



Puerto Rico Lutheran Mission



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Valentine's Day in Puerto Rico

Valentine's Day in Puerto Rico is not just about romance; it is an opportunity to celebrate all types of love. It is common for friends to also exchange little gifts to express affection for one another. Fuente de Vida in Ponce held a "Día de Amistad" (Day of Friendship) with brunch and painting activities for people to enjoy one another's company. As always, the event began with the word of the Lord delivered by one of our pastors.



La Cuaresma en Puerto Rico Lent in Puerto Rico



Lent in Spanish is *La Cuaresma*. The term comes from the word for forty, *cuarenta*, because Lent is forty days from Ash Wednesday to Easter (not counting Sundays). This period is a time of repentance in the light of the cross of Christ which we are called to participate in as Christians. The forty days reflects Israel's 40 years in the wilderness and Christ's 40 days of fasting in the wilderness. Ash Wednesday can help us understand the spirit of Lent. On Ash Wednesday we received a cross of ashes on our foreheads and heard the words "You are dust, and to dust you shall return (*Polvo eres y a polvo volverás*). The ashes are a clear and messy reminder of our sinful condition for which we merit death. It also reminds us of the temporal nature of all things and human works. However, the cross shape of the ashes reminds us of the sure hope of eternal life in Christ who bore our death and punishment on the cross and rose again that all who believe in him shall live even though they die. Lent, therefore, is a time to abandon all hope in ourselves, our works, the world or anything in it—things which like dust are here today and tomorrow are carried away on the wind—and to look only to Christ and to his perfect work on the cross which alone has the power to take away sin and give eternal life. We, our idols, and our works shall pass away and turn to dust, but Christ shall never pass away—He is risen! And all who trust in him shall rise to new life, even though they die. Thanks be to God who gives us the victory in Christ Jesus our Lord! Amen.



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- *Families in Puerto Rico and throughout the world, that they be reconciled to God and one another in Jesus Christ.*
- *The continued success of our podcast and all those who labor to produce it.*
- *Our missionaries, that we would rejoice in the wonderful work of spreading the gospel.*
- *All who are tempted, that they be upheld by Christ Jesus who was tempted in every way as we are tempted but is without sin.*

GIVE THANKS FOR:

- *Four confirmations this month in Bayamón.*

• PRAISE GOD FOR:

- *His grace in calling sinners to labor in his harvest field and the continual mercy by which he sustains them and all believers.*

Other News & Updates

Confirmations:

Thanks be to God! Four individuals in Bayamón made the good confession and were confirmed in the Lutheran Church and received into communion on February 15. Two of the confirmed were missionary children. We thank God for the work he has begun and continues in them, and we pray that he bring it completion in the day of Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.



Confirmation in Bayamón, February 15, 2026

Men's group:

Under the passionate guidance of Pastor Sergio Maita, we held the inaugural event for an islandwide men's group. All male missionaries and about 20 men from our congregations across the island gathered in Arecibo (a potential church plant site) to hear God's word, share food and fellowship, and discuss the purpose of the group. It was a great encouragement for all who attended. The group, named *Caballeros Luteranos*, will continue to gather four times a year.

Podcast:

Don't forget about our new podcast: [Cristo en el Centro](#) (Christ in the Center). Liking and subscribing helps us reach people with the pure gospel of "Christ crucified for sinners." As the name suggests, Christ is always in the center of every episode.

Foro: Don't forget! Our Spring Foro is March 6-8. If you can't attend this time, make plans for the Fall Foro (info forthcoming).

Men from our three Lutheran churches gather on the beach for fellowship grounded in God's word.



There are many opportunities to serve as short-term or GEO missionaries. Check out the current list and download an application at lcms.org/service. Click on "Service Opportunities."