

## A.D. 2057

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The hardest part of working in campus ministry is saying goodbye to the many students we have come to know. While saying goodbye does hurt, it cannot be the end of the story. All Saints prays to be on campus forty years from now, in 2057, to share the Gospel with students.

Steve is an American Christian who comes from near Cleveland Ohio. His passion is the outdoors, working in state parks, rock climbing, and repairing anything broken. He installed a movie projector and several loudspeakers and hooked them up to create surround sound at ASLC. He also located and replaced a broken router. Steve is a quiet, unassuming student who studies hard and comes to worship regularly. He comes every week to study the Bible because he wants to fill in the gaps of his biblical knowledge. He enjoys bringing lunch to the Bible studies. He laughs a lot. He has become a close friend. He will be a blessing to the next congregation he joins.

Wazma is from Pakistan. She has only been at All Saints since September and she will leave in December to finish her studies at home. In that short time she has made a



The 40th Anniversary of All Saints Lutheran Church and Student Center

place in our hearts. She smiles easily, loves adventures like skydiving and water rafting. She wants to see all she can of America while she is here. She is a practicing Muslim, but is willing to know what others believe. She came to hear the Bible story of creation and the Bible story of Jesus' death on the cross. She is interested in the concepts of free will and sin. She believes Mohammed is the final prophet. She realizes that the people of All Saints are kind and caring, and that gives her trust so that she has been

able to share her faith and listen to ours. We have had fun going to see the Amish, shopping for treasures at the Salvation Army store in Grove City, and eating at Bob's Sub Shop, her lunch treat to me. Like Steve, we will miss her terribly when she goes home.



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Wazma and Steve represent the reason All Saints Lutheran Church and Student Center is here in Slippery Rock Pennsylvania. All Saints just celebrated her 40th anniversary. During the celebration of thanks to God for enabling this congregation to make it here, Rev. Larry K. Loree, Jr. spoke directly to the students during the anniversary banquet. He talked right to them, saying that they are the reason All Saints is here. They (Ray, Moses, Isuri, Galila, Parto, Jordan, Monique, Julietta, Wazma and Steve) beamed at his loving words.

All Saints is working to improve and increase ministry to future college students from SRU and Grove City College. We are forging ahead to establish a coffeehouse on Main Street, across the street from our church building. The recently vacant building on Main Street is a perfect location for our needs: it is extremely visible to the students. It is located on a natural corridor from the university to restaurants, stores, and apartments, and students pass by all the time. We intend to offer coffee,

ping-pong, billiards, occasional live music, and time for students to have friendship, fellowship and study time; but most important, a chance to ask Pastor Loree whatever they would like to ask him. We will have free books and Bibles in different languages. We will still have our regular Korean meals and Sunday worship, but we will increase our times to get to know the students. Our desire is to plant seeds of faith.

Please help us pray for All Saints to go forward in campus ministry toward A.D. 2057, our next forty years.



Rev. David A. Domanski (Faith, Minneapolis), son of All Saints congregation served as guest preacher for the morning Reformation Service.



## LET THE CHILDREN COME

**Wayne State University, Detroit, MI**  
**Bob Dickhudt, ISM Director**



The familiar words of the Lord Jesus, applied by many churches, but who ever thought they would be fitting for ISM! Over the years ISM @ WSU has had few children, but the past 2 years has been different! We now have babies and toddlers join us almost every week. How interesting and fun it is to have the little ones with us. With the host of so many willing baby sitters mom and dad get break, while the children enjoy the special attention. The parents have appreciated advice from those of us who have raised children in the past. Having the children with us has opened opportunities to share stories about Jesus' love for his children and to look up scripture, such as:

Your hands made me and formed me; give me understanding to learn your commands. Psalm 119:73. For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well. Psalm 139:13-14

Blessings come in so many ways at ISM @ WSU. Thank You, Jesus!



# PRAYING GRANDMAS

**Martha Helmreich/Volunteer**  
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This past spring one of our students graduated in a Master's program. The day before graduation, I took a card to her at her apartment. Her boyfriend had come from Connecticut where he is a student. Inside the card I had placed a GOD'S WORD of Encouragement. When Y looked at the booklet, I told her it was verses from the Bible. Her instant response was, "J's family is Christian." J was standing in the doorway, and we continued the conversation. I also had a GOD'S WORD Bible which I gave him at a dinner that Y and her roommate prepared the following week.

Because J was returning for spring and summer classes in Connecticut, and Y was going with him, I was eager to learn more, so I invited them to my place for dinner the day before they left for Connecticut. The first words out of J's mouth when they arrived at my home were: I told my Grandma about the book you gave me and she said, "Praise God!"

During the course of our meal he told me more about going to church with his grandmother. And he related, not that she goes to church, not even that she's a Christian, but, he said, "My Grandma is devoted to Jesus!" What a statement of profound gratitude!

A few weeks later J and Y happily sent me a picture taken at their civil wedding ceremony in Connecticut! They are eager to return to Michigan after J graduates, and I pray they will continue growing in their faith in Jesus and also become "devoted to Jesus."

J and Y came to Flint last week because J had an exam to take in Ann Arbor. I invited them to join me for our worship service on Sunday, which they did. J's response after the service was that it was very similar to his grandma's service. He took a video of our church, and by the time they arrived at my home for dinner, he had already sent the video to his grandmother!



Lasting friendships are made in gathering for meals and conversation.



J and Y attending worship in Michigan.

Another "Grandma story," was related to me by a student whom I've known for three years. During a recent meal at my place with another student, H told me that just before he left China in September to return to school here, he got together with his parents and grandmother. His grandma told him she is praying for his safe travel back to America. He added, "My Grandma reads Bible; I don't know if EVERY day, but she reads Bible."

When I offered to give him an overview of the Bible and a 12-session Bible study, he responded: "I would like to know more about Jesus." After exams and final projects, we will set up a time and place for that to happen.

Thanking God for the praying grandmothers in China!! As well as in America!! God continues to work through the prayers of his people!

# HAYRIDES

**Lydia Schinnerer and Andrew Cloeter, ISM Directors  
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On Sunday, November 12, Texas A&M international students from S. Korea, China, Taiwan, Brazil, Iraq and Iran enjoyed a hayride out in the Texas countryside, courtesy of Tom and Laura Patterson, members of Holy Cross Lutheran Church in College Station. In addition to the ride, students also enjoyed a campfire with s'mores, and learning more about the Patterson's horses and turkeys that they raise on their property.



# MUSIC FOR THE WORLD

**Wayne State University, Detroit, MI  
Bob Dickhudt, ISM Director**



How unusual it was to witness a young American, raised in Venezuela with missionary parents, sharing MUSIC with our Chinese scholars! Ben, is a Music Missionary, who will be leaving soon for a 2-year mission trip to Guatemala, but before he leaves, he shared his story and gift for music with our group. Our scholars were entranced with his sharing of not only his up-bringing in South America, but also, his thorough knowledge of music of many kinds. It was incredible to have our group sing “JESUS LOVES ME” in both Chinese and English knowing that in few short months he’ll be sharing the words of that same song, in Spanish, thousands of miles away.

Perhaps even more exciting after our class, was to see Shibo, who attends the near-by Chinese church, get into an in-depth discussion about how Ben might be able to meet with him to plan ways to improve the church music program for their worship services. We never know from week to week what special “happenings” the Lord has in store for us, but we know He is involved, using us simple folks, and blessing what we say and do! Thanks, Lord!



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# HAPPY NEW YEAR!



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Moving into 2018 our mission remains the same:

We encourage and equip God's people for intentional Gospel ministry among international student communities.

We are intentional about bringing light to this mission, to increase the reach to international students, spouses, and their children on college and university campuses. We are committed to providing ongoing resources and training to internationals and ministry leaders.

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God bless you and Happy New Year! Mayme Keagy

