



TAKING CHRIST'S LIGHT TO CAMPUS

Wisconsin Lutheran Chapel & Student Center

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PAID IN FULL

In the summer of 2019, the Chapel's Cornerstone Campaign Committee began meeting to discuss the 100th Anniversary of campus ministry in Madison. The committee had an idea to use that milestone as an opportunity to pay down the building loan balance that remained from the 2006 project. At that time, the loan balance was around \$1.2 million.

Over the next several months, a silent phase of the effort began. Some made a pledge at that time. In December of 2020, the building was refinanced to allow more of the incoming gifts to be directed toward the principal. The public phase followed. Gifts poured in as God stirred the hearts of his people. Some made one-time gifts, others pledged support for 3 or even 5 years. As the monthly payments were made, the extra gifts allowed the principal to be whittled down. Last month, the final payment was made! The Chapel ministry is debt-free!



Built in 2006, the Chapel-Student Center is located at 220 West Gilman Street in downtown Madison, WI.

We had a primary goal in eliminating the building loan—to expand our ministry. God's timing was perfect for that, too! God led Jacob and Hannah Zhang (see following pages) to Chapel to expand our international ministry efforts. Please pray that God blesses the message of his gospel as we proclaim it in Madison!

WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Thank you for worshipping with us! Visit wlchapel.org/livestream to tune in on Sundays at 10:30 am CST and Wednesdays at 9:00 pm CST.



INTERNATIONAL MINISTRY

MEET JACOB

I'm Jacob Zhang and am very thankful to be serving at Wisconsin Lutheran Chapel! I got married to Hannah about 10 years ago and we have 2 children, Asher (7) and Brooke (5). I graduated from Asia Lutheran Seminary in 2016. I worked as campus pastor and teacher for about 10 years at Rising Eagles School in Beijing, China. I taught Bible, PE, health, and social studies to grades 3 to 8. It was a huge blessing to work at Rising Eagles. The staff, parents and students became a big family.

We moved to Madison in August 2023 and I started serving at Wisconsin Lutheran Chapel as the International Outreach Coordinator in December 2023. It took about a year and a half for

all my documents to be processed to move to the States, which took a lot of patience. Sometimes it's easy to say that I trust in God, but quite difficult to wait on him at the same time.

I am very thankful for this job! It is quite different from what I have done in the past. Instead of staying in the classroom, I now get to go out and meet people. Making new friends fills me with joy! Please pray for us as we try to share the gospel with all the people from all over the world that God brings into our lives!



Jacob Zhang is Chapel's new full-time International Ministry Coordinator.

CONVERSATION OPPORTUNITIES

Chapel's Conversation Partners program pairs native English speakers with internationals interested in practicing their English.

Learn more at wlchapel.org/conversationpartners



INTERNATIONAL MINISTRY

MEET HANNAH

I'm Hannah Boughton, wife of Jacob Zhang. I grew up in Milton, Wisconsin, and attended UW-Eau Claire to study education and French. After graduating from college and spending two years in France teaching English, I moved to Beijing, China, with Friends Network (formerly Friends of China). While in Beijing, I had the joy of meeting many new friends, leading Bible studies, and opening schools.

One of the many blessings of serving in China was the freedom to serve in the ways God presented to you. There was so much flexibility, support, and enjoyment in the work we were doing.

Our "Friendship Ministry" was very blessed! After getting married, I had the joy of serving alongside my husband in our school. We were so blessed with people around us who wanted to learn God's word and grow in faith and trust in Him. Despite the many challenges that we faced every day, we had peace and joy in Him!

I love meeting new people and organizing events. I enjoy being a part of a team who supports each other, prays for each other, and grows together. I'm thankful that I now have that team at Wisconsin Lutheran Chapel. It's such a unique church and the work we are all doing here is very precious. Once again, I'm very blessed with the flexibility to serve in ways that are needed and to be creative in how we reach people. I look forward to seeing how God uses Jacob and me to reach more people from all over the world who have currently settled here in Madison!



Hanna Zhang is Chapel's new part-time International Ministry Coordinator.

SUPPORT OPPORTUNITIES

Support the work of our mission at Chapel, "To Know Jesus Christ and Make Him Known on Campus"! Visit wlchapel.org/give to make a gift.



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CHAPEL HOUSEFELLOW REUNION

Calling all Chapel housefellows, past and present! Mark your calendars for **Sunday, April 14, 2024** when we'll have a housefellow reunion at the Chapel! Introductions and fellowship at 9:40 a.m. and a brunch for all housefellows after 10:30 a.m. worship. Volunteers appreciated; contact bethany@wlchapel.org if you can help.



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