

Mariachi San Pablo Coming to South Dakota!

Mariachi San Pablo is an outreach and care ministry of Ysleta Lutheran Mission Human Care, in El Paso, Texas. It proclaims the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ in its music and message. Its youth and adult members strive to perfect Christian and popular Mariachi music in both Spanish and English in order to serve, unite, and reach others through music. Mariachi San Pablo has performed at churches, community events, conferences, and conventions in eighteen states (105 cities) since it was formed in 2001. Their motto is CHANGING LIVES THROUGH MUSIC.

Mariachi San Pablo will be performing three public concerts in South Dakota the last weekend in August (August 27-29) as they travel the entire state. Friday the concert will be in the Sioux Falls area, Saturday in Rapid City, and Sunday in Pierre. Faith Lutheran Church, Pierre, thankful for receiving a SD LCMS Harvest Grant to make this possible, will be hosting the band and coordinating with many churches to help with planning the events.

Faith Lutheran first learned about Mariachi San Pablo when the band came to Pierre funded also by a Harvest Grant. This led to Faith Lutheran discovering Ysleta Lutheran Mission Human Care (YLM), a Recognized Service Organization of the LCMS. YLM was organized to provide health and human services to needy people. Their vision is: "We labor to see on both sides of the U.S./Mexico border…..God's people working together, providing relief to the suffering, encouraging and equipping missions, instilling health and opportunity, and reaching the spiritually lost with the good news of Jesus Christ." Faith Lutheran just returned from their fourth mission trip to Juarez, Mexico, and hosted by YLM. By God's good strength and guidance, the group built two houses, handed out over 2,000 Bibles and tracts, and conducted a VBS.

The goals in having the Mariachi band in South Dakota are first to glorify God in song and Word. Hand in hand with that to plant many seeds for eternal life in Heave which prayerfully will lead to followers of our beautiful Savior. Thirdly, to introduce or increase knowledge to LCMS churches about YLM. Dennis Ryckman, the leader of the mission groups states, "We are so happy to be used by God to spread His Word and then return to our daily lives ready to do the same. We pray that many more congregations will begin sponsoring mission teams to go to YLM after hearing about YLM through these concerts." The concerts will include food, fun, and an atmosphere of enjoyment and family time. Watch for details as the last weekend in August approaches! Please contact faith@faithluth.com if you would like to help organize or have questions.


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