

## Mission Meeting Sunday, December 9, 2018

Present: Jacob Nistler, Jonathan Nistler, Pastor Zellers, Pastor Mark & Helen Christiansen, Bernie Sailer, Linda Schietel

### Trip Options:

- We discussed the three trip options. Kristin will put together a flyer for these trips to go in church bulletins. (See attached)

### Transportation: (For February)

- A few options were discussed
  - Still looking at finding a 15 passenger van.
  - Bernie will talk to Hank Albers, who helped find Zion's van
  - Another option is to take 2 larger personal vehicles.
- Nistler's enclosed trailer is an option
- Bernie is planning to fly into Dallas and meet us at Walter's house. Magdalena may be planning to fly as well.

### Location:

- Pastor Zellers contacted the Latin American Lutheran Mission (LALM) in Laredo about the dates and options. Mariana Mendez suggested NOT to go to El Bayito, but to a surrounding community with Pastor Arturo in Nuevo Laredo, which is right across the border.
- PASSPORTS or PASSCARDS are needed ASAP!

### Attendees:

- For the trip in February, Kristin mentioned the following people had interest in attending: Kristin, Jacob, Jonathan, Micah, Grace, Greta, Aidan, Caleb (?), Bernie, Magdalena, Pastor Zellers, Jose,
- Pastor Zellers is planning to attend one of the upcoming trips to Imuris with Pastor Christiansen, in addition to the February trip.

### Lodging:

- Pastor Zellers has contacts at many places along the way, where we can stay for free.
- Bernie has a contact in Dallas (Walter) who is willing to allow us to stay for free. He is also willing to provide meals while we are staying with him.

### Donations & Give-Aways:

- Linda Schietel brought Spanish children's Bibles and story books to donate.
- Zion has many donations already in the loft.

- Nancy Brown has sewn school bags to donate.
- MSC- we will gather and sort donated items and go through supplies on Wednesday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm. The Youth group will help with this effort
- The question was posed: Would Orphan Grain train have items we could take to donate?
- Items need to be in suitcases to cross the border.
- Does Zion LWML have sewing kits this year?

#### Work Projects:

- Bernie can help put together a tool kit
- Pastor Zellers has a list of what may be needed
- We will get more information in January about possible work projects.

#### Group Officers:

- MSC – Bernie Sailer will be the Treasurer for the group.
  - Pastor Zellers will get a checking account opened.
  - Bernie Sailer & Pastor Zellers are authorized to be signers on the checking account.
  - Federal Tax ID can go through Messiah Lutheran Church
- MSC - Kristin Nistler will be the Secretary for the Group

#### VBS & Crafts:

- Kristin volunteered to take care of the VBS and have confirmation classes prepare the crafts. Micah, Grace & Greta can help.

#### Food Committee:

- It was suggested that Magdalena Brown might be willing to take care of the food while we are in Mexico.
- Pastor Zellers has lists of food supplies that have been used in the past.

#### Music Committee:

- Jacob volunteered to lead this effort with the help of some other teens in the group

#### Name of the Group:

- After many suggestions and ideas, a motion was made, seconded and approved that we call the group, "Lutherans Engaged in Mission."
- A tag line will be added at a later date.

#### Fundraising:

- Pastor Mark suggested a "Giving Sombrero"
- A Taco bar/nacho bar supper was suggested

- Pastor Zellers has \$500 start up cash from doing a presentation at Messiah last year.

Other supplies needed:

- Bernie will talk to Falkirk and ask if they will donate a large first aid kit.

Important dates to remember:

- The next business meetings are Sunday, January 13<sup>th</sup> & Sunday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, both at 2:00 pm in Zion's conference room.

Respectfully submitted,  
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Secretary