



# Lutheran Multicultural Mission

A Missouri Synod Outreach Ministry of Central Indiana

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

<p><b>2nd Sat. Each Month</b> Our Shepherd members volunteer at Orphan Grain Train</p>
<p><b>October 9-15</b> St. John Mission Trip to New Orleans (RAI/Camp Restore)</p>
<p><b>October 13-23</b> India Mission Trip (Calvary)</p>
<p><b>October 30</b> City-Wide Reformation Service</p>



## CROSS-CULTURAL OUTREACH



Latino ministry mass confirmation service.

Mission-minded LCMS laypeople are to be found everywhere. You're likely to find one reading this newsletter right now (you!). I came across one such woman several years ago. An active member of a mission-minded congregation in Fort Wayne, she told me about how

they were taking the good news of Jesus to people of other cultures all around them. I heard her say: "There's nothing special about us—we're just your everyday missionaries." I could tell from the smile on her face that I had missed something. She said it again, slowly: "Every day missionaries." Then I got it: not "ordinary" missionaries—but "daily" missionaries. In joyful response to God for the forgiveness of sins their sins, they made it an intentional part of their ordinary lives to tell others about Jesus daily. For them, it included taking time to learn about cultural differences and to find creative ways to build bridges

between cultures so their message of salvation in Jesus might be clear to all. What would it look like if ordinary LCMS laypeople across Indianapolis responded to God's love in Jesus with a commitment to reach out to people of other cultures daily? It would look like LMM! What would it look like if these every day missionaries were better equipped to carry out their mission? It would look like LMM offering resources to congregations for intentional cross-cultural outreach. Tell us what you need. We're listening!

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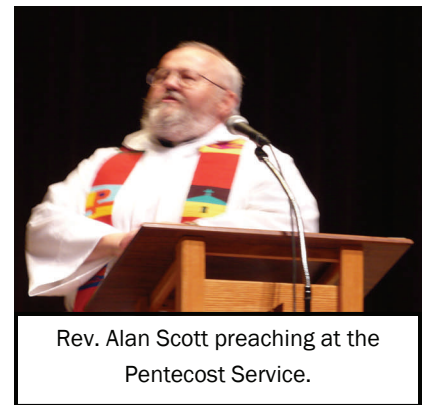
## PENTECOST CELEBRATION

The City-Wide LMM Pentecost worship, lead by Rev. David Shaddy from St. Paul's Lutheran, was held in the Lilly Auditorium at Lutheran High School on June 12<sup>th</sup>. Those in attendance represented seven Indianapolis area congregations.

Our celebration began with music from the keyboard artistry of Mr. Patrick Winningham, Director of Choirs at LuHi. In his sermon, Rev. Alan Scott used the "resources" in a toolbox

to explain how we can overcome barriers by first showing mercy (the band aids, food, clothing, etc. in the box) and then share and explain God's Word (the Bible, dictionary, etc. ).

The Hispanic Choir from Emmaus Lutheran, lead by Rev. Sam Ruiz, shared some of the music from the Spanish culture. Finally, the Lord's Prayer was recited in English by the congregation and by Corrie Scott in the Northern Tiwa language of the Taos Pueblo Indians of New Mexico.



Rev. Alan Scott preaching at the Pentecost Service.

This special worship service was a first for LMM and we look forward to enhancing it next year.

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## LUTHERANISM IN INDIANAPOLIS BEFORE THE CIVIL WAR

In Europe Lutheranism existed as part of an establishment that integrated the church and state. Not surprisingly, the Lutheranism that appealed to recently arrived immigrants reflected the European pattern of an official church rather than simply one of several denominations. But the European pattern was by no means uncomplicated. In some states Lutheran and Reformed churches were brought together in the same establishment while in others confessional Lutheranism held fast to the historic Lutheran doctrines—the “real presence,” for example—and such traditional practices as catechizing Lutheran children. The sequence of church formation in the decades following the

organization of the initial Lutheran congregations in Indianapolis reveals that the larger trends in Lutheranism in America were played out in Marion County. The diversity within American Lutheranism created complications for local churches. Early in the 1840s a Lutheran pastor, Theodore J. G. Kunz, came to Indianapolis and attempted to organize a single parish composed of adherents of both the German State Church (which brought Lutheran and Reformed congregations together in a single body) and the Confessional Lutherans. The name of the congregation was “The German United Evangelical Protestant Lutheran and Reformed Zion Church of Indianapolis. Services were

conducted in “the old college building.” Although his effort at amalgamation was unsuccessful, the church pastor Kunz organized in 1841 gave rise to two important Indianapolis churches, Evangelical German Zion’s Church, which eventually became Zion Evangelical, and St. Paul German Evangelical Lutheran Church, which at one time was the largest Lutheran congregation in the city. Each of these congregations affiliated with a different synod: in 1862 Zion’s Church joined the Western Synod, which included Reformed as well as Lutheran churches in the Midwest, while in 1847 St. Paul’s affiliated with the Missouri Synod, which held to a strict Lutheran confessionalism.

### 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 a positive outreach spirit at the Pentecost Service
2. For the continued signs of growth within Hispanic Ministry
3. For mission trips and many other forms of outreach by our congregations

#### PRAYER

1. For intentional cross-cultural outreach by mission-minded laypeople
2. For the fall mission trip to India by Pastor Raji and Calvary members
3. For all elements of planning regarding the City-Wide Reformation Service

## REMINDER ABOUT REV. ALAN SCOTT

Rev. Alan Scott, VP for Multicultural Ministry, is available to visit your congregation to preach, teach & share informa-

tion about multicultural mission. He also seeks to teach relationship building skills along cross-cultural lines, something

of growing importance in our world today. Contact him at 317-503-7876, or by e-mail at: [immindy@3ccw.com](mailto:immindy@3ccw.com).

