

# Lutheran Latino Ministries

## Ministerios Latinos Luteranos

### December 2021

Christ for all...  
Cristo para todos

## Advent and Christmas Greetings! Feliz Navidad a Todos!

*We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers, remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.*

1 Thessalonians 1:2-3

These verses express our sentiments toward our workers, our brothers and sisters who have become disciples of Jesus as a result of the Holy Spirit working through LLM's ministers, and you, our champions. You are the ones whose prayers and financial support make the ministry possible.

### THANK YOU!

## Look What God Is Doing through LLM!



**Deaconess Marta** reports that her visits to apartment complexes in the neighborhood around Redeemer Lutheran Church are bearing fruit. With the help of Redeemer member Merryann Randall and others, she is presenting a Wednesday evening Bible class for children and families. People are hungry for God's love and are responding by participating in the Wednesday activities, and some have begun attending Sunday worship. Her work in the prayer ministry of Salem Free Clinic opens doors for more ministry and is bringing peace and hope to people. **Please pray that the Holy Spirit continues to open doors and hearts to receive the healing message of the gospel.**



Children run with open arms to welcome Deaconess Marta and her helpers as they provide Bible learning activities and prayer time at an apartment complex in Portland. Children who are hungry to hear about God are being fed and are learning to pray to Him and trust Him.

Deaconess Marta also helps with youth activities at Trinity. **Please pray for the children and their families, that the Holy Spirit will fill them with faith in Jesus and bring them into Trinity Lutheran Church to be nourished and become disciples of Jesus.**

More inspiring news



## Ruberto Ek Yah Ordination Set for March 27!

Trinity Lutheran Church has called Ruberto Ek Yah to serve as Assistant Pastor. He will be ordained and installed on March 27. We will post time and details. Meanwhile, Ruberto is continuing to teach and preach at Trinity and occasionally serves as pulpit supply, preaching at congregations in the area, while working full time at his secular job. **Please pray for Ruberto's continued development as a pastor, and for energy to sustain his work and ministry schedules.**

## Reviving Ministry in the Yakima Valley

On November 16 a Zoom meeting facilitated by Northwest District Regional Vice President Rev. Mike VonBehren took place. LLM President Pam Bridgehouse, Rev. Eric Moeller (Trinity, Portland) and Ruberto Ek Yah met with Glenn Stocker and Rev. Mo Garcia (retired) to discuss how the ministry in the Washington's Yakima Valley might be revived. What was intended to be a "get acquainted" meeting quickly turned into a strategic ministry planning meeting! We hope that with God's help, Lutheran Latino Ministries workers will begin a monthly ministry built on the relationships Rev. Garcia has established over his years of work in the area.



**Please pray that the Holy Spirit will open ears and hearts to respond to the preaching ministry, and that the local congregation in Yakima might open their hearts to welcome all who respond to the gospel through this outreach effort. May God provide weather that is safe for travel.**

**Intern Update** – Deaconess Intern Hana has finished her first term in the Online Deaconess Studies Program of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. She is enthusiastic about her studies. Her work as intern includes assisting Pr. Jim Sprengle with Confirmation class at Ascension, singing in the music ministry at Trinity, and serving as Secretary of LLM. **Please pray for continued zeal, and for energy and guidance in her high school job with at-risk youth and their families.**



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## So close, but still a way to go...

The Enlarge the Harvest events in Portland and Salem were each attended by about 36 enthusiastic supporters who enjoyed good food, inspiring ministry reports, and lovely music by our guest singer, Lolek Ortigoza. Volunteer teams did a great job setting up the space, serving, and restoring the area to pre-event condition.

A big thank you to all our champions who responded so generously during the Enlarge the Harvest campaign. As you can see by the thermometer, we're a little short of our goal.

**As God has blessed you, we invite you to participate in sustaining the financial support for Deaconess Marta and Intern Hana. Visit our website or mail your gift today. Their financial lives are in your hands.**

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# We thank God for all of the champions who gave in 2021 to support LLM's life-changing ministry that gives hope to people every day!

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## A Reminder to do your online holiday shopping with smile.amazon.com and designate Lutheran Latino Ministries as your charity – shop and give at the same time!

- **Thrivent members** - Direct your **Choice Dollars** to Lutheran Latino Ministries.
- **Consider sharing part of your RMD with us.** Ask your financial advisor how.
- **Include LLM in your will or estate plan.** Your financial advisor can help you direct part of your life insurance benefit or a portion of your estate to LLM.
- We can help you with your application for **Thrivent Action Team** seed money to help pay for newsletters or ministry materials.
- Consider raising your level of support.

**Fact:** It costs about \$5,000 every month to keep our workers in the field, not counting mileage, ministry, and communication expenses.  
**THANK YOU FOR PARTNERING WITH US TO MAKE DISCIPLES.**

*For what is our hope or joy or crown of boasting before our Lord Jesus at his coming?  
Is it not you? <sup>20</sup> For you are our glory and joy.*

1 Thessalonians 2:19-20

## Congregations

Bethel Lutheran Church, Sweet Home, OR  
Grace Lutheran Church, Molalla, OR  
Hope Lutheran Church, Woodburn, OR  
Peace Lutheran Church, Salem, OR  
Peace Lutheran Church, Brookings, SD  
Redeemer Lutheran Church, Salem, OR  
St. John Lutheran Church, Salem, OR  
Trinity Lutheran Church, Oregon City, OR

## Groups and Organizations

Northwest District LCMS  
Thrivent Flash Matching Day  
Vineyard  
Grace Women, Molalla, OR  
Calvary LWML, Portland, OR  
Women in Missions, Tillamook, OR

## Grants

Immanuel Lutheran Church Endowment Fund  
Oregon District Lutheran Women's Missionary League  
Zion Lutheran Church Endowment Fund

**Lutheran Latino Ministries is a Recognized Service Organization with the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod and a tax-exempt non-profit organization.**

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**All officers are unpaid volunteers:** President: Pam Bridgehouse Vice President: Sara Cardona Secretary: Hana Laughton Treasurer: Janet Ellis  
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**Lutheran Latino Ministries Meeting**  
**Sunday January 2:30 p.m.**  
**Trinity Lutheran Church**  
**5520 NE Killingsworth St**  
**Portland, OR 97218**

Join us for the Spanish worship service at 1:00 pm.  
COVID-19 protocols will be observed.  
Enjoy ministry updates and  
participate in decisions that guide our work.

### Please pray ...

- That God will bless LLM workers with health and wisdom as they carry out the work He has prepared for them;
- For open doors and open hearts in Salem and Hermiston and wherever the Holy Spirit leads;
- For all who worship at the Spanish services, receive and participate in the ministry;
- For all who generously support the work by their prayers and financial support;
- For wisdom and prudence in the administration of the business of LLM;
- That God's abundant blessing will continue so we can continue to work and bring souls into His kingdom by His grace through faith in Jesus.  
**More prayer requests appear in bold print at the end of each paragraph inside!**