



**MARK  
YOUR  
CALENDARS**

# Lutheran Multicultural Mission

A Missouri Synod Outreach Ministry of Central Indiana

## CELEBRATING MISSION AND MINISTRY



St. Paul writing his letters

The first celebration opportunity is our LMM sponsored Mission Festival on Sunday, October 5, noon to 2 p.m., at Calvary Lutheran Church. Many fellow Lutherans will be present to share how they are reaching out

The offering will be devoted to Hispanic Ministry and a supplemental grant from the South Marion and Johnson Counties of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans will augment these dollars.

We live in a world that can easily entangle, but carefully heed the words of Paul. Meanwhile, come celebrate with us during the month of October!

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Phil. 4:4

In Christ,  
Don Van Pelt  
LMM President/Executive Director

Paul's Letter to the Philippians has long been a personal favorite because of its emphasis upon victory and joy. His circumstances were far from favorable, but Paul provides a clear, distinct message to "rejoice in the Lord." This is a special time of year for Lutheran Multicultural Mission when we can come together to celebrate what God has done and what He continues to do among us.

with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Later in the month Lutherans will come together in worship at our annual Reformation Service. Holy Cross Lutheran Church will host this gathering on Sunday, October 26, at 4 p.m. It will be a time of wonderful celebration and a time to support the on-going outreach of LMM.

Sept. - Oct. Thrivent Build
Sept. 15-Oct. 15 Hispanic Heritage Month
Oct. 5 - LMM Sponsored Mission Festival (Calvary Lutheran)
Oct. 26 - Reformation Service (Holy Cross Lutheran Church)
Nov. 15 - Deadline for Supplemental Grant Receipts

### RESPONDING TO THE GRANT

We are very grateful to the South Marion County and Johnson County Chapters of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans for their supplemental grant which will build upon the funding for Hispanic Ministry. More than \$9000 must be received to maximize this grant opportunity. Lutherans passionate about this on-going effort of gospel outreach can respond in one of these ways:

1. Attend the LMM sponsored Reformation Service on October 26, 4 p.m., at Holy Cross Lutheran Church and give generously to the offering,
2. Contribute to the door offering at your church if it is participating in this grant opportunity, or
- 3.

Give directly between now and November 15th by writing a tax deductible check to Lutheran Multicultural Mission,

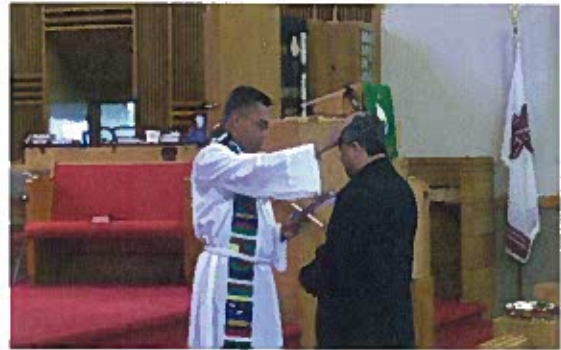
P.O. Box 1522, Indianapolis, IN 46206.

Most of the support for multicultural ministry in central Indiana comes from our Lutheran congregations, but a third of the annual budget must be sought from other sources. This grant is currently a key source. Pray for a favorable response to this ambitious goal!



## INSTALLATION OF JUAN LUNA

We rejoice that Deacon Juan Diego Luna was installed on September 7, 2008, to serve the La Paz de Cristo Hispanic Mission in Seymour and Columbus. The need for such a worker has been felt for some time. God continues to answer the prayer for more church workers. Rev. Samuel Ruiz performed the installation at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Seymour.



Rev. Ruiz installing Deacon Juan Luna

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## BEYOND THE WALLS

Interested in helping victims of the recent hurricanes and floods? Visit the following website for links about current areas of need and how you can help: [www.lcms.org/ca/worldrelief/menus/news](http://www.lcms.org/ca/worldrelief/menus/news) Watch your church bulletin and newsletter for more information on aid to Cuba. It is very hard to get aid supplies in to this nation but a local group of church people is working diligently to accomplish this. Quoting a recent news article,

“Cuban authorities have estimated that the hurricanes caused five billion dollars in damage over the past three weeks. Seven people were reported killed in the storms, which damaged a half million homes and destroyed 63,000 residences.”

Please visit our website at: [www.lutheranfederationindy.org](http://www.lutheranfederationindy.org) for more information about LMM and its on-going work.

## FAITH, FOOD AND FUN

Plans are complete and we're ready for the 3rd annual Mission Festival sponsored by LMM! Please join us on Sunday, October 5, from noon to 2pm at Calvary Lutheran Church, located on the south side of Indianapolis. We'll start with the food as a pitch-in dinner is in the works. Feel free to bring a dish if you like but its not a requirement for attendance as there will be plenty for all - both American and international foods will be served so be prepared to tingle your taste buds with something new. Fun and faith will follow. Presentation tables will surround the room showcasing the Lutheran community's involvement in missions both locally and abroad.

Learn how you can be involved in spreading the faith by participating in a mission trip or tying knots to finish off quilts for Lutheran World Relief. Lutheran High School will have young people there to bring a bit of international culture with activities for the children. Word is that there will even be a piñata, so you might want to practice up on that swing! Reverend Geoffrey Robinson, Outreach Executive for the Indiana District, will give a short talk to close out the day. There are exciting days ahead for the growing of Christ's church in the Indiana District and Rev. Robinson will be sharing some of the plans to help make that happen. See you there!

## MULTICULTURAL MISSION HISTORY

\*As Luther left his monastery on October 31, 1517, turned left, and walked to the Castle Church on the west side of town, I doubt he had any idea just what he was setting motion. Four years later, Pope Leo's representative, Aleander reported, "All of Germany is an uproar! Ninety-percent of the people are shouting, "Luther!" and the other ten percent—if they don't care about Luther—at least have "Death to the Roman court!" as their slogan." (Martin Brecht, Martin Luther The Road to Reformation, Fortress Press: 1:439).

Father Martin, parish pastor, was outraged by the Roman system of indulgences and what it was

doing to the precious souls he cared for at the city church of St. Mary as confessor and preacher. He was deeply angered when one after another member of his congregation told him about the indulgence that they had walked all day to buy from John Tetzel in the little town of Juetebog, just over the boarder of Electoral Saxony. They thought they had assurance of grace and comfort, for themselves, or for loved ones who had died. They clung to their indulgence receipt, instead of the crucified Lord. They believed that with their act of penance and contribution to the construction of St. Peter's in

Rome, God would smile on them and make things easier for them after their death.

Luther could not remain silent. And so he spoke, and wrote, and preached, and taught, and debated. He posted his theses and he mailed a copy of them on the same day to the Archbishop of Mainz, protesting the indulgences that were being sold within his diocese. In so doing, Luther set an axe at the root of the Papal tree.

*\*Excerpt from: Fifteen Minutes that Changed the World Forever*

By Rev. Philip T. McCain

### PRAISE & PRAYER

Lutheran Multicultural Mission needs Lutheran prayer warriors for the sake of our total mission, Pastor Ruiz & Hispanic Ministry, and all other multicultural missionaries and ministries currently active in central Indiana.

*"For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms...pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests." Ephesians 6:12, 18.*

### PRAISE GOD

1. For the congregation letters in hand which approve the new Constitution
2. For the initiation of a multicultural ministry advisory team
3. For the supplemental grant from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans

### PRAYER

1. For a successful Mission Festival that increases our zeal for gospel outreach
2. For Rev. Dr. Larry Merino and others responsible for the Reformation Service
3. For a generous outpouring of financial support from the Lutheran community

## INTRODUCTION OF NEW PASTORS

It's wonderful to welcome and introduce two newly ordained and installed pastors to central Indiana. Both of these men are graduates of our Ft. Wayne seminary and both of them have some experience with multicultural settings.

Rev. Philip J. Rigdon was installed at Our Shepherd Lutheran Church on Sunday, July 13th. He is a native of Ft. Wayne and attended Concordia Lutheran High School. Upon graduation from Concordia University, River Forest, he was privileged to serve as a missionary in the

LCMS Mission program VYM (Volunteer Youth Ministry) in Taiwan. Several more years of ministry were spent at Bethlehem Lutheran, his home congregation, including a call to teach in the elementary school. It was then that God's call upon his life to attend seminary was clarified.

Rev. Seth A. Mierow was installed at St. Peter's Evangelical Lutheran Church on Sunday, July 20th. He is a native of Milwaukee, WI, and attended Lutheran grade schools and high school. He double majored in Anthropology and Religious

Studies at Beloit College in Beloit, WI. While there God called him into the ministry and he met his wife, Nicolette. He served as a field worker in several Ft. Wayne churches and completed his vicarage in Roswell, NM. Some time was also spent in Guatemala attending language school. Rev. Mierow and Nicolette have a daughter, Hannah, who will be two years old in October.

May God richly bless their respective ministries!

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## REFORMATION SERVICE - LET'S CELEBRATE!

Lutherans across central Indiana will gather for a joint Reformation Service on Sunday, October 26th, 4 p.m., at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 8115 Oaklandon Rd., Indianapolis. Guest preacher Rev. Dr. Larry Merino is, himself, a multicultural missionary. He serves as Associate Pastor of Outreach at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Ft. Wayne and is the Executive Director of Harvest Mission International, Inc., an organization that seeks to equip and mobilize God's people to spread the Gospel across all cultures.

Furthermore, Dr. Merino is active in mission outreach to the Gypsies, traveling frequently to Slovakia, Latvia, and throughout the United States. We pray that his message will be a blessing to all. Special music will be provided in the rich tradition of our Lutheran church through the Holy Cross Adult Choir and Brass Ensemble, but there will also be a multicultural flavor.

The service offering is designated for Hispanic Ministry and we need our Lutheran community to be generous. A

supplemental grant from the South Marion and Johnson County Chapters of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans will build upon these dollars at the rate of \$1 for every \$3 donated. More than \$9000 must be received to maximize this grant opportunity.

A time of fellowship will follow the service with light refreshment provided by Lutheran Multicultural Mission. Visitors also may wish to explore Holy Cross as they expand their facility to develop their Lutheran school.



Nailing the 95 Theses, from the movie "Luther"