

## LOOKING FOR LUTHERANS



Why was All Saints Lutheran Church and Student Center so glad to accept Grove City College's invitation to their 2024 Campus Ministry Fair? Although Grove City College (GCC) is supported by the Presbyterian Church, we wanted to connect with the Lutheran students and other Christian students who attend that college.

What would be the best way to set up a display table at the Fair? We did what we had done at the 2023 Fair. We set up a stand-up poster board featuring photos of college students who come to

events at All Saints. And we displayed a bright orange poster saying that we are Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, so that we would be recognized as LCMS.

What was the response? Although the day was quite sunny and hot, students readily came over to our table. They headed straight for Pastor Jacob Deal and GCC graduate Moses Greenspan, a member of All Saints who is deeply involved with student outreach.

The turnout was amazing. Several Lutheran GCC students immediately came over to spend time talking with Pastor Deal. Some were LCMS Lutherans who were already attending All Saints Sunday worship service eight miles away in Slippery Rock. Some also attend the Bible classes taught on GCC campus every Sunday afternoon. Others were Lutherans who were eager to find out how to get a ride to Slippery Rock. Pastor and Moses gladly have arranged rides to attend All Saints' worship service on Sunday.

To our delight a good number of non-Lutherans did not hurry past but stopped to ask what LCMS was all about and how they could get more information. Rev. Deal patiently helped them understand our theological position. The interest by GCC students in Lutheranism was heartwarming.

It was also a pleasure to see the radiant smile given by Prof. Kelsey Madsen. She is both a professor at GCC and a member of All Saints. She has worked hard to help make the Lutheran presence on the GCC campus known. She, too, stopped to see how everything was going. She was very happy to see some of her students standing at the All Saints' table talking with Pastor and Moses. She really cares about students and shares her warm welcome with the students who regard her as a personal encourager. It reflected in her smile.

It was so nice to talk with these Lutherans. It was also a pleasure to be received so warmly by the many students, who although not Lutheran, were glad they could ask questions about what we believe in comparison to what other denominations believe. We thank God for this wonderful opportunity to be able to share our faith on the GCC campus. The results of going to the Fair were seen in the church worship service the next Sunday. Two pews were filled with Grove City students who have connected with All Saints. We look forward to the 2025 Grove City College Fair.

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