

International Student Ministry *prayer* July & August 2022

### ESL Conversation Group

#### Trinity, Norman, OK

- Praise God for the persistent attendance of three long-time attendees at the ESL Conversation group (and one at the Bible study) each Saturday morning who have continued to meet with us via Zoom.
- Praise God for Emily Schuster's faithful work to keep things going and for her great ideas for how to do it.
- Pray for wisdom about how to launch in-person meetings this fall.
- Pray that more members of Trinity would be moved to be regular volunteers – beyond the occasional culture presentation.

### Lutheran Chapel

#### Mark Meyer, Lincoln, NE

- Pray that God would give Mark and Leanna wisdom, encouragement and peace during a time of transition at the chapel.
- Pray that God would draw international students to small groups or one-on-one meetings where they can hear the gospel.
- Pray that God would raise up new volunteers to invest in international students.

### Connecting International Communities

#### Sharon Owens, Tempe Arizona

- Praise God for the tremendous growth He gave.
- Praise God for the student leadership team's vision in planning events, dedication to growing the student organization, and the willingness to serve their peers even in the midst of their busy schedules.
- Praise God for ASU's support of religious organizations on campus.
- Pray that we make good use of the less stressful summer schedule and continue building our relationships.
- Pray for us as we plan summer activities for students who are still here, especially on the 4th of July.
- Pray for us as we set goals and start planning for the fall semester.

- Pray that we can find creative ways not to lose the focus of relationships as we continue to grow.
- Pray that the leadership team and volunteers would feel supported, appreciated, and part of a bigger plan.

### University Lutheran Church

#### Marcia Mittwede, Austin TX

- Thank the Lord for a good and relaxing time away for Pastor Richard and me as we celebrated our 30th wedding anniversary at sea.
- Pray for "M" (a Muslim student in India, who has come to our classes and met with volunteer, Mark). He is ill and has requested prayers. Ask Jesus to meet him in his need and draw him to Himself. Pray also for J (China) and A (Japan) who have attended Bible classes.
- Pray that the Lord would fill Betty, Nancy, John, Al, Donna, Liz, Pastor Richard, and Marcia with the Holy Spirit as we interact with students in the Bible and English classes, book club and painting classes this summer.
- Pray for the Lord to guide new international students to us, according to His will.

### Connections at LCMS Youth Gathering

- Pray that the 20,000 youth attending the LCMS Youth Gathering July 9-13 will grow in their faith, and in their desire to share Christ's love with others "in all things".
- Pray that the youth who visit the ISM exhibit would reflect on what it would be like if they were an international student in another country, and that those going to university would be willing to be friends with one international student.
- Pray that many youth would engage in the follow-up zoom calls in late July which will help take steps toward being an international friend.
- Pray for grace and stamina for Sue Hasselbring, Rev. Larry and Sally Krueger, Bessie Fick, Evelyn Crowe, Rev Paul Hoemann, and Julie Meissner as they engage with these youth.

### ISM Inc. Board meeting

- Praise God for Rev. Bill Jensen and Wittenberg Lutheran Center which is hosting the July 21-23 Board meeting.
- Pray for wisdom for Rev. JJ Voelker, board president, and board members Wayne Weiss, Kate Cole, Weina Qin, Sharon Owens, Ken Bickel and Glenn Gerber along with Ministry Catalyst Sue Hasselbring as they review the progress of ISM Inc and set goals for the future.

### Internships

- Praise God that two possible internship host sites have completed the internship plan. Pray that they will submit their plans soon. Pray that other congregations which are considering hosting would also complete the plan.
- Pray for God to lead young people attending the LCMS youth gathering to apply to serve as an intern.
- Pray for wisdom for the internship committee as they prayerfully consider intern applications and internship plans, interview potential interns and hosts, and assign interns to both active ISM sites for 2-3 weeks of orientation and the host site all by mid-August.

### General

- Pray for future international students and scholars around the world as they pack their suitcases, say farewells and travel to the U.S.
- Look at the back side of this page (page 5) and pray through the "Getting Ready for International Students and Scholars" article for sites you know and for all ISM sites in general.
- Pray for times of refreshment for each ISM Staff and volunteer during the summer months. †

