

Lutheran Latino Ministries

Ministerios Latinos Luteranos

Summer 2020

Christ for all...
Cristo para todos

In Spite of COVID-19 LLM Is Working Harder Than Ever!

Deaconess Marta Luna - giving spiritual support to dozens of families through prayer, songs, and devotions. She delivers masks to homes and in farm fields and work places. She delivers food, helping clients with day-to-day needs, and gives rides to medical and legal appointments, and to the food bank. She encourages church attendance and connects people with Hope Lutheran whenever possible, actively working at making disciples as she shares Jesus' love through personal evangelism. She also trains others by taking members of Hope and some of the Love INC clients with her to hand out masks and share in the human care ministry. Such activities give others confidence to care for others and love their neighbors with Christ-like kindness.



Pastor Zabdi Lopez (Hope Lutheran Church, Woodburn) and his family visit a number of members and friends of the congregation every week. They provide spiritual support and deliver food donated by the local KFC and produce from the church's community garden. Throughout August Hope has had outdoor bilingual services with an average of more than 50 attending. Access Hope's services, sermons, and bulletins through links on their website: <https://hopewoodburn.org>



Vicar Ruberto Ek-Yah is now taking the 14th of the 18 classes in the Pastoral Formation Program of the Center for Hispanic Studies of Concordia Seminary. He is on track to finish early next year. Supervision of his vicarage has been transferred from Pr. Jim Sprengle (Ascension) to Pr. Eric Moeller (Trinity). He often consults with Pr. Zabdi Lopez (Hope, Woodburn) as well as mentors and professors at the seminary. Vicar Ruberto offers online devotionals Monday and Friday evenings. The broadcasts reach church members in the Portland area, and as far as Yucatan, Mexico. Spanish-language worship is available on facebook (Grupo Latino de la Iglesia Luterana Trinidad) Sundays at 1:00 p.m.

Update – Colleen Ek Yah

Colleen finished her initial course of chemotherapy, had surgery, and has completed her radiation therapy. She will be receiving maintenance doses of chemo every three weeks until February or March. We thank and praise God for bringing her through her treatments with faith and a good outlook. When she was diagnosed with cancer Vicar Ruberto offered to suspend his studies to care for her. She insisted that he continue, saying that they would finish her treatments and his studies together.

Your generosity to the Ek Family Fund has provided stress relief for the family during this challenging season. Thanks to all whose prayer and financial support have demonstrated Jesus' love in a very practical way. You may contribute to the Ek Family Fund through LLM's website:

<https://lutheranlatinoministries.org>

Or by sending your donation to LLM,
PO Box 293

Mt. Angel, OR 97362

Please keep the family in your prayers.

Meet Pastor Eric Moeller

Pastor Moeller comes to the Northwest District from New Jersey. He began serving at **Trinity, Portland**, in July. Pastor Moeller is bilingual, fluent in Spanish, and has served as a parish pastor, missionary, and seminary professor. We welcome him as a partner in ministry. Pastor Zabdi Lopez will preach at his bilingual outdoor installation service at Trinity on **Sunday September 20 at 3:00 p.m.** Please keep Pastor Moeller and his family in your prayers.



Enlarge the Harvest 2020

Planning is underway for the 2020 Enlarge the Harvest fundraising "banquet" and auction. The event will be **online November 14** and will be a fun and entertaining event mixing live presentations and pre-recorded videos. If you don't do computers, you might ask your church to organize a watch party with masks and appropriate distancing so you can enjoy and participate in the event.

The online auction will open several days beforehand so shoppers will have plenty of time to enter bids.

If you have items of value to donate for the auction, please contact us by October 1.

Our fundraising goal is \$10,000. We also hope to welcome at least **six new monthly donors.**

Financial News

LLM's mission "Carrying Christ into the Heart of the Hispanic Home" was chosen by the Oregon District LWML to receive a grant of \$6,500. The grant is funded by LWML mite offerings. Please support your local LWML Society with generous mite offerings.

LLM received a Payroll Protection Plan loan as part of the CARES Act. The loan, which we hope will be forgiven in full, provided two months of payroll expenses for Deaconess Marta. We are grateful to the government for making the loan available, and to Brian Halverson, Manager of US Bank Mt. Angel branch who was extraordinarily helpful throughout the application process.

Financial Needs for 2021:

A small, but well-earned salary increase for Deaconess Marta

Tuition assistance expenses for training leaders
You, our champions, paid for Deaconess Marta's education, and have gathered contributed to funding Vicar Ruberto's education. We hope that together we will be able to do the same for future developing leaders.

Thanking Our 2020 Donors

Champions – those who support the ministry with financial gifts

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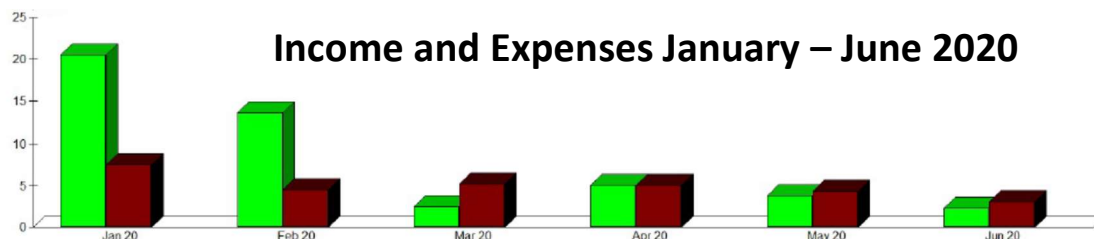
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Groups

Holy Cross (Portland) LWML
Hope (Woodburn) Ladies Guild
St. John (Salem) Adult Bible Class
Zion (Portland) Lutheran Church Guild
Thrivent Choice Dollars

GENEROSITY



Green represents all income, including donations, grants, and contributions to the Ek Family Fund which account for 32% of gifts received January – June 2020.

Red represents all expenditures, including those from the Ek Family Fund, which account for 10% of expenditures.

Thank you for joining us on the mission so you may say about the Latino people in Oregon and the Northwest District what St. Paul said about the Thessalonians ...

¹⁹ For what is our hope, our joy, or the crown in which we will glory in the presence of our Lord Jesus when he comes? ²⁰ Indeed, you are our glory and joy.

2 Thessalonians 2:19-20

Grants

Northwest District LCMS
Zion Lutheran Church (Portland) Endowment Fund

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St. John Lutheran Church, Salem
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Trinity Lutheran Church, Portland



Ash Wednesday worshipers listen to Vicar Ruberto at Trinity Lutheran Church, Portland

CHALLENGE

Invite someone half your age to become a champion of Lutheran Latino Ministries.

Lutheran Latino Ministries is a Recognized Service Organization with the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod and a tax-exempt non-profit organization. EIN Number: 38-3674241

All officers are unpaid volunteers:

President: Pam Bridgehouse Vice President: Sara Cardona

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SUMMER MINISTRY UPDATE

COMING EVENTS...

Installation of Pr. Eric Moeller

Outdoors September 20 3:00 p.m.

Trinity Lutheran Church

5520 NE Killingsworth

Portland, Oregon

ENLARGE THE HARVEST

online fundraising 'banquet'
and auction

Saturday November 14



A young worshiper joins the outdoor bilingual service physically distanced from others at Hope Lutheran Church in Woodburn.