

## Sharing His Word in Holy Week

### *How are we sharing about Jesus during Holy week?*

The first Sunday of Holy Week is Palm Sunday. As we sing Hosanna, "Lord, save us!" we pray for those who are still lost. On Wednesday we meet for our regular fellowship, supper and bible study. On Thursday we celebrate when Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper, with Divine Service. On Good Friday, we hear the seven words from the cross and remember Jesus' death for us. On Saturday, we gather for our first church retreat and sing, eat and study the Bible. On Sunday, we celebrate Jesus' resurrection! He is Risen!



Pastor Gustavo, Ruth, Mikhaela and Isaiah Maita, Easter Sunday.



We lay our palms in front of the altar .



Ruth teaches the children 1 John 3:1 "Behold what manner of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God."

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On Easter Sunday we started and ended around the baptismal font.



Pastor Gustavo cut down a palm tree and passes the branches to Mikhaela before the service.



Gathering outside to beginning the Palm Sunday procession. Members are eyeing an iguana in the tree.





**Prayer Requests, Praises and Thanks**



Praise God that Gustavo passed his American citizenship test.

Prayers for church visitors: Carlos, Madeline, Tony, Idaliz, Emma Sofia, Maria, Sonia, Sylvia, Lucy, Tata and Toya.

**Thank you for your prayers and support.**

*Pastor Gustavo, Ruth, Mikhaela and Isaiah Maita*

There are many opportunities to serve as short-term or GEO missionaries. Check out the current list and download an application at [lcms.org/service](http://lcms.org/service). Click on "Service Opportunities."

A picture is worth a thousand words...



Our first church retreat, April 16th, in Hatillo, Puerto Rico. The theme was "Baptized into Christ". From left: Isaiah, Sylvia, Ashley, Lucy, Guillermo, Ale, Cindy, Maria, Sonia, Pastor Gustavo and Mikhaela.



Christel taught Sylvia English. Following Pastor Gustavo's opening devotion, they talked about God's will and the bad things that happen in our lives.



Praise God for Sylvia who regularly brings her friends (Lucy, Tata and Toya) to church. After the service Sylvia talks to Rey. From left: Rey, Lucy, Tata, Sylvia, and Toya.



Church members and teachers, Sandra and Cindy, meet with us to discuss plans to make an educational club to help children and meet new families.



Newly crawling Isaiah, explores during English outreach in Ponce.

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