



La Fiesta Returns!

The fifth biennial La Fiesta event will be held Saturday, November 13, 2010 from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm at St. Matthew's ELCA, 1615 N Wauwatosa Ave in Wauwatosa.



The event features activities for people of all ages and interests in the Greater Milwaukee Synod's involvement with the synod in El Salvador. Activities are specifically planned for:

- Families, including kids from grade 1 up (childcare available for the little ones)
- Educators
- Pastors
- Chaperoned youth groups/Sunday School classes
- Outreach Committees
- Potential Sister Churches
- Anyone with a heart for El Salvador!

Children will enjoy participating in La Palma art projects, Salvadoran music and dance activities, and talking about Salvadoran food and the fight against hunger. Adults are invited to learn more about the country, life in El Salvador, the history of the Lutheran Church, and the latest synod activities that support our partnership with the Salvadoran synod.

The keynote speaker will be Pastor Mártir Vigil from El Salvador (featured below). La Fiesta will conclude with a pupusa lunch, the cost of which is included with your registration.



Registration is open until the day of the event, but registering early will improve your chances of participating in preferred events, and is especially appreciated if childcare is required.

The cost to register is \$5 per person, with a \$10 maximum per family. Confirmation and youth groups pay just \$25 for up to 10 members. Use the registration form on the last page of this newsletter or, for more information, visit:

<http://www.partnerswithelsalvador.org> or email info@partnerswithelsalvador.org

A Pastoral Visit...

North Cape Lutheran Church in Franksville and Galilee Lutheran Church in Pewaukee are blessed to have Pastor Mártir Vigil visit them November 5 - 16. Both congregations are very excited and looking forward to having Pastor with them.

Pastor Mártir ministers to three congregations in the rural areas near Suchitoto, El Salvador: El Renacer de los Mártires, in the community of Monseñor Romero (Sister Parish Congregation of Galilee Lutheran Church) Jesús de Vida in the community of El Chipilte (Sister Parish Congregation of North Cape Lutheran Church) and Mission Congregation



Santa Anita, in the community of Montepeque. Pastor Mártir is Coordinator of the Central Microregion in the Salvadoran Lutheran Synod. Microregions are similar to Clusters in the Greater Milwaukee Synod.

He was a Deacon-Pastor in the Salvadoran Lutheran Synod for many years prior to becoming ordained on August 5, 2009 at Resurrection Church in San Salvador. Pastor Mártir's education is in finance and he has previously worked in the Synod Financial Office as well as in the private sector. Pastor Martir received his theological education at the Salvadoran Lutheran University.

Pastor Mártir along with his wife Rosa Elvira, daughter Xochilt and son Francisco live in Apopa. He also has a daughter Paola who is studying medicine at a university in Cuba and wants to be a doctor.

Pastor Mártir and his wife are very active in their ministry and community. Rosa Elvira works primarily with the young people in their Sunday School activities. Their home is a distance from the congregations with which they are associated and therefore they travel by bus and walk the remainder of the way as the communities are located off the main roads.

We welcome Pastor Mártir on his first visit to our area and to the United States, to La Fiesta and to the Galilee and North Cape congregations where he will be leading worship.

- Barb Barthel



Attend Service with Pastor Mártir

All are welcome to join the congregations in worship and Adult Education as Pastor Mártir Vigil shares his faith, thoughts and experiences.

Galilee Lutheran Church
N24W26430 Crestview Drive
Pewaukee, WI 53072
262-691-2380



Services

November 6, 2010
Saturday Evening 5:00 p.m.

November 7, 2010
Sunday Morning 8:00 a.m.
Adult Education 9:15 a.m.
Sunday Morning 10:45 a.m.

North Cape Lutheran Church
2644 Raynor Avenue
Franksville, WI 53126
262-835-9090

November 14, 2010
Celebration of the 160th year anniversary of the Church.

Services

Sunday Morning 8:00 a.m.
Christian Education 9:15 a.m.
Sunday Morning 10:30 a.m.

followed with a Celebration Potluck lunch

The Lord's Prayer, as Spoken in Central American Lutheran Churches

Padre nuestro que estás en los cielos,
santificado sea Tu nombre.
Venga nos Tu reino,
hágase Tu voluntad,
así en la tierra como en el cielo.
El pan nuestro de cada día, dánoslo hoy;
y perdónanos nuestras deudas
así como nosotros perdonamos a nuestros deudores;
y no nos dejes caer en la tentación;
mas líbranos del mal.
Porque Tuyo es el reino, el poder y la Gloria
por los siglos de los siglos.



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El Salvador Movie Night 2010-11

We return for a fourth year of watching and discussing films and videos related to El Salvador. This year we have a new location. All movies will be shown at Ascension Lutheran Church, 1236 S. Layton Blvd (27th St), Milwaukee at 7:00 pm. Ascension provides a more central location for this important opportunity to learn about El Salvador and interact with others who share your interests. There is no admission fee.

Return to El Salvador was viewed September 27 and the powerful documentary *Which Way Home?* was shown Monday, October 25.

Future movies in the 2010-11 El Salvador Movie Night series will include:

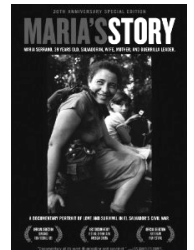
November 29



Justice and the Generals - Thirty years ago, on December 2, 1980, four American churchwomen - Ita Ford, Maura Clarke, Jean Donovan, and Dorothy Kazel - were found raped and murdered near San Salvador. This is the story about an unfinished search for truth and accountability.

January 24

Maria's Story - an intimate portrait of a thirty-nine-year old mother of three who is a leader in the guerrilla movement in El Salvador. Filmmakers spent seven weeks in Maria's temporary camp, under mortar fire and helicopter surveillance, to capture this story of the human side of the war.



February 28

800 Mile Wall - a documentary about the impact of constructing hundreds of miles of wall along the southern border of the United States

March 28 - TBA

April 25 - TBA

Be sure to put these dates on your calendar and share this information with everyone who might be interested!





Stories from the August Delegation

Off the Beaten Path: Puerto Parada



We were in Usulután for the night and the pastor led us out to the church in Puerto Parada in the morning. The paved road became dirt and the dirt became mud and the mud became puddles and the puddles became the river. And all along the

way, families were living in the water.

The river broke through the levy in June after tropical storm Agatha rained down, and the puddle lakes and streams left behind are stagnant breeding grounds for mosquitoes and disease. Released from its confines, the river now runs through three communities which remain evacuated, displacing more than 700 families. Some families refused to leave or, having no place to go, are surviving by scavenging what they can from the mud-covered corn and cane fields and by fishing with small nets.

We couldn't make it to the community on this route, so we turned around and took the other road in. We stopped at the church and heard a little bit more about the history and current life in the community, and then walked down to a shrimp-farming project which is run by the community. The shrimp harvest will begin in a week. Fortunately, the shrimp are abundant (they were not affected by the flood because "they LIKE the water"). This sign of hope brings smiles and animation to the faces of the people who live here.

As we walked our way out of the community, we greeting moms making tortillas, grandmas picking over small bowls of beans, and lots of children. It was midday,



so we were greeted by the young children who were coming home from school, and the older children who were on their way with projects and homework in hand. About 50% of the children in this

community do not attend school, because their families rely on them to gather life from the sea which gives life to their families.

There were so many sad stories, and so many beautiful smiles. As we walked in the oppressive heat and humidity, it was hard to imagine living in this place with the mud, the mosquitoes, the ever-present danger of flooding, the lack of sanitation and the unsafe drinking water. How spoiled we are to hop into our air-conditioned vehicle and be able to drive out, beyond

the water, to our dry and clean home where we can wash our feet and walk beyond the mud.

- Linda's El Salvador Blog, August 10, 2010

Reflections from El Salvador (Excerpts)

A 3:30 a.m. pick-up for 4:00 check in for an early flight makes for a long day. Connecting flights can be difficult. Only 20 minutes to get from terminal B to E in Houston for the flight to San Salvador.

Customs went well and we were met at the airport by Pastor Santiago. Waited for our van and the truck to take our luggage. Went through a rainstorm hoping our luggage was waterproof in the open truck.

Visited eight communities ministered by the five pastors we met with. In one community we were greeted with roses and serenaded with music. Shared in worship, devotions, music and conversations with pastors and church leaders. Participated in Sunday School activities. What wonderful interaction!

Because of heavy rains, many crops are ruined. In some areas roads were impassable and families had to relocate. If they had no place to go they remained with water in their yards and floors of their homes.

Participated in a parade to celebrate the Anniversary of the Salvadoran Lutheran Church. The Synod's focus for the coming year: no a la violencia, sí a la vida (no to violence, yes to life). Was a time to renew relationships, see Pastors, church members, visitors, carry banners, and walk through the streets. Festive, fun, long and hot.

Viewed the destruction from floods and landslides in Comunidad Guadalupe. Although clean up is taking place words cannot describe how I feel knowing that 19 are dead, 18 are missing and 800-900 are in community housing. We visited a barrack site where 24 of the families now live, not knowing when, if or where they can relocate. As the clouds came we had to leave because if it rained the road would not be passable.

Visited the two congregations that had been ministered to by Pastors Francisco and Jesus Carrillo who were assassinated in 2006 outside one of the churches (it is believed because of their belief in justice and the work they did for the people and the communities).

The congregations were wonderful gracious hosts. They love to have us visit, share their stories, tour their community and share a meal with us. They are faith filled people with Jesus in their hearts.

Thursday return. Friday admit it is good to be home and look back and say "we sure did a lot of things, saw a lot of people, experienced life in El Salvador and can't wait until next time."

- Barb Barthel



La Fiesta Registration Form

Schedule for Saturday, November 13, 2010

- 8:30 - 9:00 Bienvenidos! Welcome!
- 9:00 - 9:15 Worship *
- 9:30 - 10:15 Workshop #1
- 10:30 - 10:45 Keynote Speaker – Pastor Mártir Vigil
- 11:00 - 11:45 Workshop #2
- 11:45 - 12:30 Pupusa Lunch

* Offering will go the Salvadoran Lutheran Church Pastoral Support Endowment Fund

Workshop Descriptions

Please rank your top 4 choices in the space provided.

☺ Workshops are kid-friendly but not restricted to kids.

___ Books & Movies & Internet

Led by Tim Muth ~ extensive review of fiction and real-life works featuring film clips and multi-media resources

___ My Life in E Salvador

Led by Father Kevin Murphy ~ Father Kevin served a parish in El Salvador at the start of the Civil War and worked with Rutilio Grande and Archbishop Oscar Romero

___ Inspirational Journey: Sister Carla

Led by Jacqueline Maggiore, local author ~ share in the story of Maryknoll Sister Carla, who worked with Ita Ford until her accidental death in Chaletenango in August 1980.

___ Delegation Sampler: Capacitación

☺ Led by Gretchen Haugse ~ experience a trip to El Salvador which focuses on teacher- training using an interactive mock-Bible School. Great for teachers and learners.

___ Delegation Sampler: Misión de Salud

Led by Barb Barthel ~ experience a simulated experience in El Salvador which focuses on physical and spiritual healing. Interactive.

___ La Palma Art

☺ Led by Carol Witt ~ learn about traditional Salvadoran art and create a painted Advent wreath

___ History of El Salvador/Salvadoran Lutheran Church

Led by Pastor Walter Baires and Pastor Mártir Vigil ~ hear the story of the country and the church from a very personal perspective

___ Developing/Growing Relationships in El Salvador
Led by Linda Muth ~ ideas and information for those just getting started or who want to enliven companion relationships

___ Music and Dance

☺ Led by ~ Salvadoran folk tunes and church tunes, singing, dancing, instruments and fun!

___ Salvadoran Food—City & Farm

☺ Led by Jennifer Emert ~ Breakfast, lunch and dinner—what do Salvadorans eat and how do they get it—includes talk about hunger

___ Current Events

Led by Tim Muth ~ politics, economics, society, religion, climate and the latest news from El Salvador

We will schedule workshops according to demand and do our best to ensure that everyone is able to attend their preferred sessions.

Name(s) _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Church _____

If student(s), list grade(s) _____

Need childcare? List name(s) and age(s)

If church group, how many? _____

Mail completed document with payment to:

Gretchen Haugse
St. Matthew's ELCA
1615 N. Wauwatos Ave.
Wauwatosa, WI 53213

Or register by email and pay by check at the door:

info@partnerswithelsalvador.org

Cost: \$5/person; \$10 max/family;
\$25 confirmation/youth groups up to 10 members

Please make checks payable to:

Greater Milwaukee Synod - El Salvador Committee