

# St. Paul's Lutheran Chapel

## THE GLOBE International Student Ministry



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### Welcome Back!

The afternoon of Saturday, August 29th St. Paul's Lutheran Chapel International Student Ministry held its annual welcome back dinner.. It was a very enjoyable afternoon where International and American students got to meet together for a good chicken dinner and work together on creating beautiful centerpieces and artwork for the tables. The original plan for the welcome back dinner had been to go to Lake McBride for some pontoon boating and a picnic; however, because of the weather we had to change plans. Everyone had a good time and it was great to see some new faces! God's Blessings on this new school year.



### ISM Activities at St. Paul's...

- **Sunday Worship Services** — Sundays at 10:30 weekly
- **ISM Bible Study** — Tuesdays at 1:30 weekly
- **American Cooking Class** — Wednesdays at 10:00 Weekly
- **ISM Children's Story Time** — Thursdays at 3:00 weekly
- **Large Group English Conversation Class** — Thursdays at 4:00 weekly

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## From an ISM Volunteer

By Corrine Schoer

Some years ago a presentation was made at a Lutheran Women's Missionary League event in our district. One of the speakers was Karol Selle who told us about the work she and her husband were doing with International students and wives on their campus in Wisconsin. It sounded interesting so when our Pastor in Coralville mentioned that volunteers were needed at St. Paul's Lutheran Chapel in Iowa City for English conversation with Internationals I decided to call and see what was required.

That was almost 10 years ago and I've been going to St. Paul's weekly to meet with the International folks ever since when I'm in town. Its been a great experience. The number of different countries represented has been an adventure in itself and getting to know the people has been a great experience. Its been educational. Its been exciting. Its been fun. Its been an opportunity especially to share the good news of Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Most of the people who've come are very intelligent, curious, and patient as they struggle to learn to speak English but we find that they do so with determination. We enjoy each other and laugh at the struggles we both have to communicate what we are trying to say. I'm humbled by that and the sacrifices that they make to improve themselves, some leaving children and families in their native country.

Side benefits are many more than I have mentioned such as trying new foods for both of us at our International Festivals or samples brought to a meeting. My geography knowledge has definitely grown as we learn more about each country and where our new friends are from and how they are educated, governed, entertained, etc. The opportunity to read a section of Scripture is a highlight as we explain vocabulary, ideas, and the benefits of being a Christian.

A surprise this year was a phone call from Korean friends plus emails to let us know they returned safely and also just to stay in touch. That was a first for me and a nice surprise. Technology! As time goes by I find I miss the opportunity to meet with these newly found friends when I go out of town. But its great to come back and pick up where we left off. I thank our Lord for this special gift He has given to us to tell about Him in our own home town. Have you thought about doing something like this? You might like it!

*Corrine, meeting with two International friends.*



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## **An Opportunity to Worship in Korean!**

St. Paul's Lutheran Chapel will now be offering an opportunity to worship in Korean! The service will probably be on Sunday evenings or whatever time works for everyone who would like to come. So if you are interested in learning about this or joining us for the services come to the informational

meeting to look at the worship material and see what this is all about on Tuesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> at 4:00 in the afternoon. If you are interested in the worship service but cannot attend the meeting on the 22<sup>nd</sup> please email Deaconess Angie at [ismdirector@stpaulic.com](mailto:ismdirector@stpaulic.com) to get more information.



## **It's Back!**

St. Paul's Lutheran Chapel will be having another Karaoke night. Interested in attending? Contact Deaconess Angie at [ismdirector@stpaulic.com](mailto:ismdirector@stpaulic.com)



## **From Luther's Small Catechism**

Book of Lutheran Teachings

### **What is the Third Commandment?**

Remember the Sabbath Day by keeping it holy.

### **What does this mean?**

We should fear and love God so that we do not despise preaching and His Word, but hold it sacred and gladly hear and learn it.

## A Note From Angie...

We have much to thank God for this year: the beautiful weather, the chance to meet new friends and reconnect with old friends at the beginning of the school year, and most importantly, for the forgiveness life and salvation that God offers us because of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. These are all things to be thankful for amidst the hustle and bustle at this time of year. Personally, I have other things that I am thankful for this month: I have moved into my new apartment and I have officially begun my work as Deaconess here at the Chapel. I pray that God will continue to bless all who come to the Chapel and the friendships that we create here. Welcome back everyone!

### Opportunities to Volunteer...

- One-on-One English Conversation Partner.
- Large Group English Conversation Class Leader
- Help with American Cooking Class
- Attend/ Assist with various planned ISM activities.

### Who are our Volunteers?

Our ISM volunteers are college students, retirees, working moms and dads; pretty much anybody! Our volunteers get to choose their level of involvement according to what fits in their busy schedules. Interested? Email ISM Director Deaconess Angie Carriker at [ismdirector@stpaulic.com](mailto:ismdirector@stpaulic.com) and ask how you can get involved.

## This Month in Pictures

*"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life"*  
(John 3:16)



Above: members of the American cooking class

Below: learning to knit during a conversation group.

