



TAKING CHRIST'S LIGHT TO CAMPUS

Wisconsin Lutheran Chapel & Student Center

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LIVING IN FAITH EVERY DAY



Last spring a group of students approached the Chapel staff with a desire to rebrand our UW student organization and find ways to make Chapel more visible on campus. The refreshed student org, LIFE Ministry (Living in Faith Every Day), has been hard at work this fall already. After the “W Project” and UW’s New Student Convocation, LIFE student volunteers handed out over 1,400 snacks with information about our upcoming Welcome Back BBQ and Picnic Point bonfire events. They also handed out over 300 breakfast sandwiches to other students in and around Library Mall. We look forward to seeing how God will use this ministry to reach more students to know Jesus Christ.

“FREE SALE” OUTREACH

On August 22, Chapel hosted our annual “free garage sale”, full of free, gently-used items for students to take home to their apartments or dorms. We had seven tables of items and plenty of furniture as well (tables, desks, chairs, bookshelves, etc.) Students arrived before our 9:00 a.m. opening and we had 80+ students at the sale by 11:30. Students were so grateful for all the items, and some have returned for Sunday worship after attending this event. God continues to bless us with opportunities to give back to students and reach them in unique ways.





ALUMNI SPOTLIGHT

MATT KUDEK & CHRISTY (PANKRATZ) KUDEK



Alumni Matt & Christy Kudek, pictured here with their children. They met while sweeping up peanut shells and trash after a football game at Camp Randall. Matt invited Christy to Chapel a few weeks later :^)

	Matt	Christy
Attended Chapel	2005-2014; housefellow 2010-2011	Starting in fall of 2009, housefellow 2011-2012
Major	B.S. in Biomedical Engineering, then a medical degree (M.D.)	K-12 Spanish Education, European Studies Certificate
Current Job	Physician-scientist at the Medical College of Wisconsin in Milwaukee	ESL Teacher leader at a school in Waukesha, WI
Favorite Chapel memories	Getting married! We had our wedding at Chapel (August 2012). Serving at the welcome desk; the first pumpkin carving event in the fall of 2010.	Getting married at Chapel, all the friends we made and the activities we were encouraged to start, such as the first pumpkin carving event.
Favorite Bible Passage	"Lazarus, come out!" (Jesus raising Lazarus, John 11)	Psalm 23



INTERNATIONAL MINISTRY

TOUR OF MADISON

Every fall, Badger Internationals hosts a driving tour of Madison where international students and visiting scholars of UW-Madison ride around the city with an American driver and guide. Afterwards, they enjoy a reception at an American home with food and time for more discussion about Madison and life in the United States.



This year, Chapel's International Outreach Coordinator Jacob Zhang, along with his wife, Hannah, opened their home to internationals taking part in the September 7 tour, hosting dinner for 24 people from 6 different countries. It was a wonderful opportunity to show Jesus' love to the tour participants and introduce them to Chapel's international ministry.



Participants in Badger Internationals' annual fall driving tour gathered for food and discussion at Jacob and Hannah Zhang's home.

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UW FAMILY WEEKEND

OCTOBER 9-11, 2026

If you are going to be in town, we invite you to the Chapel on Sunday, October 11 for worship at 8:30 or 10:30 a.m. In addition, we will be hosting our monthly international meal that day and would love for you to join us after the second service!

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