



Interesting facts about the Day of the Dead

- + Far from being a morbid event, the Day of the Dead emphasizes remembrance of past lives and celebration of the continuity of life.
- + Local families will plan for the Day of the Dead celebrations, days, weeks, or perhaps even a whole year in advance.
- + A focal part of the ritual is the families making ofrendas: altars with offerings to the deceased.
- + Every altar will feature calaveras-decorated skulls made from sugar.



Greetings from Mexico!

This last Sunday we celebrated the Reformation at our churches in Mexico. Pastor Lopez assisted our service in San Pablo in a wheelchair as he is recovering from surgery. Dan and vicar Neftali Garcia handled the preaching and the liturgy. We give thanks to God for the progress that pastor Alvaro is making, and we trust that he will be back in the pulpit soon. After the Reformation service the members celebrated with a Mexican food potluck. Everyone enjoyed the food and the fellowship.

The people in Mexico are preparing for the celebration of the day of the dead. This special festival is celebrated between November 1st and November 2nd. During this time the families remember their ancestor who have passed away before them. The cemeteries are very busy places as the people prepare the gravesites for the celebration.

During the month of November, the Lutheran Synod of Mexico will celebrate its national convention. Delegates will be coming to this event from all parts of Mexico. The national church has several new mission congregations and the great challenge before us is that of training the pastors who will pastor these new congregations. We give thanks to God for the pastors that we have and for the new pastors who are in formation. The Lord tells us, "Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth laborers into His harvest." (Matthew 9:38)





We Pray For

- + Pastor Alvaro Velasquez as he recovers from his second back surgery.
- + The upcoming Lutheran Synod of Mexico national convention.
- + Our vicars: Guillermo Leyva and Neftali Garcia.
- + More mission partners for our mission in Mexico.
- + the future deaconesses and pastors who are in formation.

We Give Thanks For

- + The new missionaries who have been called to serve in Latin America.
- + The faithful service of vicars Guillermo Leyva and Neftali Garcia
- + The prayers and financial support that make the mission in Mexico possible.
- + The recovery of Pastor Alvaro Lopez from his second back surgery.



Personal Notes

Dan is getting prepared for a mission conference that will take place next week at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Harlingen, Texas. We thank the pastors and members of St. Paul's for hosting the event.

We are all doing well and thank you for your continued prayers for our family.

Our mission continues in Mexico as we build up existing congregations and provide Biblical training for national pastors, deacons, and deaconesses. Prayerfully consider how the Lord may be leading you to support this vital mission. The Lord provides the funding for his mission efforts through the donations of His local churches and its individual members.

Through your financial donations national pastors and deaconess will be formed and mentored that they may spread the Gospel throughout Mexico and Guatemala Together we partner with God to take the Gospel to the far ends of the earth. We thank you for your partnership with the mission in Mexico.

May the Lord bless you abundantly!

I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. (Philippians 1:3)

Soli Deo Gloria

Daniel, Kathy, and Ana



Dan concluding the Reformation service at San Pablo. National pastor Alvaro Lopez, who is recovering from back surgery, is seated to his left.

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