

# Lutheran Latino Ministries

Ministerios Latinos Luteranos

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Christ for all...  
Cristo para todos

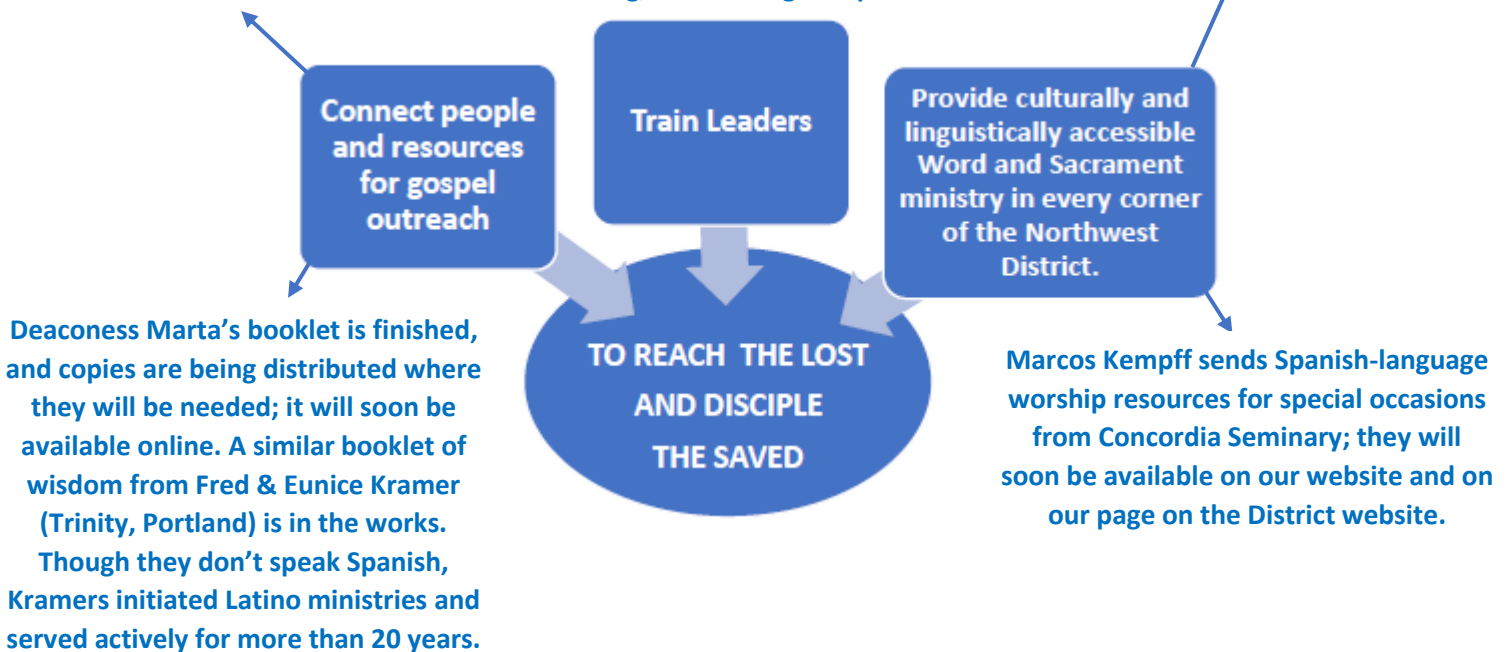
## Carrying out our mission...



Spanish-language materials from Lutheran Heritage Foundation are provided for lay people and Deaconess Marta to use in outreach.

The May 21 leader retreat/training at Trinity, Portland, was the first in a series of retreats to equip and encourage lay people for outreach, teaching, and making disciples.

After a long break due to COVID 19 Spanish-language worship will resume at Ascension Lutheran in Portland. Spanish worship continues at Trinity, Portland, and Hope, Woodburn. We hope to expand to Redeemer, Salem and other areas.



## Our Guiding Scripture

**<sup>13</sup> For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."**

<sup>14</sup> How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard?<sup>[a]</sup> And how are they to hear without someone preaching? <sup>15</sup> And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!" <sup>16</sup> But they have not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?"

**<sup>17</sup> So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ.**

Romans 10:13-17

## A Message from the Ek Family

Matthew 25:35-40 ESV

*<sup>35</sup> For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, <sup>36</sup> I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' <sup>37</sup> Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? <sup>38</sup> And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? <sup>39</sup> And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' <sup>40</sup> And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'*

Colleen writes:

We want to express our deep gratitude to all the donors of the Ek Family Fund. Your generosity in Christ helped sustain our family through the most trying times of our lives (so far). The financial help was so useful for us to buy food, household items (diapers!), and medical supplies I needed for effects from chemotherapy, surgery, and radiation. But even more touching were the prayers, the letters and words of support – especially from strangers and others we hadn't heard from in a while. That you took time from your lives to bless ours with your support is an act my family and I will cherish for the rest of our lives. The Lord bless you and keep you. Thank you!

**Vicar Ruberto will finish his seminary studies July!** Some of his writings have been shared widely by one of his professors, and his online posting has been viewed and shared by hundreds of people in and around his hometown, Tipikal, Yucatan, Mexico. He has a regular audience for the online Bible studies he offers.

Ruberto is currently taking the last class in his course of study. When finished, he and his family hope to visit the congregations that have supported them with prayers and educational expenses through his four years of study. Thanks to Zion Lutheran Church Endowment Fund, Portland, OR, for the grants that helped significantly with tuition and fees. We are also grateful to the Oregon District Lutheran Layman's League for scholarships, and the champions who gave to LLM's education fund. You have invested in the future of the church! Ruberto looks forward to serving wherever the Holy Spirit calls him.



### Concordia Seminary's Dr. Leopoldo Sánchez Posted on Facebook May 15...



During this past week our Hispanic Theology and Mission class asked lots of questions of our guest speakers, Pam Bridgehouse, President of Lutheran Latino Ministries (Northwest District, center of picture to the left), and Rev. Lincon Guerra, church planter in Des Moines (Iowa West District, left of picture to the right). We give thanks to God for His faithful servants in Hispanic ministries across the land.

### ENCUENTRO NACIONAL DE MINISTERIOS HISPANOS. VIRTUAL. JULIO 27, 2021

**Virtual meeting and special workshop for Hispanic ministry leaders.** The event is being planned by the Board of Directors of the LCMS Hispanic Ministry. Everyone is invited to participate Watch LLM's website for information or check these links:

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<https://www.facebook.com/7cnhlcms>

LCMS HISPANIC MINISTRY

<https://www.facebook.com/LCMSHispanicMinistry>

### Seminary Orientation for Hana

In August, future Deaconess Hana Laughton and her Internship Supervisor, Rev. Dr. Herb Hoefler will travel to St. Louis for orientation week at Concordia Seminary. Hana is excited to begin her program! Thanks to everyone for your prayers and financial support!

# Your prayers and financial support make our work possible!

We appreciate your generosity to the general fund and the internship fund.

We recognize our champions who have given in 2021!

## Impact Partners

Fred & Pam Bridgehouse  
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## Congregations

Bethel Lutheran Church, Sweet Home, OR  
Grace Lutheran Church, Molalla, OR  
Hope Lutheran Church, Woodburn, OR  
Peace Lutheran Church, Salem, OR  
St. John Lutheran Church, Salem, OR

## Groups

Grace Women, Molalla, OR

## Grants

Oregon District LWML  
Northwest District LCMS  
Thrivent Flash Matching Day

We thank God for all of the champions who support Deaconess Marta's life-giving, life-changing ministry and that of all LLM workers! Here's how...

- A growing number of **monthly donors** help maintain a steady funding base. **Will you join them?**
- We are blessed with several **major donors** (\$1,000/year or more) who provide generous gifts to sustain the ministry and answer special needs. **Could you raise your support to become a major donor?**
- Thirvent members direct their **Choice Dollars** to Lutheran Latino Ministries. **Have you directed yours?**
- Retired champions send a portion of the Required Minimum Distribution (**RMD**) to LLM. **Have you considered sharing part of your RMD with us?** Ask your financial advisor how.
- Have you considered including 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.

## In Memory of Ralph Petersen

Rev. Erhart and Annita Bauer  
Pam Bridgehouse  
Connie Adams

## In Memory of John Stucky

Elizabeth Bier  
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**PENTECOST  
FUNDING APPEAL**  
Ending July 31

**Celebrate sharing the  
Gospel in the language  
of the people!  
Goal: \$5,000**

Mail your gift or give online at  
<https://lutheranlatinoministries.org>

We are deeply grateful to the people of Bethel Lutheran Church, Sweet Home, Oregon. Although they have closed their doors they want their mission spirit live on through the support they have provided for LLM and the other ministries with whom they shared proceeds from the sale of their property.

Lutheran Latino Ministries is a Recognized Service Organization with the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod and a tax-exempt non-profit organization.  
EIN Number: 38-367424  
All officers are unpaid volunteers: President: Pam Bridgehouse Vice President: Sara Cardona Secretary: Hana Laughton Treasurer: Janet Ellis  
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# **PENTECOST Ministry Update**

## **Deaconess Marta's New Mission Field**

**LLM is entering a partnership with Redeemer Lutheran Church in Salem.**

Deaconess Marta will be initiating relationships with neighbors of the church, carrying Christ into the heart of the home. We hope to develop Bible study groups, invite neighbors to church events, and incorporate them into the faith and life of the congregation.

Please pray that the Holy Spirit will open the hearts of the people to His message of love and forgiveness of sins, and that Deaconess Marta and the people of Redeemer will be kept safe and strong and be creative in welcoming Latino neighbors into fellowship of God's kingdom.

Deaconess Marta recently began serving as one of the chaplains at Salem Free Clinic, a Christian enterprise that affords her the opportunity to listen to the clients, pray and share the Gospel with them, and, when they ask about a church, to direct them to Redeemer.

We pray that God will raise up the ministry at Redeemer as He did at Trinity, Ascension, and Hope.



**LLM Meeting Sunday July 18 3:30 p.m.**

**Redeemer Lutheran Church**

**4663 Lancaster Dr. NE, Salem, OR**

**COVID-19 protocols will be observed.**

**Hear ministry updates and participate in decisions that guide our work.**