

A Legacy of Sowing

“Look, I tell you, lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are white for harvest. Already the one who reaps is receiving wages and gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together.”

John 4:35b-36



Javier assists Pastor Hernandez with Communion



Michelle leads children's ministry at La Santa Biblia



Scott teaches first-time Servant Event missionary

In the late 1980s, Ysleta Lutheran Mission began inviting others to join their mission of “changing lives every day through simple acts of kindness”. Pete Hiller, a student at Concordia University -St. Paul shared about his experience through those first invitations. “It was during a period of uncertainty about my future...God introduced pivotal people into my life who invited me to join two mission trips to Ysleta through the campus ministry at Concordia St. Paul. At that time, I envisioned a career in business or engineering, perhaps taking over my family’s machine shop one day. However, God had different plans for me.”

“Ysleta Lutheran Mission played a crucial role in discerning my calling to serve in ministry...God used Ysleta to shape and mold me as a follower and disciple of Christ.” Thirty years later, Pete continues to come to YLM, bringing mission teams from Family of Christ Lutheran Church, where he serves as a DCE.

Pete’s story is one of many. Through God’s work at YLM, Javier and Michelle, both young adults living in impoverished Anapra, are dedicated to serving the church. Michelle is the youngest deaconess student with the Mexico Lutheran Synod, while Javier is quickly becoming a young leader among the youth of his church, where he also assists with music, is part of the house committee, and helps the pastors in their worship service duties.

Some of the YLM staff have also been called into ministry and mission through YLM. Miguel, YLM’s Music Director, became a believer of Christ through the music ministry he participated in and now directs. Scott, YLM’s Servant Event Director, gave up a 38-year career to follow God’s call into the mission field after four mission trips with YLM. YLM’s Communications Specialist, Luz, went into church-work due to her experience with YLM as a teenager...the seeds sown throughout the years are bearing fruit, and it’s a joy to share God’s harvest from what His called children sow. Praise be to God!



Pete has served through YLM for thirty years



Luz reads “The Great Catch” to children in Anapra



Miguel leads young guitar students in music class

A Season of Joy



Christmas time on the border is a continuous celebration of the birth of Christ. YLM's partnering mission churches use these festive times to proclaim the Gospel in both Word and action. From re-enactments of that world-changing night in Bethlehem, to the distribution of toys for children in their impoverished communities, the joy is carried out from person to person, filling the hearts of those who give and those who receive.

*Thank you for making
Joy Distributions possible!*

A Season of Waiting

With an uncertain future ahead of the men and women detained at the Immigration Center, it's a joy for Mariachi San Pablo to team up with YLM's Lutheran Prison Ministry to bring Christmas joy. Tears were shed at both services, especially as "Silent Night" was played, and the exuberance expressed was a joy to behold for everyone there.



Backpacks and School Supplies Needed!

Help YLM prepare for upcoming Back to School Distributions! Donate to YLM's Education Ministry. You can also buy and ship backpacks from www.bagsinbulk.com

A Season of Devotion

"Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves."
Romans 12:10

Our winter months have been greatly blessed by Servant Event short-term missionaries of all ages, eager and willing to dedicate their talents, time, and treasures to bring God's love and compassion to people in need. From first-time servants to teams coming down for their 29th year of service, the devotion displayed by every single missionary changed lives in radical ways!



Peace Lutheran Church (Grand Island, NE): **Roof Repairs**
Hales Corners Lutheran Church (Hales Corners, WI): **House-build**
Faith Lutheran Church (Branson, MO): **House-build**
Kathy Meyer (White Bear Lake, MN): **3-Day Foot Clinics**
MOST Ministries (Ann Arbor, MI): **House-build**

Trinity Lutheran Church (Madison, NE): **House-build**
Jim and Pam Siebarth (Aurora, CO): **YLM Campus**
Family of Christ Lutheran Church (Ham Lake, MN): **2 House-builds**
Our Father Lutheran Church (Centennial, CO): **1,000 Meals**
Mayer Lutheran High School (Mayer, MN): **3 House-builds**

2025 Servant Event Calendar is Open!

Contact us at (915) 858-2588 or
email luz.soto@ylm.org
for information on YLM's many
Servant Event opportunities!



YLM is going to
New Orleans!
We are a featured
exhibitor for the National
Youth Gathering in July.
Pray for YLM and all
involved in preparing for
this amazing opportunity!

A Season of Praise



Mariachi San Pablo will be in New Orleans for the National Youth Gathering in July!



Courtesy of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis



The invitation for Mariachi San Pablo to join Lutheran High School South “Spanish” students for a traditional “posada” turned into a week long tour in St. Louis, MO. They joined Concordia Seminary students for chapel, played a surprise serenade at the LCMS International Center, participated in a KFYO Radio special Christmas recording, and were part of worship services at San Lucas and Immanuel Lutheran Churches. The Christmas joy shared mariachi-style helped bring extraordinary Gospel encounters to thousands!

A Season of Repairs

In June 2024, YLM was awarded a TX LWML grant for repairs to the warehouses used for various mercy distributions. Thanks to this grant, YLM has made needed repairs to its Food Warehouse, from installing a hand-washing station to installing a retractable garage door for ease and temperature control. Thanks to this grant, other crucial repairs will be taking place this 2025!



Thank you, New Horizon LWML, for submitting this grant for YLM!

A Season of Warmth



YLM received 90 crocheted blankets from a prayer group in Oregon, with a request for them to be given to refugee children; a partnership with Rescue Mission of El Paso is making it

possible to do this. In Cd. Juarez, 250 children’s jackets were distributed, thanks to a partnership with Paso Del Norte Foundation.



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*He has made everything
beautiful in its time. He has
also set eternity in the human
heart; yet no one can fathom
what God has done from
beginning to end.*

Ecclesiastes 3:11



The following options exist
to donate to YLM:

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- **Donate online** through our website: **www.ylm.org**
- Donate through **VANCO** by giving us a call at (915) 858-2588
- Assign **Thrivent Choice Dollars** to YLM



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

2025 Winter Newsletter

Before the first seed is planted, the soil must be tilled, enriched, and made ready to nurture new life. This process mirrors the journey of our work at **Your Lutheran Mission**, where we lay the groundwork to cultivate hope, faith, and transformation in the lives of those we reach. It is through your generosity—whether financial contributions, volunteering, or prayers—**YLM can continue to flourish and bring about eternal change.**

As we prepare for a season of growth, we must also acknowledge our operational needs. The resources required to sustain and expand our mission—insurance, office supplies, utilities, and infrastructure—are **essential in ensuring we can serve effectively.** Transparency is key, and we want to share openly we cannot do this without your support, which is vital to YLM's ministry. Together, we can prepare the ground for a season of renewal and transformation, **ensuring YLM continues to grow and serve those in need.**

Let's till the soil, plant seeds, and watch as lives are changed through God's love shared by the Body of Christ. The season of growth is on the horizon—will you join us in making it fruitful?

Your Brothers and Sisters in Christ at YLM