

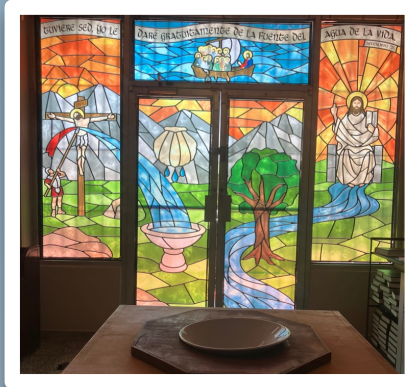


SERVING THE LORD IN

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Génesis: Una Telenovela



La Fuente de Vida

The name of our Lutheran church here in Ponce is *La Iglesia Luterana Fuente de Vida* (Fountain of Life Lutheran Church). It's a fitting name for a church in a city named after the grandson of Juan Ponce de Leon, a Spanish conquistador. Many conquistadors were searching for the rumored fountain of life in the new world of the Americas. While they never found a physical fountain that grants eternal life, there is a true fountain of eternal life. It is our Lord Jesus Christ who by his blood shed on the cross forgives our sins and grants eternal life to all who "drink" of Him by faith.



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Paul Teaching Sunday Bible Study (in Spanish) on Genesis 30

We are currently studying Genesis in Bible Study. In many ways, this first book of the Bible is a *telenovela* (soap-opera). There's murder, deception, and adultery, lying, stealing, and sleeping around. And all this within the family of God! For Genesis follows the lineage of Jesus Christ, the promised "seed" and savior of Genesis 3:15. As strange as it may seem, this is a great comfort for us. For the sinful family of Jesus Christ in Genesis is a picture of us. We too have sinful, broken families, and have lied, stolen, and committed adultery. And, just like the ancestors of Jesus Christ, we are blessed and preserved by God, *not* because we are sinless, but purely because of Jesus Christ.

For God promised that through Jesus, the promised seed, "all the nations of the earth will be blessed" (Genesis 12:3, 22:18, 28:14). Therefore, He blessed and protected the patriarchs (like Abraham, Isaac, Jacob) not because they were so perfect and sinless, but for Jesus' sake, so He would be born at just the right time in just the right place to die on the cross to forgive the sins of the world. By faith in Christ, the patriarchs received the forgiveness of sins and eternal life won by His cross and resurrection—true blessings. So too today, anyone who believes in Jesus Christ is part of the family of God by faith and receives the same forgiveness of sins and salvation. In this way, through Jesus Christ and faith in him, all the nations of the earth are blessed, even sinful, broken people like us.

La Paz de Cristo (The Peace of Christ),

Paul, Courtney, & Jacqueline Mroczenki



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

- Our outreach efforts, especially among young people.
- Blessings upon Paul's preaching and teaching in Spanish, that the Lord would use him to deliver God's truth and grace.
- Good weather and safety as hurricane season approaches.

GIVE THANKS FOR:

- Good health.
- God's beautiful creation here in Puerto Rico.

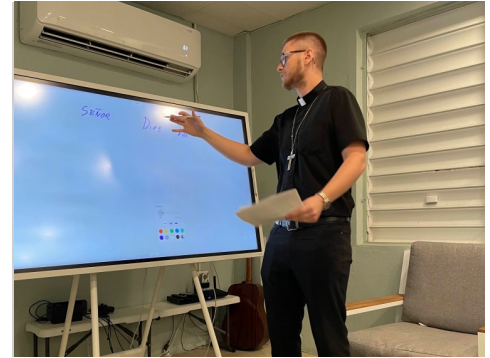
PRAISE GOD FOR:

- The many congregations and individuals who pray for us, encourage and support us.
- The resurrection of Jesus Christ which gives us the sure hope of eternal.

Other News & Updates

ESTUDIO BIBLICO

Paul has been busy leading services, preaching, and teaching *estudio biblico* (Bible study). The congregation in Ponce is currently working through Genesis on Sunday's. Paul has led three of those classes, with many more to come. We also have a Psalm's Bible study every Wednesday night led by Pastor Neuendorf.



Paul Teaching Sunday Bible class

COMO ESTÁS

We have also been hosting an event every other Thursday called "*Como Estás.*" Each event focuses on one aspect of our overall health, for example physical, emotional, or relational health. Pastor explains how each area is tied to Spiritual health, and an "expert" presents on the specific area: what it is, how we can improve it, and how it relates to the other areas. This event is also an outreach opportunity, as it allows members to invite others to our church in a less intimidating setting than a full Divine Service.

FAMILY AND FUN

We do take *some* time to relax. We've been to the beach a few times, and if we can't get to the beach we set up a kiddie pool in our open-air garage, which Jacqueline loves! (See photo to the left).

5 Stars ★★★★★

If you have a Google account, please go leave a 5-star review on our church page on Google maps. It helps more people find us so we can share the gospel with them.

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/RcUfjXL4ArmlnHAr7>

Some of the local church members from Ponce took us to a local restaurant and treated us to Puerto Rican Mofongo. Mofongo is a dish made from plantains which are mashed and fried. It is typically served either with meat mixed in or on the side, as pictured here. This mofongo was the best I have ever had, and I look forward to sharing it with people when they come to visit!



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."

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