

God Provides

All Saints campus ministry believes that God provides all of our needs. Even so, we wondered why God seemed to take so long in answering a very important prayer. We were a bit worried that He might not hear, and that He might not say “Yes.”

All Saints Fellowship (ASF) is our student organization which is officially recognized by Slippery Rock University. We have a constitution, a faculty advisor, Doctor Sam Thangiah, and a student president. Having a student president is critically important to our work on campus.

The president of ASF is the link between All Saints campus ministry and SRU. Without a president we cannot attend the several freshmen orientations that are held on campus for incoming students and their families. These orientations give us the opportunity to show incoming freshmen who we are and what we do. Saying hello to incoming freshmen is a marvelous opportunity for All Saints to extend friendship and warm regard for the students. Without a president we cannot officially attend any campus orientations and cannot even post notice of our campus ministry events, such as monthly Korean meals.

In the past ASF had presidents from the Dance Department, Parks and Recreation Department, and most recently from our weekly Bible class. All were Godsendings, but this coming year it seemed no one was available to serve as the president. This was a terrible predicament. All Saints needs to meet students and the principal way was to have permission to be on campus.

Orientations, for example, are exceptionally helpful for All Saints’ outreach. Several orientations are held to introduce incoming students to the University experience. All Saints is very appreciative that at these orientations we get to tell students about our worship services, Bible classes, free student meals. We ask the students who stop to talk to us at the orientations where they are from, what their majors are, and if they like to eat. This question makes them laugh. Then we ask them to give us their phone numbers so that we can call them when they arrive on campus to invite them to our delicious meals. This is a major way we have to connect. When we call in September they are ready to say yes.

Since orientations are so important to the future of our ministry, we wondered how we would meet students if we did not have a president. As you might have already guessed, God provided. He brought to our mind that we had a wonderful student available. He is Leif Lotvedt, a member of All Saints and a psychology-counseling major at SRU. We had not thought of him because he has a full schedule and a wife and daughter. When asked if he would consider being the president, he said he would if our current president would show him the ropes to see if he thought he could fulfill the job. After they met where Leif learned what he would be doing, he said that he would take the job. We are so grateful to have a president to enable us to share our faith on campus. We should have asked Leif sooner. He is a student who wants to help others. His goal is to be a counselor. Being ASF president will allow him to help. We are indebted to ASF outgoing president, Chris, because he made the time to show Leif the ropes.

Another need All Saints is praying for is a person to replace Jo Dublin who retires this month. Jo has made a significant difference in our lives by preparing our student meals since 2010. It will be impossible to replace her because she’s been more than a cook. She’s been a Christian friend to the students, especially the Asians. She herself is a Christian Korean married to an American. We trust God to provide another way to serve meals to draw college students to All Saints this fall. We send Jo to her new life with hearts filled with gratitude.

Our thanks and love go with Jo. We gave her a little album filled with photos of her time at All Saints and with a cash gift she can use anyway she wants to. Usually, she gives our gifts to others. In closing, we thank Jo for her Easter joy. Her food meant a lot, but even more her joy- filled love in serving the Lord meant the most.

We are grateful to God for His provision. We know He will never leave us. Please continue to pray for All Saints campus ministry.

