

Meet Karla: YLM's Interim Executive Director

For the last year, Ysleta Lutheran Mission has moved forward with the combined leadership of the Board of Directors and Interim Executive Director, Karla Gonzalez. When asked why she dedicates her life, talents, and time to God's mission at YLM, Karla heartfully answered: "Who would have thought, on a Saturday when I was six years old, members from my congregation would show up at our house with a much-needed food basket? God answered my prayers that day, and since then, He set me apart for His mission, especially here on the border."



God brought Karla to YLM in October of 2006. For eighteen years, Karla has been learning, growing in her faith, and developing leadership skills through YLM's missional work. When she first started at YLM, she was tasked with front desk duties and translating Bible studies to Spanish. Pastor Heimer recognized her servanthood attitude and began teaching her of God's mission for a lost world through His Church. She took his teachings to heart, remembering herself as a kid who came to know, love, and serve God because of God's mission carried out by the church.

Eighteen years of faithful service, growth, and preparation equipped Karla to navigate the changes YLM has undergone since Pastor Heimer's retirement in 2023, whom she regards as a mentor. Now, with joy and faith, she leads YLM during this time of transition, full of hope, enthusiasm, and care, all of which are core to YLM's mission.

Within this **2024 Spring/Summer Newsletter**, you will see how God's providence has led YLM and Karla into a new chapter of ministry and mission.

YLM welcomes stock donations to support our impactful mission.

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



**2023
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Blessings Through YLM

The first half of 2024 has been greatly blessed with so many acts of kindness because of the continued support of all who believe in YLM's mission. Thank you for making it possible, every single day, to show the love of God to thousands of people on both sides of the border!

- **7,681 individuals benefited from our Emergency Food Ministry**
- **\$1,128,815 of in-kind donations distributed in El Paso and Cd. Juarez**
- **218 Volunteers gave 5,199 hours valued at \$96,961**
- **532 backpacks with school supplies distributed in El Paso, Cd. Juarez, and Chihuahua**
- **771 toys distributed by Mexico missions for "Dia de los Niños"**
- **3,368 detainees received the Gospel through our Lutheran Prison Ministry**
- **169 Spanish Bibles distributed**
- **8 Servant Event teams served in El Paso, Anapra, and KM30**
- **124 Servant Event missionaries gave 4,960 hours valued at \$125,091**
- **3 Foot Care Clinics served 23 people**
- **8 houses built in Mexico**
- **500 kids served through Vacation Bible Schools**
- **30 served through Women's Ministry**

Continue being a part of **Your Lutheran Mission**, where lives are changed every day through acts of love and kindness, by donating towards **Greatest Need**.

Your generosity will multiply and grow the kingdom of God!

REJOICE WITH US!

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FOR THE FIRST TIME IN 4 YEARS

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SPONSORED TO ATTEND
MEXICO YOUTH GATHERING

**"Our soul waits for the LORD;
He is our help and our shield."**

~Psalm 33:20

The Heart of Ministry at YLM

Volunteers are the fuel behind the dedication and passion in the desire to love and serve God and others at Ysleta Lutheran Mission Human Care (YLM). In April, a luncheon was held to celebrate our volunteers. With the support of Family of Christ Lutheran Church in Ham Lake, MN, volunteers received personalized metal water bottles, certificates, and the opportunity to win five themed gift baskets.

The most touching moments for each of the volunteers present were the personal comments of gratitude given by Karla, YLM's Interim Executive Director, who shared about each volunteer and the impact they've had on YLM through their serving hearts.

Are you interested in volunteering at YLM?

Give us a call at (915) 858-2588 for more information on how you can bless others with your time and talents.



The Harvest

Prayer

Jesus declared, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore, pray earnestly to the LORD of the harvest to send out laborers to the harvest" in Matthew 9:37-38.

Through the inspiration of a pastor in Colorado, several of our YLM staff has begun praying this harvest prayer every morning at 9:37.

We invite you to join us to pray for more laborers to be brought out to the harvest fields of God's kingdom throughout the world.

Continued Need for Spanish Bibles!

With less than 150 bibles in our shelves, we are in need of more.

Buy and ship from: www.biblesinbulk.com

YLM Ambassadors on the Move

Equipped with literature, presentations, and their own experiences, Ambassadors are ready to share YLM's mission with others. Several of them have already attended conferences on behalf of YLM, setting up exhibit tables and sharing with others about God's kingdom work at YLM.

Our Ambassadors are in the following cities:

- Aurora, CO
- Centennial, CO
- Ham Lake, MN
- Pipestone, MN
- Vergas, MN
- Waconia, MN
- White Bear Lake, MN
- Lincoln, NE
- Grand Island, NE
- Norfolk, NE
- Edmond, OK
- Pierre, SD
- Boerne, TX
- El Paso, TX
- Norfolk, VA
- Hales Corners, WI

California-Hawaii-Nevada LWML District Conference was held at Redding, CA. Karina Madriz, along with Maritza Hernandez-Muñoz, attended the two-day convention to set up an exhibit table and share about YLM with those who attended.



Ann Hernandez and Dayamy Turiño attended the Rocky Mountain District LWML Convention in Greeley, CO, where they connected with long-time supporters of YLM and shared recent news of the work taking place at YLM.



Kaye Hartmann and Jerry Wick attended the Higher Things Conference in June, hosted by Concordia University in Mequon, WI.



Do you live in the cities above? If you would like to have YLM present at your church, call (915) 858-2588 to be connected with an Ambassador.

Mariachi San Pablo in California

In 2023, the LWML Pacific Southwest District invited Mariachi San Pablo to be the main entertainment for their 2024 Pacific Southwest Conference. Held in Rosedale, CA, the conference became the starting point for Mariachi San Pablo to bring the Gospel mariachi style to the surrounding churches and communities of southern California. Upward of hundreds of ladies and gentlemen enjoyed Mariachi San Pablo, praising along with joy and exuberance.



The California tour included a performance at Hope Lutheran Church in San Diego, followed by an event at Canoga Park Lutheran Church. Their final Sunday in California had Mariachi San Pablo joining the congregations of Iglesia Luterana Santisima Trinidad in San Bernardino in the morning, First Lutheran Church in Fontana for the afternoon. The joy and encouragement their music brings is always evident in the enthusiastic responses from all who attend.

Music Classes Start in August!

Support the effort to teach guitar, violin, and trumpet to children and adults by donating to our music ministry, Adelante Ministries.

You can also donate gently used instruments for music students to use.

Missional Living at YLM

Servant Event missionaries impact lives through their heartfelt service. This Spring/Summer, they built 5 houses, did 3 Foot Care Clinics, distributed over 1,000 Spanish Bibles, and led VBS/Women's Ministry. Thank you, good and faithful servants!

- Kathy Meyer & Jayne Kurpius (White Bear Lake, MN)
- Family of Christ Lutheran Church (Ham Lake, MN)
- Faith Lutheran Church (Pierre, SD)
- Mark Giardinelli (Boerne, TX)
- Trinity Lutheran Church (Centralia, IL)
- Rev. Luther S. Allen III (Lynnhaven, VA)
- St. John and Renewal Lutheran Churches (Denver, CO)
- Bethel Lutheran Church (Sherwood, Canada)

Celebrating Education!

San Pablo Lutheran Church held their annual Back to School Festival on July 13th, distributing 250 backpacks with school supplies at a community event, where games, food, and drinks were offered by San Pablo Lutheran Church. The RotaCare Clinic was invited to join in, supplying free physicals for students, vaccines, dental and eye exams, along with other useful services offered through multiple El Paso organizations.



BECOME AN AMIGO BY DONATING \$10 (OR MORE) A MONTH, YOU BECOME A VITAL SOURCE OF GROWTH AND SUSTAINABILITY FOR YLM!

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refreshed through you.”*

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Together in Mission

The importance of unity in fulfilling the Great Commission (Matthew 28:19-20) has been the foundational goal for YLM's Interim Executive Director, Karla Gonzalez. Collaborating with local churches, LCMS districts, and the Mexico Lutheran Synod, new relationships are forming to further the Church's mission.

In early April, three Texas District pastors visited YLM, touring the campus and learning about ministries assisting churches in sharing the Gospel. They witnessed a house-build by a Servant Event team at KM30, seeing firsthand the impact of acts of kindness.

A Missions Forum at Zion Lutheran Church in El Paso facilitated communication between Rio Grande Circuit churches and Texas District pastors, discussing strategies for Spanish-speaking outreach. YLM offered resources such as their music ministry, Servant Event ministry, and a bilingual podcast to facilitate Hispanic Ministry.

Karla and Pastor Misael Tovar attended the Mexico FORO in Mexico City, sharing YLM's commitment to supporting churches through resources and partnerships needed to serve their community. YLM will host the next Mexico FORO in October in continuation of their collaborative mission work.



“The human body has many parts, but the many parts make up one whole body. So it is with the body of Christ.” 1 Corinthians 12: 12

Your Brothers and Sisters in Christ at YLM

