



THE
LUTHERAN CHURCH
Missouri Synod

888-THE LCMS • www.lcms.org • infocenter@lcms.org

January
2024

News from Rev. Dr. Arthur, Deaconess Eva, and the Rickman Family serving in Latin America

Webpage: www.lcms.org/rickman Email: Arthur.Rickman@lcms.org

Letters from Latin America

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We are overjoyed to share with you the wonderful news of the completion of the restoration work on the sanctuary at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Balboa, Panama. This journey of restoration has been marked by challenges, resilience, and, above all, the faithfulness of our Lord. Through storms, a fallen tree, and the extended complications of the pandemic, our congregation has witnessed God's divine mercy and sustaining grace.

It is with immense gratitude and joy that we announce that we resumed worship services in the sanctuary on Christmas Eve. The familiar hymns, the warmth of fellowship, and the shared celebration of Christ's birth filled the newly restored space.

As we look ahead, we anticipate hosting the OIM LAC leadership team starting Jan 29, followed by the Panama FORO. This significant week will culminate with worship and gratitude for God's faithfulness as we rededicate the sanctuary on Sunday, Feb 4. On behalf of our entire congregation, thank you for your prayers and support that have been instrumental in this journey, and we invite you rejoice with us in this wonderful blessing.

May God continue to bless and guide us as we move forward in His mission, relying on His grace and abiding in His faithfulness.



Panama



Colombia



Mexico

...and other areas in
Latin America and the
Caribbean.

To be added to or removed
from this mailing list, send
an email message to
arthur.rickman@lcms.org
with the word ADD or
REMOVE in the subject line.





Requests, Praises, and Thanks

- ...for the church in Panama.
- ...for health and safety for our family as we serve in Latin America.
- ...for the deaconess students we are working with in Panama and Spain.
- ...for those traveling to Panama in the coming weeks.
- ...thanks for the grace and eternal promises from the one who gives us all good things.
- ...thanks for the opportunities to serve His people in Latin America.
- ...thanks for all who make it possible for us to serve.

There are many opportunities to serve. Check out the current list and download an application at www.lcms.org/service. Click on "Service Opportunities."

***CAUTION: Please DO NOT FORWARD without permission or POST anywhere on the internet. Thank you!**

Rickman Family Update

Bethany and Zoe regularly use their art skills to make gifts for members of our congregation, visitors and volunteer teams. Their most recent project has been to design a new sign to alert the community that we have resumed worship services at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Balboa. We also made similar fliers to hand out in the community. What a blessing is it to see them using their talents for God's glory!



*Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift!
2 Corinthians 9:15*

We thank all of you for partnering with us and making it possible for us to share the most important message with those in Latin America! Please prayerfully consider supporting the ongoing work here with a monthly pledge. We are thankful for each of you walking alongside us!

In Christ <+><,

Arthur and Eva,

Bethany, Zoe, Noah, Nathaniel, Mary Anna, Heidi and Hannah



To support the work of the Rickman Family, you may send a tax-deductible gift to:

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod
P.O. Box 66861
St. Louis, MO 63166-6861.

ALSO, you can send your gift to:

Mission Central at 40718 Highway E-16, Mapleton, Iowa 51034

Make checks payable to The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Mark checks "Support of the Rickman Family." Gifts can also be given securely online through the LCMS website, on my online giving page at www.lcms.org/rickman.