

Lutheran Latino Ministries

Ministerios Latinos Luteranos

Winter 2024

Christ for all...
Cristo para todos

Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
Isaiah 43:19

LOOK WHAT HAPPENED IN 2023 . . .

LLM enjoyed financial support from

- more than 78 individual champions - including 16 pastors
- 5 LWML Societies
- 1 Oregon District LWML Grant
- 16 congregations
- 1 Education Grant from Zion Lutheran Church Endowment Fund
- 1 Grant from the Northwest District

2023 Events and Activities:

- Pre-sem Training for Lay People
- Sunday School Teacher Workshop in Yakima
- Strategic Ministry Planning Retreat
- Spiritual Retreat for Families
- Display and Food Booths at the 2nd Annual Maya Cultural Festival
- Seven *Posada* celebrations
- 25 Prospective Members Enjoyed a Christmas Party in Salem and 24 Old Friends Celebrated in Portland
- 11 Leaders Attend NOWStart Spark Conference

Our champions made it possible for Lutheran Latino Ministries to provide:

- One Missionary Deaconess who ministers to more than 20 families each month;
- One Deaconess Intern who teaches Sunday School and Confirmation, and makes home and hospital visits;
- Four terms of seminary education for the intern and partial pre-seminary tuition for one man;
- 12 preaching trips to Yakima;
- 1 spiritual retreat;
- 1 fundraising event
- Participation in the NOWStart Network conference in Puyallup, WA



THANK YOU!!

Turn the page to see what's next . . .

People...

Redeemer, Salem, welcomes **Pr. John Rallison**, installed February 18. One of his first celebrations was January 21 1st Communion of Giovanni and Jonathon, shown here with **Deaconess Marta Luna** who brought their family to Redeemer.

At our January 28 meeting **Pam Bridgehouse** was re-elected to lead the ministry as LLM's President, an office she has served since 2004. **Deaconess Intern Hana Laughton** was re-elected to the office of Secretary.



LLM Vice President **Sara Cardona** serves on the **All Peoples Commission** bringing her cultural wisdom and insights to the Northwest District Board of Directors at their quarterly meetings and monthly Commission meetings.

Leadership Training Retreat – August 30- September 2

At left: **Elizabeth and Pr. Zabdi Lopez, Deaconess Marta Luna, Edgar Burgos, Steven Burgos and Pr. Ruberto Ek Yah** begin planning a retreat that will include sessions on initial contacts for evangelism, making disciples, and more!

...Goals

Some of the ministry goals we're working on in the coming years:

- Focus on facilitating ministry by connecting people with resources for outreach and ministry;
- Continue training leaders at all levels;
- Promote LLM's mission and ministry in the congregations; help them see what they can be doing right now, even without a professional church worker
- Encourage leaders to start small groups in their homes to build relationships and make disciples

We'll be forming a Strategic Ministry Planning Team to discern prayerfully God's clear direction to set mid-term and long-term goals, and make action plans to accomplish those goals.

Lutheran Heritage Foundation booklet "Jesus Never Fails" was translated into Maya and published in a Spanish/Maya bilingual format. The first draft of the translation of *Martin Luther's Small Catechism* into Maya was completed in January. Translations are being done by **Pr. Ruberto Ek Yah** with help from **Professor Felipe de Jesús Castillo Tzec**, who teaches the Maya language through the organization INDEMAYA in Yucatan, Mexico. These projects are encouraged and promoted by LLM but are funded independently. If you wish to support the Maya translation project you may send your donation to Ascension Lutheran Church, 1440 SE 182nd Ave, Portland, OR 97233 memo: Maya Translation.



LLM is partnering with **Living Way Bible Study** (LWBS), a non-profit LCMS organization that provides high quality Bible studies free of charge. Two LWBS studies, "Important People of the Old Testament" and "Mark", were translated into Spanish a number of years ago but only exist in a few poor-quality photocopies. LLM President **Pam Bridgehouse** is re-typing those Spanish-language studies to facilitate updating the language and appearance of the materials before making them widely available. **Deaconess Luz Guerrero Kramer** is translating the study on The Parables of Jesus into Spanish. The project is being jointly coordinated by LWBS Board Member, **Rev. Mike Kasting** and LLM President Pam Bridgehouse.

God has opened door after door for LLM since the late 1980s!
We are grateful to God and all you who pray and give to make it happen!

"Let the favor of the LORD be upon us and establish the work of our hands. . ."

Psalm 90:24

We thank all our champions for financial support so far in 2024!

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Redeemer Lutheran Church, Salem, OR
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Trinity Lutheran Church, Portland, OR

Grants

Northwest District LCMS
Endowment Fund of Zion Lutheran Church, Portland, OR

We hope you will –

- Pray often for the ministry
- Tell others why you support LLM and encourage them to give
- Organize fundraisers
- Encourage your congregation to support LLM
- Visit our website to make your donation recurring

Watch for the Pentecost
Appeal "Second Wind"
coming in May!

Feeling extra blessed?

Consider sponsoring one month's stipend
for Deaconess Intern Hana \$900 or
one week of Deaconess Marta's Ministry \$1,600.

Thrivent Members

We appreciate your directing your Choice Dollars™
to Lutheran Latino Ministries.

Thank you!



Fred Kramer addressed the congregation at the end of the Spanish service January 28 at Trinity Portland, in celebration of his **97th birthday**. Fred exemplifies everyday evangelism and Christ-like love and care for all people. He is the 'father' of Latino ministry at Trinity, and 'abuelo- grandfather' to the Latino people, loved by all. After he spoke, the congregation sang a rousing "Happy Birthday". The booklet "The Wisdom of the Kramers" is available for download from our website: <https://www.lutheranlatinoministries.org/worship-and-ministry-resources.html>



Two of our most senior champions, Sara Cardona (Sr) age 90, mother of LLM Vice President Sara Cardona David Kramer, and Fred Kramer, age 97 enjoyed fellowship after the January 28 LLM meeting.

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Use the QR Code to access the LLM website and donate today!



Next Meeting

Saturday May 4 10:00am

Redeemer Lutheran Church

4663 Lancaster Drive NE

Salem, OR

You're invited to the Spanish worship services:

Hope, Woodburn Sunday 11:30 am

Trinity, Portland Sunday 1:00 pm

Ascension, Portland Sunday 5:00 pm

Mt. Olive, Yakima 2nd Sunday 7:00 pm

See our website for bilingual service places and times.

Please pray ...

- That God will raise up workers
- For all who worship at the Spanish services, and all who benefit from the ministry; that they will be active making disciples
- For all our champions who generously support the work by their prayers and financial gifts

**We need volunteers to work with social media,
finance committee, fundraising team,
and strategic ministry planning.**

***As each has received a gift, use it to serve
one another, as good stewards of God's
varied grace... 1 Peter 4:10***