study and use, and words of praise will pour from their mouths to God now and forever.

In campus ministry, they will find that the greatest gift they can ever give to anyone else is the gift of faith in Christ, and that this gift comes to others through words that tell the Good News about Jesus. The Word of God as it applies to evangelism will impact on the words they study and use, and words of praise will pour from their mouths to God now and forever.

From campus ministry, they will catch the Lord's desire for us to do good to all, especially those of the household of faith. The Word of God as it applies to human care will impact on the words they study and use, and words of praise will pour from their mouths to God now and forever.

They will recognize that campus ministry is part of the Lord's great work of seeking and saving the lost, and they will be moved to be active in support of the church's mission efforts henceforth. The Word of God as it applies to missions will impact on the words they study and use, and words of praise will pour from their mouths to God now and forever.

We all need this kind of ministry!

Please save us future stamps! Send your e-mail address to amyholmes@cidlcms.org

To donate to endowments for Central Illinois District campus ministry:

<https://www.lutheranlegacyfoundation.org/fund/central-illinois-district-campus-ministry/>



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Endowment Funds News

Financial markets have not fared as well in 2022 as they did in 2021. Accordingly, CID's earnings from the campus ministry endowments were down this year. You may recall that in 2021, the earnings on all four endowments totaled \$5,783. In summer, 2022, CID received from Lutheran Legacy a total of **\$4,245**, which was the total for earnings on only two of the endowments (the one for U of I campus ministry, and the other for ISU). The rules of these endowment funds specify that a distribution cannot be made if that distribution would leave the total dollars in a fund below a certain amount. This is what would have happened in the cases of the EIU and WIU endowments, so CID received no earnings on these funds in summer, 2022.

However, these endowments continue to be worthy of future gifts. In the long run, all four will produce extremely helpful income to enable CID to maintain ministry at U of I, ISU, WIU and EIU. Your continued interest and support are greatly encouraged and much appreciated!

Campus Ministry Referrals

All our efforts to maintain campus ministries are for the very purpose of serving students. Yet it is quite difficult for these ministries to serve students if they don't even know those from our congregations who are on campus.

Help us to shepherd our churches' college students into campus ministries. The CID office will make referrals of college students to our CID campus ministries and to other LCMS campus ministries nationwide – not only in Illinois!

Please send contact information for the students, especially their addresses on campus, to kschurb@cidlcms.org

CID Campus Ministries

CHARLESTON

Eastern Illinois University

CONTACT: Pastor Kenneth Hoover

pastorken@immanuelcharleston.com

As of October 10, 2022, \$14,200.75 has been contributed to the endowment to support this ministry, not counting Lutheran Legacy funds.

MACOMB

Western Illinois University

CONTACT: Dr. Hans Moll

secretary@immanuelmacomb.com

As of October 10, 2022, \$15,753.75 has been contributed to the endowment to support this ministry, not counting Lutheran Legacy funds.

NORMAL

Illinois State University

CONTACT: Pastor Bill Jensen

wittenberglcms@gmail.com

As of October 10, 2022, \$18,194.75 has been contributed to the endowment to support this ministry, not counting Lutheran Legacy funds.

URBANA-CHAMPAIGN

University of Illinois

CONTACT: Pastor Michael Schuermann

churchoffice@uniluchampaign.org

As of October 10, 2022, \$20,830.00 has been contributed to the endowment to support this ministry, not counting Lutheran Legacy funds.

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