



THE PROGRESSION OF THE NEW LUTHERAN CHURCH IN SAN JUAN

On **Sunday April 16, 2023**, the first Divine Service was preached in San Juan and the first catechism class was taught by Pastor James Neuendorf.



Exactly one month later after worshipping and meeting in a couples' home, on **Tuesday May 16th, 2023**, Pastor James Neuendorf and Pastor Adam Lehman signed a contract on a new year long rental property in Bayamon, Puerto Rico. Previous we were going to be renting a chapel at UTC (Universidad Teológica del Caribe) however that was not in God's plans for our church plant in San Juan.

The following Saturday, the entire group gathered to transform the newly acquired office space into our new house of worship. We started out with a prayer and small service and then got to work.



On **May 21st, 2023**, we had our first divine service in our new location!



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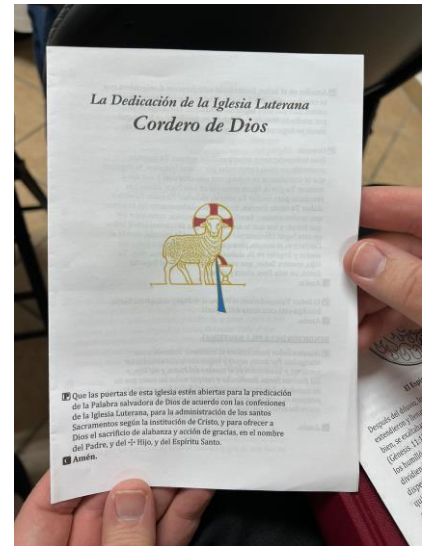
- Me, as I take on new church responsibilities as the Maita family is away for the summer.
- The Burakowski, Fritsche, and Tape families (DR-based regional team), who are returning to the US in June after their faithful service as missionaries.
- The short term team of volunteers serving in Puerto Rico in June from St. John's Lutheran Church, Arnold Missouri.
- Evangelist William Torres and his family.
- The Ortega – Luna Family from our congregation in San Juan who will bring their daughter to be baptized in June.

GIVE THANKS FOR:

- Finding a location for our church in San Juan.
- For the confirmations of Jose, Daniela, Pablo, Jonah and Jose Anthony
- A wonderful visit to Wisconsin

NEW CHURCH IN PUERTO RICO:

What a Joyous Pentecost Sunday (May 28th, 2023) in Puerto Rico! At our church plant in the San Juan area, more specifically in the city of Bayamon, Puerto Rico. A group of four new Lutherans were confirmed as the first group of confirmands at **Iglesia Luterana Cordero de Dios (Lamb of God Lutheran Church)**. The new church was also dedicated on this day. The church members from Ponce drove 1.5 hours to Bayamon to help dedicate the new Lutheran church and to celebrate the first confirmations! Praise the Lord for his provisions!



Jose Anthony was also confirmed on Pentecost Sunday as the newest Member of Iglesia Luterana Principe Paz in Mayaguez. What a joyous month in Puerto Rico. The Holy Spirit is working in big ways, and I am excited to witness how His work continues.



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