

GOING LIKE HOTCAKES

Ever since covid hit a year ago All Saints Lutheran Church and Student Center has been searching for new ways to connect with college students attending Slippery Rock University, Grove City College, and Westminster University. Campus ministry continues to make personal phone calls, sends emails, and takes students out for lunch. We've also recently discovered a wonderful additional way to meet students' needs! We are now giving them very readable and very topical Christian books to read and to keep. Who would've thought that books would go like hotcakes?

Campus pastor Rev. Larry K. Loree shares a book called Man Up: The Quest for Masculinity, by Jeffrey Hemmer (CPH). He believes that this book is so worth reading that he may require it to be read by all the men he meets with, especially those who come for pre-marital counseling with their fiancées. He wishes this book had been available when he prepared for marriage. Man Up helps men to "discover what it really means to be a man." Several copies are on our bookshelves to give to men as well as to anyone who might be interested.

The book Ladylike: Living Biblically, by Rebecca Curtis and Rosa Adler (CPH) challenges ladies to think outside the box; to rethink the "me first" culture. Ladylike talks about what comes first for the Christian woman: marriage, career, children. Men might find this interesting, too.

Portals of Prayer (January-March) has a full-sized ad for a book called Speaking Boldly: Sharing God's Word Every Day, by Edward Grimenstein. The author is the father of Anna, who attends Westminster College and attends All Saints worship when a ride is available. Campus ministry ordered several copies to give to students. It is an excellent book because Rev. Grimenstein writes with great enthusiasm in urging students to share the Gospel boldly. He knows just how to encourage students not to be afraid to share their faith in Jesus or to share all the Bible truths about gender, marriage, and the sacredness of life for all ages. He assures students that they should and can speak about God no matter if what they say runs counter to popular ideas held by their peers.

Light in the Dark Belt, by Rosa Young (CPH) is so gripping that even college students, who normally don't have much time to read, will not be able to stop reading her story.

The February Portals of Prayer, written by Christine S. Weerts, talked about the wonderful work done by Rosa with the help of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. The story is priceless because it shows what was accomplished with so little money, but with inspired effort. Rosa was fiercely devoted to helping children in Alabama who had almost nothing to be able to get an education. They didn't have shoes, running water, or even a comb to comb their hair. They had hours and hours of work every day, yet could afford very little food. The poverty did not overwhelm this remarkable woman. She did not see poor children, she saw children who belong to God, and she was determined to help them.

Rosa's story is so magnificent because she prayed endlessly; always asking God for His will to be done. The story is very special because she does not play the blame game; she worked endless hours, sleeping very little, and giving all the little money she had to buy books and to build schools. Most of all, she fell in love with the teaching of the Lutheran Church and her pastors. She established schools which taught the ABCs and most of all which taught the Bible and Luther's Small Catechism.

Rosa Young does not waste time with bitterness. She just inspires with her trust in God, love for children, and her passion for pure doctrine which taught her students the unconditional love God has for them.

Many copies of this book will go into the hands of students. And when COVID ends All Saints will continue to encourage college students with books which will build up their faith. What a blessing to pass on such books.

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