



From your Campus Pastor:

July was an “interesting and engaging” month, to put it mildly. At least at our house. Key reasons, since we are soccer fans, were the European Soccer Championship, the Concacaf Soccer Cup on the American continent, and the Olympics in Paris.

What made things “interesting and exciting” closer to home (here in Rock Hill and upstate SC) were the three opportunities I had at area congregations to lead worship, preach, and share about the Campus Ministry at Winthrop. As a result, several donors made first-time offerings to help WELCM minister to and support students. Each donation will make a difference!

I also had the opportunity to participate in a week-long conference for Lutheran campus ministers from across the United States that was held in Chapel Hill. My time there was well spent. I learned a lot and returned home tired but inspired.

On the heels of the conference came the three freshmen orientations at Winthrop. The different campus ministries teamed up to welcome the freshmen and to invite them to check out the different campus ministries that are being offered. I even met a couple of Lutherans! I hope they will give WELCM a try.

Soon, the new semester will get started. On Saturday, August 10, there will be an “open house” provided by all the campus ministries at Winthrop. On Sunday, August 11, there will be an ecumenical worship service in the Richardson Ballroom on the WU campus hosted by the campus ministries. I will have the privilege of serving as the preacher. And on Monday, August 12, the WELCM Committee and I will be staffing an information and welcome table for the WELCM campus ministry at the Convocation. We are excited to meet new students and look forward to seeing our returning students again.

As always, I ask for your prayers for the WELCM campus ministry, the students, the WELCM committee, and for me. Your prayer support means a lot to us.

I also would like to invite you to support the campus ministry by providing a meal for one of our weekly gatherings. A sign-up sheet is in the fellowship hall. The meals (and the left-overs students can take home) mean a lot to the WELCM participants.

If God lays it on your heart to support your campus ministry with a special or regular financial gift, such a gift will be put to good use and make a difference. There are always needs and sometimes unexpected emergencies.

God’s Peace,
Pastor Hahn

