



**MARK
YOUR
CALENDARS**

<p>December 22 Bilingual Advent Service (Emmaus)</p>
<p>December 31 "Midnight Watch" Tamil Service (Calvary)</p>
<p>January 6 Habitat for Humanity Meeting for Immigrants</p>
<p>January 31 LMM Annual Meeting at St. Paul's</p>

Lutheran Multicultural Mission

A Missouri Synod Outreach Ministry of Central Indiana

Gospel Partnership



Breakfast with Santa at Emmaus fed over 450 Anglos, Latinos, and Afro-Americans

"I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now."
Phil. 1:4b-5

Lutheran Multicultural Mission has been totally dependent upon gospel partnership. Congregations have united in an effort that continually reaches out to the immigrant population of Central Indiana, and a multi-

tude of partnerships are involved in this effort. An example is the recently completed fund raiser involving Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. The South Marion and Johnson County Chapters participated with a supplemental funding grant, Reformation Service attendees were generous with their offering, and other contributions from church door offerings and individuals abundantly exceeded the goal.

As the new year of mission approaches, the challenge of expanding current ministries and investigating new ones demands that LMM further develop partnerships. This will be a pri-

mary theme of discussion at the annual meeting in January. It means creatively managing the resources available through our congregations and others to maximize future missionary activity. It means finding ways to engage others in partnership that, perhaps, have never been considered. It's all about introducing as many as possible to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

Christmas Blessings,

Don Van Pelt

LMM President/
Executive Director

LMM ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting for Lutheran Multicultural Mission is set for Monday, January 31, 2011, 6:30 p.m., at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 3932 Mi Casa Ave., Indianapolis, 46237. Fellowship and a light meal precede the business agenda beginning at 7 p.m. Harvest potential necessitates a discussion of expanded mission and ministry. LMM seeks development of

further partnerships in this effort and more active congregational involvement. Additionally, the agenda includes an update from Rev. Alan Scott, Vice-President for Multicultural Ministry, on multicultural groups in Central Indiana that are opportunities for Gospel outreach.

This meeting also includes an election of officers. Nominations are currently

open for every position listed under the Board of Directors in this newsletter, with the exception of Pastoral Representative and Missionary Representative. Take note that new people are needed for the roles of Executive Director and Vice-President for Human Care, and pray that God's Spirit will lead the total election process.



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LCFS LUNCHEON WITH CONSUL OF MEXICO

The Foundation for Lutheran Child and Family Services, along with co-sponsors LMM, Immigrant Welcome Center, and others, hosted a luncheon at LCFS on Friday, November 12, to hear Consul General Juan Solana of the Mexican Consulate speak about the realities of life for Mexican immigrants in Central Indiana. The insights shared will be helpful to LMM, particularly with human care initiatives. With nearly fifty local leaders in attendance from various agencies, it

also may open some doors for ministry coordination and partnership. Pastor Ruiz, Roger Vandrey, Paul Queck, and Don Van Pelt attended from the LMM board.



LCFS Luncheon with Rev. Ruiz (left), Don Van Pelt (right), and Consul Juan Solana next to Don

REV. ALAN SCOTT ON VISITATION CALL

All congregations are on notice that Rev. Alan Scott, Vice-President for Multicultural Ministry and cross-cultural consultant, is available to visit your church some weekend to preach, teach, and share information about multicultural mission. The goal

is that Rev. Scott visit as many of our congregations as possible.

Contact him directly at:
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Rev. Alan Scott

Praise & Prayer

"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.

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

PRAISE GOD

1. For abundantly exceeding the Thrivent supplementary grant goal
2. For a re-start of the Latino radio ministry by missionary Rev. Samuel Ruiz
3. For the availability of Rev. Alan Scott to visit congregations and share our mission

PRAYER

1. For opportunities to engage others in multicultural ministry partnership
2. For substantial India Mission progress through the LWML grant
3. For all aspects of the LMM annual meeting including officer election

MULTICULTURAL CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

Christmas greetings from Calvary India Mission as we celebrate this Advent season leading to the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. LMM's continued support of this outreach ministry in the Indianapolis area is a blessing and deeply appreciated.

Christmas Caroling began Saturday, December 4 in Avon and Greenwood, and continued on



India Mission Carolers

to Friday December 10 in Carmel and Fishers. Our joyful singers (adults, teens, and children) visited the homes of 21 families.

Our Christmas Day Service celebration and dinner at Calvary commences at noon. Plans are underway for a "Midnight Watch" New Year's Eve worship service at Calvary including breakfast prepared by the men.