

Lutheran Latino Ministries

Ministerios Latinos Luteranos

October 2021

**Christ for all...
Cristo para todos**

Annual Fundraising Banquets and Auctions

In person and live streamed

November 13 at Trinity, Portland

November 20 at St. John, Salem

Do your Christmas shopping at the online
auction November 10-22

Enlarge the Harvest

Aumenta la cosecha

To allow for distancing, seating is limited to
10 tables of six at each event.

Appropriate precautions will be observed.

LLM Partners with Redeemer, Salem to Expand Deaconess Marta's Ministry

Deaconess Marta has been working on finding ways of connecting with families in the neighborhood around Redeemer Lutheran Church, building relationships leading to starting a family class at the church.

Members of the congregation are assisting her. Please pray that the families will be open to accept God's Word and His love, and that God will direct Deaconess Marta to the doors He is opening for the gospel. Pray also that the Lord will give them gifts of hospitality and welcome.

Enjoy food, music, auction items, and mission stories while you help us reach our goal of \$10,000.

Suggested donation \$40

Sponsor a table \$240

Text LLM21 to 41444

or go our website

lutheranlatinoministries.org

click the link to the event page
to register and give.

If you have an item to donate
to the auction, please email a
description and photo to

lutheranlatinoministries@gmail.com

or call 503 930 0386

Salem Event Will Feature GUATEMALA GIFT FAIR

LLM champions Judy and Dan Lorenz make regular trips to Guatemala to support a school there. While there, Judy seeks out high quality hand-made items – jewelry, Nativity sets, art objects, hand-woven shawls and needlework. She brings them back to Oregon where she sells them at gift fairs to support mission work.

A generous selection of these gift items will be available for sale at the November 20 *Enlarge the Harvest* banquet at St. John Lutheran in Salem.

Plan to do some of your holiday shopping here!

Ruberto Ek Yah – Seminary Graduate!

Ruberto Ek Yah is now a seminary graduate and will be certified as a pastor in the LCMS. He continues serving at Trinity and Ascension in Portland while awaiting a call. His family is visiting worship services in area congregations to thank them in person for their support throughout his schooling and Colleen's cancer treatments.

In a recent sermon preached at Trinity, Portland, Ruberto said:

"Eighteen years ago, I could not pay for my studies in my homeland Yucatan. That is why I decided to come to look for an opportunity in the United States, I was looking for a better life to be able to give something better to my parents in Mexico and maybe even to build a house for myself and live there later. I didn't have the idea of coming to seek God, because I thought that with how faithful and obedient I was with the laws of the church and with how good person I was, it was obvious in my mind that God would help me get here and get everything what I longed for.

Well brothers and sisters, God gave me what I longed for. He gave me a better

life and my family, and I built the house [in Yucatan]. The house is there, but nobody lives there because I'm still here. But much more than that, God came to reveal Himself to me at Trinity Church in a completely different way than what I thought and believed about Him. GOD showed me His tremendous love and support through many more individuals and churches that believed in my calling and paid for my studies. What I couldn't have in my hometown God gave me here through all my brothers and sisters in Christ. Thank God it was here where I learned that all the things that God has given me He did not give to me because I deserve it for my works or for being a good person [as I was taught in the church where I grew up]. Rather, he has given me everything because He loves me and has forgiven me, and above all He continues to take care of me.

God showed me in his Word and the church that Christ Jesus is my Savior and Lord, that JESUS has done everything for me so that God forgives me. Jesus has made me heir of eternal life. Today I can also say thanks to the Holy Spirit for making me understand that all the good things that I do, I do not do to earn God's favor, but because he has loved me in Christ and has sanctified me through Jesus' passion and death on the Cross."

May God guide and bless Ruberto and his family in their future ministry.



A Word from Deaconess Intern Hana



Hana and Dr. Herb in St. Louis

My experience in St. Louis was a blessed one. I took a leap of faith and got on a plane during a pandemic with my Mentor Dr. Herb Hoefler. God kept us safe, through the travel and God was able to use us in the public. When we went to the Arch I was talking about the mission trip to Guatemala with Pastor Herb when suddenly we came across a Latino family. We talked to them and turns out the man was a pastor and his wife's name was Ana and they both were from Guatemala. It's amazing how God unites His believers no matter where they go. When I got to the Seminary I was again united with fellow believers. I was encouraged by my fellow deaconess studies classmates and teacher, but most of all the directors of the Center for Hispanic Ministry made me feel at home and truly excited for ministry. A deaconess is a woman that has decided to dedicate their life to God and to further His kingdom through service. I'm so happy to be part of a program that is made up of women from different parts of the US. The Online Deaconess program is guiding me towards preparedness in leadership, community engagement, and Spiritual Care.

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

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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
Redeemer Lutheran Church, Salem, OR
St. John Lutheran Church, Salem, OR

Groups

Calvary Ladies Guild, Milwaukie, OR
Grace Women, Molalla, OR
Women in Mission, Tillamook, OR

2021 Grants

Oregon District LWML
Northwest District LCMS
Thrivent Flash Matching Day

Recent Memorials

John Stucky
Brandie Stucky

Here's how you can participate...

- Pray regularly for the ministry.
- Become a **monthly donor** to help maintain a steady funding base.
- Direct your Thrivent **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.
- **Do your online holiday shopping with smile.amazon.com and designate Lutheran Latino Ministries as your charity – shop and give at the same time!**

Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

⁸ And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

2 Corinthians 9:7-8

THANK YOU!

Testing the Waters...

A New Mission Outreach in Hermiston

Members of Hope, Woodburn, Oscar and Veronica moved to Umatilla. After making the 3 ½ hour trip back to Woodburn every few months to attend church they asked if it would be possible to have Spanish church in their area. Pr. Lopez offered to go once a month to conduct Bible study and worship. LLM contacted Pr. Adams of Bethlehem Lutheran in Hermiston who presented the opportunity to the Elders and Church Council. The result? On a trial basis, the Lopez family will spend one Saturday per month in Hermiston/Umatilla doing visits and conducting Bible study. The events will be publicized on Bethlehem's web site and videos of Hope's Spanish services will be available as well. We are thankful that the Holy Spirit put an evangelistic spirit in the hearts Oscar and Veronica who said, "If you come, we will bring the people." Please pray for safe travels for the Lopez's and that the Holy Spirit will make good soil for the gospel in the hearts of the people.

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**FALL UPDATE
and
INVITATION TO
ENLARGE THE HARVEST
Banquets and Auctions**

**Lutheran Latino Ministries Meeting
Sunday October 24 3:30 p.m.
Beautiful Savior Lutheran Church
9800 SE 92nd Ave.
Happy Valley, OR**

**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.