

Prayers Answered



Mariachi San Pablo's four new members performed for the first time at San Pablo Lutheran Church's Easter Service, with the full sound of the group bringing great joy to all present.



Without a trumpet, the group does not sound as full, and many songs lose their impact. For this reason, more than a year ago, and especially after knowledge of Rev. Stephen Heimer's call to St. Louis, YLM has been searching and inviting, all the while praying, for a trumpet player to help complete Mariachi San Pablo. When nothing resulted from our efforts, YLM kept diligently praying for God to provide what was needed.

And as always, God did not just answer our prayer for a trumpet player --He gave us more! Jireh and Johely, a brother/sister duo, came to YLM along with Aaron and Nohemi Resendiz, who are active members of Iglesia Luterana Santisima Trinidad in Cd. Juarez. The four new members attend rehearsals weekly, diligently learning the musical repertoire of the group.

The biggest blessing, aside from having two trumpet players, is their experience of the instrument. With their knowledge, changes and additions have been made, taking beloved songs and hymns to a new level. Miguel, director of Mariachi San Pablo, expressed how euphoric it was the first time they played "¡Resucito!" (He is Risen) all the way through. The group of nine talented musicians joined San Pablo Lutheran Church for their Easter worship service, performed for the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner, and accompanied Mission

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to listen to
Mariachi San
Pablo!



Lutheran Church in Las Cruces, NM for the Southern Region Spring Pastors' Conference opening worship service. Truly, the Gospel shared mariachi-style lifts up hearts! Praise God for His answer!



Pray for Mariachi San Pablo as they prepare for travels to California in June and Louisiana in July!



God's Great Blessings

As our oldest ministry, the Emergency Food Pantry has undergone many changes throughout the forty plus years it's been actively offering mercy. YLM continues seeking partners in ministry, which is why change always produce good outcomes. This year, YLM's Food Pantry Drive-Thru has become one of five food pantries in all of El Paso who receive food from El Pasoans Fighting Hunger. Their long-standing partnership has brought blessings to over 200 families every month, with numbers increasing every week. We thank you for your continued support to this vital ministry, which helps bless thousands each month!



Carrying the Gospel

We are excited for the addition of a new 16-passenger van, gifted by Trinity Lutheran Church in Stamford, CT. This vehicle, much like the incredible individuals who participate in our Servant Events, is truly part of the miracles we witness every year! With this van, teams will be able to travel far and wide, reaching even the most remote outskirts of Juarez. They bring with them joy, support, renewed hope, and most importantly, the Gospel of Salvation. We continue praying, and working towards, the growth of our Servant Event teams and, in the future, expanding our fleet!



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!

Growing Missions



Spring is a busy season for all churches, and YLM's mission-partners embrace the opportunities given to praise God and show His love and grace to others. San Pablo Lutheran Church hosted an Easter Breakfast for its members, while at Santisima Trinidad, ten children were baptized and six youth confirmed.

At the end of April, Iglesia Luterana La Santa Biblia held a celebration for the Day of the Child, where members came together to provide nachos, prizes for games, and candy bags for the children. Members of Santisima Trinidad gathered and cooked over 200 hamburgers to give to children in KM30, where they support the mission of San Pedro y San Pablo.

Many joyful events have taken place these past five months. **Scan the QR code to read more!**



Spring Intern



Mark Giardinelli learned of YLM at Best Practices in 2023, made plans to join a Servant Event team in 2024, then reached out about joining YLM as a Spring Intern in 2025. During his time with YLM, Mark partnered with YLM's Volunteer Coordinator, Alexandra Maynez, to help develop a volunteer recruitment and retention strategy, among other service opportunities. Mark's energy and dedication to sharing the Gospel was palpable to everyone, and we are grateful for the lasting impression he left behind at YLM.

"As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another." -Proverbs 27:17



YLM Prayer Requests

- LWML English District Grant Submitted for Lutheran Prison Ministry
- LWML National Grant Submitted for Prayer Plaza for Outreach, Discipleship, & Fellowship

Windows to Mission

A campaign to fund replacement of the 23 windows of YLM's Dormitory was started at the end of March.

We are excited to share the process of replacing the windows of your "home away from home" has begun!

Thank you for making this possible!

Thank you
to all our
Spring
Servant
Events!

Family of Christ Lutheran Church -Ham Lake, MN
Our Savior Lutheran Church -Minot, ND
Trinity Lutheran Church -Lincoln, NE
St. Paul Lutheran Church -Mt. Prospect, IL
Trinity Lutheran Church -Crown Point, IN
Mark Giardinelli -Boerne, TX
Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church -Pierre, SD
Jeremy Geidel -Lincoln, NE

Do You Remember Me?



We were stopped on our way into the movie theater by a young man I could not place. After I apologized for not remembering him, he shared he had been a detainee at the El Paso Immigration Detention Center, where I and various others from YLM's

Lutheran Prison Ministry serve on Saturday afternoons. Renee was his name, and he shared how much it had meant to him to have us come in to share the Gospel with him and others. What a joy it was to hear Renee is still attending church and studying his Bible! Thank you for being part of this ministry, where lives are changed through God's Word.

~Scott Juengel

Appreciating YLM Volunteers



As April approached, we began to plan and organize the best way YLM could express it's deep felt appreciation for every volunteer who helps carry the mission of YLM out into communities. YLM's new Volunteer Coordinator, Alexandra Maynez, took on the task of planning a dinner for over fifty volunteers, from both El Paso and Juarez. Her enthusiasm was contagious, and working side by side with other YLM staff, a "Superhero" themed event took form.

On April 29th, over thirty attended the event. Dinner was served by YLM's staff members, and before long, the YLM Kitchen was filled with the joyful sounds of Mariachi San Pablo as they serenaded all in attendance. Conversations and laughter were interspersed with raffles of gift baskets, certificates of appreciation, and gifts, all of which were carefully put together by Alexandra. Weeks later, volunteers were still talking about how much they had enjoyed the time spent together.



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will stand forever.*

Isaiah 40:8

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2025 Spring Newsletter

The joy of new life is spreading throughout the cities of El Paso, TX and Cd. Juarez as cacti bloom, green begins to decorate the desert trees, and the colorful little houses on the hills and mesas start appearing. For us here at **Your Lutheran Mission**, spring is the time to prepare for upcoming teams, arrivals of donations, mercy distributions, music tours, conference travel, and the continued sharing of the Gospel in many forms.

Inside this **2025 Spring Newsletter**, you'll find heartwarming stories of how your support, encouragement, and prayers have **carried the Gospel** into impoverished areas, **renewing hope** in weary hearts, **inspiring growth** where seeds have been planted, and **nurturing love** where it is most needed. You have invested your heart into the kingdom work done through YLM, and we're **delighted to share the abundance of the harvest God** has prepared beforehand. We **thank you for your trust in us** and ask you to share with others about God's mighty work taking place here, in the borderland.

Your Brothers and Sisters in Christ at YLM

YLM welcomes stock donations to
support our impactful mission.

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



The following options exist to donate to YLM:

- Mail a **check payable to Ysleta Lutheran Mission** at 301 S. Schutz Drive, El Paso, TX 79907
- **Donate online** through our website: www.ylm.org
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