

FAIRMOUNT MINISTRIES

AN OUTREACH OF THE LUTHERAN CHURCH - MISSOURI SYNOD



WHAT DO THINGS LOOK LIKE NOW?

How ministry works during a world-wide pandemic...

In the last ten months, we have had to pivot the way we do ministry at Fairmount. Lots of changes have happened, a lot of discussions, and to be honest, some tears. We had to shorten our hours at Fairmount Coffee during the initial shut-down, go to take-out, delivery or curbside only, and we even had to lay off half of our precious Fairmount Coffee Family Members. Thankfully, later this summer, we went back to in-person dining, Bible study, and are back to full staff!

It's been an emotional rollercoaster at times as we've walked through and continue to walk through heavy things. Our students are grieving such odd academic years. The loss of spring and fall performances and recitals, banquets, entire sporting seasons, graduations, and the sense of normalcy. Our ministry changed overnight...and who knows what tomorrow will bring!

Even though we have felt a lot of heavy things, we continue to brainstorm ways to continue to reach out to our students and community in such a time as this.

PRAYERS FOR FAIRMOUNT MINISTRIES:

- Students: Finals and semester-end projects
- Safe travels during Christmas break
- Safety for our staff and students during this Covid and flu season
- For peace & rest for our staff and students as 2020 has made many weary
- That He would provide opportunities for conversations to continue, in-person & virtual
- That God would continue to provide His rich blessings upon the ministry
- Thanksgivings for the many blessings He has sent and continues to send

...a continued look at ministry at Fairmount post Covid-19

With all the uncertainty and stress, we know that even though we may not know what next semester or even next week may hold...we know who holds the future, and we reflect on the Word:

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths." -Proverbs 3: 5-6

FALL 2020 RECAP CAMPUS MINISTRY

Because most students had classes online, they were faced with being on a nearly empty and shut-down campus and we have been challenged on finding ways to safely connect. We had a shortened semester as well, as in person classes were scheduled to end before Thanksgiving. With the rise of Coronavirus cases in our area, our last few events of the semester also ended up being cancelled. So disappointing.

But, in the midst of the struggles that have been 2020, we have had so many blessings and have tried to make it as relaxed and fun as possible!

We engaged about 100 students in conversation on campus the first couple weeks of school both through tabling and being involved in the Student Involvement Fair. We invited them to our Fall Kick-Off event and Weekly Campus Ministry Night.

Campus Ministry Night on Thursdays met primarily outdoors at Fairmount and was led by Pastor Aaron Hannemann (Ascension) and Pastor Matthew Bohlmann (Holy Cross). The evening often included fellowship, music, and study & discussion over the Gospel of Mark.

We were able to have a couple of fellowship events - Mini Golf Night and Fall Frenzy (Game & Pumpkin Painting Night). It was such a joy to have these light-hearted fun events that almost felt "normal."

One way we have been able to continue to connect with college students (and our community) is organically through the coffee shop. The coffee shop has continued to provide avenues to build relationships, connect with, and share the love of Jesus with people who need to hear it for the first time and with those that just need a reminder in these difficult times.



STUDENT INVOLVEMENT FAIR
SEPT. 2020



FALL KICK-OFF BBQ, PARTY ON
THE PATIO
AUG. 2020



CAMPUS MINISTRY FELLOWSHIP
NIGHT
SEPT. 2020



COFFEEHOUSE UPDATES

COVID-19 Update: Currently our dining room is open for limited seating (50% occupancy), and we also highly encourage to-go pickup or delivery orders! We can even deliver items out to your car! Masks are required in our space unless seated at your table. As always, these guidelines are subject to change at any time, so please see our website or social media for the latest.

Toasty Warm: We think this is the best time of year to announce we now have delicious soups available! We now offer a soup & side salad combo (\$6.59), as well as the opportunity to get soup or salad with your sandwich as a premium side upgrade!

We will be rotating daily through the following mouth-watering menu: Tomato Bisque, Broccoli Cheddar, Baja Chicken Enchilada, Roasted Red Pepper Gouda, Butternut Squash, and Homestyle Chicken Noodle.

Visit FairmountCoffee.com to see our full menu and to order online to-go or curbside!

Winter Break Hours: begin Nov. 23

M-TH: 7AM-8PM
SAT: 8AM-6PM
SUN: CLOSED

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YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

In the past, we have usually gathered college students & young adults together. As our community grew, we saw a need to provide opportunities for both age groups, separately.

So this fall, we also launched an initiative to connect LCMS & Christian young adults in the community! We kicked off with a couple of fellowship events this fall (Mini Golf & a Backyard BBQ), and are hoping to have monthly events in the future as long as it is safe to gather.

See fairmountministries.org/outreach for more info.

SPRING SEMESTER SNAPSHOT

We are not sure what next semester will look like. The plan as of this issue is that WSU will have an extended Winter Break and resume classes on Feb. 1. Spring Break is also canceled. Keep an eye on social media and our website for updates! Another great way to stay in the loop is to make sure you're on our e-news updates: <http://eepurl.com/dMjN5c>

AN UNEXPECTED GIFT...

During The Gathering in September our Director of Development, Jenn, sat out in the Living Room much of the week to welcome guests. One evening, she witnessed this beautiful moment unfold...

Sitting at a table in the Living Room, two female students are studying. One, headphones on doing an online quiz; the other head bent over a textbook reading.

All of a sudden, a young man bounds in from the front door, excited to see his friends, and says rather loudly, "Hey!"

Immediately, one of the young women jumps up and says, "Ohhhhhh, I bought this for you today!!" She runs over to her bag, pulls out a thick leatherbound book, and hands it to him.

"What's this?" he asks excitedly.

She replies, "It is the coolest Bible. It's called a Life Application Bible, the top half is Scripture, and the bottom half is study notes and explanation..."

She leans over, cracks the cover, and teaches him how to use it. He is so excited that he asked his friends to take his picture holding his new Bible!

The three students now, heads bent over the Bible as the young women show him their favorite passages.

WAYS TO SUPPORT FAIRMOUNT MINISTRIES & COFFEE COMPANY

Different ways that you can help your favorite campus ministry and coffeehouse!

As of June 2020, U.S. nonprofits have seen a decline in 2020, giving of 6%, due to Covid-19 (Source: AFP.org). **Unfortunately, our ministry has seen a more drastic decline in giving of 18% YTD.** In addition to our individual supporters being impacted by the loss of jobs or other financial burdens due to the pandemic, many of the organizations, congregations, and grants that we have consistently relied upon through the years have been impacted by the decline in their own giving--thus impacting their gifts to Fairmount.

We are a small non-profit with a small operating budget, but 18% is a significant decrease. **We would like to ask you to consider giving an extra-year-end gift to Fairmount Ministries...**big or small, your gift will help us to continue to make an eternal impact in the Wichita State & Fairmount Communities.

Monthly or one time gifts can be sent electronically:
<https://fairmountministries.churchcenter.com/giving>
or

Mail to: Fairmount Ministries, 3815 E. 17th St. N., Wichita, KS 67208

Below are ways you can support Fairmount this holiday season...and throughout the year!



One very easy way you can support your favorite campus ministry and coffeehouse is when you shop online with Amazon. Amazon has a program called AmazonSmile that allows you to support your favorite non-profit when you shop! A portion of each purchase is sent to the charity of your choice. It's pretty easy to set up.

Use **<https://smile.amazon.com/ch/27-2539590>** to support Fairmount!



A simple way to support Fairmount Ministries & Coffee Company is to sign up to participate in the Dillons Community Rewards Program. Dillons Community Rewards makes fund-raising easy by donating to local organizations based on the shopping you do everyday. Once you link your card to an organization, all you have to do is shop at Dillons and swipe your Plus Card!

Visit our website for instructions:
www.fairmountministries.org/other-gifts

GIVING TUESDAY

We are thrilled to announce that your Giving Tuesday gift will be doubled this year, up to \$1,100!!

GivingTuesday was created in 2012 as a simple idea: a day that encourages people to do good. Over the past eight years, this idea has grown into a global movement that inspires hundreds of millions of people to give, collaborate, and celebrate generosity. Giving Tuesday traditionally falls the Tuesday after Black Friday and Cyber Monday.

This year, Giving Tuesday will be Dec. 1. With the match this year, we have the potential to raise \$2,200! Would you consider supporting us this Giving Tuesday? Every dollar you give, will be doubled!

We will be sharing memories and Thanksgivings from this last year out on Social! So make sure your following us on Facebook or Instagram.
@FairmountMinistries @FairmountCoffee

Use this link to show your support or send checks with memo *Giving Tuesday* to Fairmount Ministries.

<https://fairmountministries.churchcenter.com/giving/to/givingtuesday>

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