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## Never Too Cold for 400 Pancakes

Record-low temperatures canceled classes this Wednesday. While many used it as a much-needed day to sleep in, some ladies woke up a little early to scramble 20 dozen eggs, flip more than 400 pancakes, and serve it up to about 140 Augustana residents. The event was the girls' impromptu idea to make the most of the day off—made possible by dorm funds, faithful helpers, and bulk-sized boxes of eggs.

Not only did this breakfast feast let the girls skip the frigid walk to the caf, but it also encouraged the AU ladies to throw off any hermit-like tendencies and begin the freezing day with some fellowship. After even the latecomers had their fill, about 50 women stuck around for a devotion led by **Elena Mueller** (pictured).

“One thing I love about ministry is that it offers so many unexpected opportunities to serve—from leading devotions to flipping pancakes!” says Elena. “It was a joyful experience getting together for breakfast food and spiritual food as sisters in Christ.”

Pictured: **Kassandra Wagner** (LPS / Good Shepherd-Sioux Falls SD), **Faith Otte** (NELHS / Bethel-York NE), **Elena Mueller** (DSA / Divine Savior-Doral FL), and **Ella Loersch** (Luther / St. Paul-Onalaska WI) put the Augustana kitchen to good use and cheerfully prepared a dorm-wide brunch.

## Meet Yiling (Sophie) Leng!

You may not know **Sophie Leng** (MLS / Gloria Dei-Grand Blanc MI), but you've probably seen her work. As a campus photographer, she's taken numerous eye-catching shots for this publication! “Being involved as a photographer has given me opportunities to meet cool people at all different events,” says Sophie.

Connecting with others is one of Sophie's strengths. “She relates so well to me,” says Sophie's roommate, **Kaitlyn Solofra** (ALA / CrossWalk-Laveen AZ). “I literally love her so much.”

Sophie attended MLS as an international student from Hangzhou, China. If you didn't know that, you probably couldn't tell by talking with her. She speaks Mandarin and English fluently, and she even took Spanish classes at MLC.

A junior elementary ed major, Sophie jumped into MLC life—doing some serious sledding for the first time ever, helping with hurricane cleanup in Panama City, Florida, and singing in the MLC College Choir. “Being able to praise God and share the love of Christ in College Choir has been a great opportunity,” says Sophie. “My favorite memory is singing ‘I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light’ with children's choirs. It makes me tear up!”

**Why MLC?** “My high school teachers inspired me with their dedication to their jobs and their passion for Christ. It made me want to be a teacher like them.”

**Sophie's Advice for You:** “Take advantage of as many opportunities as you can in high school. It'll help you figure out what you want to do in the future.”



Sophie got a taste of mission work in Mahahual, Mexico, this Christmas break. She practiced her Spanish and her teaching skills while giving math and Spanish literacy lessons to some wonderful students there.