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"Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen."

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Ephesians 3:20-21

WINTER 2024

Your L utheran M ission is truly blessed through your prayers, support, encouragement, and generosity! Though these past winter months were mild, the kingdom work we are called to do has been plentiful!

Within these pages of our **2024 Winter Newsletter**, you will see God's faithfulness, displayed lives giving and receiving God's grace and compassion through acts of love and kindness. Your partnership in the Gospel is imperative in the continuation of God's command to love and serve Him and others. Here at YLM, we are invigorated to continue laboring in love for those in need, not just for relief of their physical suffering, but most importantly, their soul-deep need for a Savior, our Lord Jesus Christ. Thank you for your willingness to help carry burdens together.

May God, our Faithful Friend, bless your days with grace, mercy, peace, and joy!





Your Brothers and Sisters in Christ at YUM

Sharing the Missional Work of YLM

YLM will be attending the following 2024 Conferences/Conventions:

April 19-20: Go First! South MN Conference

April 19-21: CHI LWML Convention

June 6-8: RMD LWML Convention

June 7-8: Pacific Southwest LWML Convention

June 13-15: Texas LWML Convention

June 25-28: Higher Things Conference

July 19-21: NYG Leaders Conference

Rooted in the Gospel and driven by the call to love and serve others, YLM has found unwavering support from partnerships with individuals and churches alike, nurturing a network of love, which spans miles and cultures.

Family of Christ Lutheran Church of Ham Lake, MN has been a source of encouragement in their desire to collaborate and share purpose with YLM. Part of their commitment involved covering the costs of airfare, housing, and transportation for three of YLM's staff members, providing an invaluable opportunity to exhibit YLM's work at the Best Practices in Ministry Conference in Phoenix, AZ, attended by over 2,500 church workers and lay-leaders impassioned by the Gospel mission of Matthew 28:19-20.





Beyond a professional exchange of ideas and practices, the true blessing emerged in the form of genuine connections and friendships blossoming between YLM's staff and the Family of Christ ministry team. Amidst shared conversations and heartfelt exchanges, bonds founded on the common calling to love and serve God and others were forged.

Mariachi San Pablo: Praising Big at the Pacific Southwest LWML Convention!

June 7-15: Mariachi San Pablo will be in the Los Angel<mark>es, CA area.</mark> If you would like for Mariachi San Pablo to present the Gospel mariachi-style for your congregation's outreach and evangelism ministries, call (915) 858-2588 and ask for Maritza Hernandez-Muñoz or send an email to <u>maritza.munoz@ylm.org</u> to check for availability.



Volunteering at YLM

YLM relies heavily on volunteers to operate its Mercy Distribution Ministries, including the Emergency Food Distribution on Saturday mornings. Churches, such as Ascension Lutheran Church and Zion Lutheran Church, arrive at 6am Saturday mornings to prepare food boxes, with long-term volunteers from San Pablo Lutheran Church helping organize the Food Warehouse, ensuring a smooth distribution ending at 9am. Volunteer support from churches like Ascension Lutheran, Zion Lutheran, Crosspoint, as well as organizations like Ft. Bliss soldiers and the Zaragoza Rotary Club, is crucial for YLM's Food Pantry Drive-Thru weekly service to the community. YLM is a great place for high school students in need of community service hours to volunteer at. Families, individuals, and churches are welcome to join in serving the community through YLM.



We need Backpacks for the July 2024 Back to School Distribution! You can donate through <u>www.ylm.org</u> towards Education Programs.



Scan QR Code for our latest Back to School Distribution list

<u>July:</u> Back to School Distribution Goal 1,500 full backpacks and hygiene kits

Unless God Builds It...

Housebuilding, renovating San Pablo Lutheran Church, distributing over 1,000 meals, and leading a four-day VBS for more than 60 kids are a few of the amazing ways our Servant Event missionaries served during the winter months! These amazing men, women, teenagers, and children have shared the love of God through their service, along with experiencing the amazing faithgrowth that takes place through mission work. What an amazing blessing it has been to continue to labor in love as one body in Christ, spreading the message of God's grace and compassion to communities, both near and far.

Our heartfelt gratitude goes to the following Servant Event mission teams:

- Faith Lutheran Church, Branson, MO: 1 House-build
- Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Edmond, OK: Renovations of San Pablo Lutheran Church
- Trinity Lutheran Church, Madison, NE: 1 House-build
- Jim and Pam Siebarth: Repairs and renovations of YLM campus
- Our Father Lutheran Church, Centennial, CO: Thanksgiving meals/YLM campus landscaping
- The Drieling Family, St. Paul, MN: YLM Campus needs
- Mayer Lutheran High School, Mayer, MN: 2 House-builds
- Family of Christ Lutheran Church, Ham Lake, MN: 1 House-build
- Our Savior Lutheran Church, Minot, ND: 1 House-build
- Trinity Lutheran Church, Lincoln, NE: 1 House-build, 4 Day VBS
- Peace Lutheran Church, New Berlin, WI: 1 House-build, 4 Day VBS





Our 2024 Servant Event Mission Trip Schedule is Open! Prayerfully consider putting together a Servant Event Team!

Contact us at (915) 858-2588 or email <u>luz.soto@ylm.org</u> to get information on the service opportunities available through our Servant Event ministry!

The following donations yearround needed:

Backpacks School Supplies Hygiene Supplies Blankets Toys Non-Perishable Food

In donating these needed items, you help YLM prepare for the 2024 Mercy Distributions!

An Urgent Need for Spanish Bibles!

Our Lutheran Prison Ministry as been on-going since 2014, bringing the Gospel to men and women behind bars, as well as distributing Bibles to prison chaplains throughout the US. With Saturday services resuming in June 2023 after a three-year absence due to COVID, YLM has given out all their Spanish Bibles to the men and women currently detained at the El Paso Immigration Detention Center.

You can purchase large-print Spanish Bibles through <u>www.biblesinbulk.com</u> or go to <u>www.ylm.org</u> to donate the Lutheran Prison Ministry!

> "...I was in prison and you came to Me..." Matthew 25:36

The Joy of Christmas

During the bustling Christmas season, mission-churches partnering with YLM remained active. Santisima Trinidad in Cd. Juarez involved Stay in School Scholarship recipients in decorating, organizing distributions, and presenting music for Christmas Eve service.

San Pablo Lutheran Church in El Paso hosted a Christmas Festival, distributing 150 toys and blankets, and held a posada before Christmas. Fifteen children and teenagers helped with the re-enactment of the Nativity Story for the Christmas Eve service.

Anapra missions, as well as Cristo Rey in Cd. Juarez, hosted fellowship meals after services, while Chihuahua missions, Gloria Dei, and San Esteban, held services and distributed food and blankets.

A New Outreach Ministry

November 2023 was the start of a new outreach ministry of YLM, a bilingual podcast, **"Forward Through Faith/Adelante en la Fé**" built upon Scripture and Lutheran doctrine, with episodes being released every Friday to prepare for Sunday.

You can access all episodes in English and Spanish through your Apple podcast, Spotify, Amazon Music or **scan the QR Code below!**





YLM welcomes stock donations to support our impactful mission.

Call us at 915-858-2588 for more information.

Support the Chihuahua Missions!

Pastor Misael Tovar, along with his wife Erika, has been shepherding the missions of Chihuahua for the last three years. Quarterly trips are made to El Paso to pick up needed resources, such as food, toys, backpacks/school supplies, blankets. Pastor Misael works outside of the church to supplement his family's financial needs and support the ministry of the Chihuahua missions.

Wou	uld you consider becor	ning a Chihuahua Missior	is sponsor? \$12,000	for the year or \$1,0	000 a month
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