



Together

Newsletter for Congregations of the ELCA From the Costa Rican Lutheran Church

Mother's Day



With a party and many activities, the communities of La Carpio and Alajuelita celebrated Mother's Day. Many mothers, youth, and children attended the celebration and enjoyed the activities.

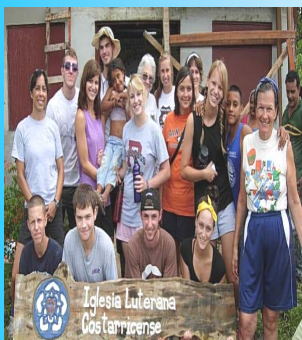


Shout for Peace



This march was in honor of Alejandro Chacón, who was killed tragically, and all the victims of violence in Costa Rica and the world. Many people took to the streets of San José to protest against violence that continues to threaten Costa Rica. By participating in different marches and acting together with national and international organizations, ILCO remains socially active as a church, and contributes in creating a more just and peaceful society.

Mission Trips



A delegation from Grace Lutheran Church in Galena, Illinois, spent time in Chilamate, where they helped with construction work and painting projects. Another delegation from Advent Lutheran Church in North Carolina, visited the communities of San Julian and El Jardin where they worked on stucco for the walls and painting projects.



Special Anniversary

The congregation of Betania de Carit de Puriscal celebrated its Sixth Anniversary with a party for the community. The event was organized by the children and youth under the coordination of the pastor.



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The Local Mission Gathering in San Antonio, TX invites representatives from different churches to exchange experiences on the topic of Mission in the church. The schedule offers opportunities to attend many different activities like Mission Stories, workshops, and congregational team training. This time together is intended to strengthen relationships, motivate new leaders, and increase giving. ILCO is represented at this important mission event by Rodolfo Mena

Lutheran Youth participate in leadership meeting



The Lutheran World Federation organized a Gathering of Church Leaders in Argentina in which two ILCO representatives participated. Bishop Jiménez and youth delegate Cristina Mora joined with others at the gathering to issue a call to share bread with the excluded people of our region.

Music workshop

The Faith community of Carit de Puriscal organized a music workshop for youth, focusing on both instrumental music and singing. It was held under the direction of Pastors Julio Melara and Gilberto Quesada.



An inspiring monthly devotion was given by the Local Sustainable Development Program. This program works to develop and share practical methods for the full use of local natural resources and the promotion of healthy lifestyles.



Watauk is a newly opened store that strives to promote social and economic development in ILCO's Faith Communities. The store features articles such as handcrafts, coffee, recycled jewelry, paintings etc. The idea is to provide a new commercial space to benefit more families.

Masculinity and violence prevention



The WEM Institute partnered with ILCO to host a workshop, "Working with men to prevent violence." This workshop was attended by representatives of different social and ecumenical organizations.

Devotion