



Amigos en Cristo

A Ministry of the Southwest Florida Outreach Council: LCMS

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English Classes

The Hispanic community has responded very well to our radio PSA announcements offering English classes. As a result, we would like to offer English classes at Zion Lutheran, Fort Myers; Trinity Lutheran, Cape Coral; St. Michael's Lutheran, Fort Myers; Hope Lutheran, Bonita Springs, Messiah Lutheran, Naples and Immokalee Lutheran Church. We need tutors. If you are interested, please call Regina, our part-time Language Program Director, at (239) 437-6727.

Friends Of Amigos

Take a virtual tour

Curious about what we do? Join us for a virtual tour of Amigos en Cristo every second Thursday at 9:00 AM in Bonita Springs. Our "Friends of Amigos" one-hour tour will inform and inspire you. Meet our staff, hear the testimonies of people who have been touched by the ministry of Amigos Center, see for yourself how the love of Christ is made known in Southwest Florida. Call Sarah at (239) 784-8474 to reserve your spot.

Summer Mission '08 in Immokalee

Florida-Georgia District ABLAZE

Over 130 LCMS teenagers and adults recently participated in a week long Summer Mission event in Immokalee, FL. Participants came from all over the State of Florida. This supported the LCMS Florida-Georgia District ABLAZE goal of sending "10% of our baptized membership into the mission field either locally or overseas." The missionaries worked together with Pastor Selle at our Immokalee Lutheran Mission and with a community disaster relief group called IHOPE (Immokalee Helping Our People in Emergencies). Many dilapidated houses and trailer homes were painted, given new roofs and repaired. The

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missionaries also organized a VBS at our Lutheran mission for over 60 children and participated in a community outreach "Celebration" event.

Dick Rice, Executive Director of the Immokalee Chamber of Commerce and board member of Amigos en Cristo commented:

"This is just remarkable to see people giving up their personal time to do things for others who are not able to do for themselves. The whole Immokalee community sees this in a positive light."

Our vision is to use our Immokalee mission as a multi-cultural training ground for Lutheran students and leaders from across the country. We look forward to working with and inspiring groups, interns and vicars in the future.

Hiring Development Director

Charitable Gifting Grant from Thrivent Financial for Lutherans

Because of the Charitable Gifting Grant awarded to Amigos en Cristo by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, we are looking to hire a full time Development Director. The Development Director is responsible for the development, coordination and implementation of the organization's sustainable funding plan. Call Pastor Selle at (239) 437-6727 if you would like to apply, or email at BobSelle@amigoscenter.org.

We Need Food

We are looking for the following food items: rice, pinto beans, flour, cooking oil, sugar, evaporated milk, long duration milk, canned meats and canned vegetables. Call Donna at (239) 437-6727.

Give thanks to God for...

* The 130+ LCMS youth who repaired 30 homes this summer in Immokalee.

Pray for...

* Our English classes
* The right person to fill the opening for a Development Director.