

BRIDGES OF FRIENDSHIP IN CHRIST

April 2017

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As he Father has sent me, I am sending you. John 20:21b



Arlene, Ming and Anna have assisted in providing transport for activities.



ISM hosted the March Lenten meal where 16 internationals attended the service.



Pastor Wieting leads the Thursday Bible class. The Miles of St. John, Port Washington visited after dropping of donations.

International Student Ministry is a Ministry of friendship and hospitality. It is a wonderful privilege to serve the internationals and their families in the Milwaukee area.

There were many activities this spring. We are thankful that some 568 internationals that have participated in activities this year. Through invitations of members some 67 visited a worship services and 230 participated in Bible studies, 3 in confirmation instruction and 7 in adult instruction. There have been 7 baptisms. Through the activities we have the opportunity to invite students to study the Bible.

Many volunteers assist us. We are thankful for our ISM committee volunteers such as Arlene Brackensick who faithfully assists with transportation as needed. We have many internationals who help us also, such as Ming and Michael, both who are in Pastor Wieting's adult instruction classes.

Tim and Cheryl Albers hosted the ISM Lenten meal. Through their many contacts with the internationals attending the Thursday evening World View conversation Class, we invited our friends to attend the meal and service. It was with great joy that we had 16 join us for the service.

Some of the visiting scholars will be attending the International Student Ministry In-Depth Bible Seminar in St. Louis in May. Pastor Wieting leads the Bible reading class on Thursday mornings. Through the contacts made in the meals and social activities, we build friendships which allow us to invite these special friends to hear God's word. We rejoice that through hearing that word friends such as L. and A. have come to the waters of baptism. Please pray that upon their return to their home countries God would provide Christian contacts for them to continue to grow in faith.

Before Easter, we had an Easter Egg Hunt which was an opportunity to tell the story of Jesus' death and resurrection and His gift of eternal life to some 49 of our international friends. Dierdre Christiansen, Jennifer and Ellis Grasse, and other volunteers assisted in this activity.

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At the Easter Egg Hunt activities we had 47 participants



Julie Wohlrabe and Deb Madigan helped Thu Phang prepare for naturalization.



There were 22 of our international friends at the LWML Multicultural event.

We rejoiced with Thu Phang upon her naturalization ceremony. Many volunteers assisted her in preparing for her examination. She is faithfully attending the Bible reading classes as she continues to polish her English skills.

Leah Wu, who was confirmed, last January, assisted us in preparing the food for the LWML Multicultural event on April 1. We had 22 of the internationals participate in the activities and attend the service. James was a hit with the Chinese yoyo.

We are thankful for many volunteers who assist with the conversation classes, the Bible studies, and the children's classes. Volunteers come from Lutheran Memorial, area Congregations and from different age groups: retirement age, college age, high school age and in-between. We are always in need of more volunteers. Volunteers can serve for one day or on a regular schedule. If you would like to help, please contact: Bessie.Fick@yahoo.com.

St. John, Port Washington brought many household goods and winter clothing. If you have any gently used household items or winter clothing, please contact Bessie at 414-477-9448.

During the Lenten season we prepared an International meal. You are always welcome to attend any of the conversation classes, tours or activities. We are always in need of drivers for our tours. Below is the listing of some of our coming events. Contact Bessie for firm date and time: Strawberry picking, State Fair Tour, Milwaukee Tour, September International meal.

If you would like to contribute to the support of this ministry, please send contributions to:

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