

Lutheran Latino Ministries  
Ministerios Latinos Luteranos

Spring 2024

Christ for all...  
Cristo para todos

**PENTECOST APPEAL**

*"Second Wind"  
Is Underway!*

You can help  
Lutheran Latino Ministries

*Fan the Pentecost Flames into Fire!*

We depend on you to

**PRAY**

for the people  
and the workers

to

**GIVE**

as the Father blesses you  
to

**LOVE**

as Jesus commanded you  
to

**PARTICIPATE**

as the Spirit moves you  
to

**TELL OTHERS**

and encourage them  
to get involved

At Pentecost the Holy Spirit came with the sound as a rushing wind and tongues of fire, and the miraculous proclamation of the Gospel in the languages of everyone present.

Communicating the Gospel in the language of the heart is a way the Holy Spirit opens the way for people to develop a relationship with Jesus.

There is a poem that says:

*"Speak to my heart so I can hear You.  
Speak to my heart so I will know  
That the love of God is with me  
Wherever I may go."*

To keep our workers in the field and to keep providing training for leaders and resources for ministry, we need a *SECOND WIND* of support.

Through you, our champions, God provides all that is needed for ministry!

We know that with God's help and yours we will reach our goal of \$15,000 by July 31.

**THANK YOU!**

## Training Leaders

**José Hernandez**, Elder and Youth Director at Hope Lutheran Church, Woodburn, attended the Youth and Family Ministry Conference April 23-25 at Lutherhaven in Coeur D'Alene, Idaho. His attendance was funded by LLM and the Northwest District. José says, "Thank you so much! I met new people and learned new things. Everyone was so nice; I felt really good to be there and I want to go back."

**Pr. Zabdi Lopez** traveled to St. Louis April 29 – May 2 to participate in the Multiethnic Symposium at Concordia Seminary, and the NAME (North American Mission Endeavor) Conference. "Getting out of your box really opens your thinking and helps you see the big picture." LLM was a sponsor of the Multiethnic Symposium and maintains our connections with LCMS Latino ministries across the US.



**Training Leaders Young:** Sixth grader Giovanni helps Deaconess Marta Luna invite people to come to Redeemer, Salem. Giovanni and his brother Jonathan made their First Communion at Redeemer in January.



**Church Camping Trips – Spiritual Retreats**  
**Trinity and Ascension July 19-21 at Lincoln City**  
**Hope, Woodburn July 26-28 at Garibaldi.**

## Strategic Ministry Planning

During the week of April 22 LLM President Pam Bridgehouse met with leaders from various locations to discuss the Strategic Ministry Planning Agenda she sent ahead of time. Tuesday April 23 the meeting at Redeemer, Salem, included Deaconess Marta Luna, Pastor John Rallison, Merryann Randall and Amy Cox. On April 24 and 25 there were conversations with Deaconess Intern Supervisor, Rev. Dr. Herb Hoefer and Intern Hana Laughton regarding her future call. April 25 there was a Zoom call with Pr. Peter Knutson, Mt. Olive Lutheran in Yakima and Pr. Zabdi Lopez, Hope, Woodburn. Pastors Ruberto Ek Yah , Trinity, Portland and Jim Sprengle, Ascension, Portland met via Zoom. The meetings totaled just over five hours.

Common plans among all the meetings focused on developing youth ministry, training lay people to make disciples, and providing Word and Sacrament ministry.

On May 13 Pr. Lopez met with the pastor and board members of the church in Sunnyside, WA. A pastor or deaconess is needed in the Yakima Valley. Follow-up visits may be planned. Please pray for workers!

## LLM Votes to Call Deaconess Hana Laughton Brandt

Deaconess Intern Hana Laughton became Hana Brandt when she and Colin Brandt were married in April. She is on track to complete the Online Deaconess Formation Program of Concordia Seminary next spring. She must have a call before she can be certified as a Deaconess. Attendees at the May 11 LLM meeting voted unanimously to extend a call to future Deaconess Hana. Details of the call document will be finalized by January 2025. Congratulations to Hana and Colin on their marriage, and to Hana for her call!

## Ten Young People Receive First Communion at Woodburn

May 5 during the bilingual service at Hope Lutheran, Woodburn, ten young people received 1<sup>st</sup> Communion. Several more will be confirmed during the June 2 bilingual service. Some of them are pictured below. May God bless them all!



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

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## 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

## Feeling extra blessed?

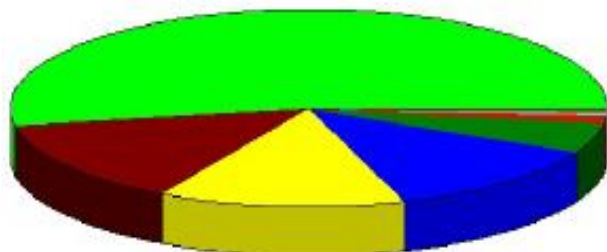
Consider sponsoring one month's stipend for Deaconess Intern Hana \$900 or one week of Deaconess Marta's Ministry \$1,600.

## Thrivent Members

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

## How we steward your donations...

66000 - Payroll Expenses	53.02%
65100 - Other Types of Expenses	13.88
68300 - Travel and Meetings	13.42
67000 - Education	12.66
65000 - Operations	5.06
65090 - Deaconess Expense Reimbursement	1.12
62100 - Contract Services	0.56
65200 - Special Events Expenses	0.26
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$23,464.17</b>



Watch your cell phone for a text message inviting you to spread the Good News about Lutheran Latino Ministries to your friends and family. It's part of our *Second Wind Pentecost Appeal*. Your 'yes' to our texts from 71777 will help raise \$15,000 to ensure that LLM's deaconess ministry and leader training will continue. Thank you!

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PENTECOST APPEAL  
WITH  
MINISTRY UPDATES**

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



**Invite a friend to learn more  
about  
Lutheran Latino Ministries**

**Show your support by attending  
Spanish worship services:**

**Hope, Woodburn Sunday 11:30 am**

**Trinity, Portland Sunday 1:00 pm**

**Ascension, Portland Sunday 5:00 pm**

**Mt. Olive, Yakima 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday 7:00 pm**

**See our website for bilingual service places and times.**

**Please pray ...**

- That God will raise up workers to serve in the Yakima Valley
- 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
- **That champions will participate fully in the crowd-funding *Second Wind* fundraising appeal**

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

***“Let the favor of the LORD be upon us  
and establish the work of our hands. . .”***

Psalm 90:24