



HISTORIC ST. MATTHEW LUTHERAN CHURCH
"COMEDOR POPULAR" SOUP KITCHEN

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"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat"

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WHY BOTHER WITH THE POOR AND HUNGRY?

GOD'S MIRACLE OF LOVE CONTINUES ON

"Then the master Called the servant in. 'You wicked servant ,' he said, ' I cancelled all the debt of yours because you begged me to. Shouldn't you have had mercy on your fellow servant just I had on you?' In anger his master turned him over to the jailers to be tortured, until he should pay back all he owed."

Dear Friends in Christ:

The love and the peace of our Lord Jesus be with you and your loved ones! Our merciful God has continued to provide for the needs of St. Matthew's mission to proclaim His Word of love, forgiveness and salvation, to bring about a spiritual change in the broken lives of the homeless and low income families In Chicago's Pilsen community. I wish to thank you very much for your Christian concern and kindness conveyed through your donations and prayer to support St. Matthew's faith mission in Chicago's largest Hispanic community.

GOD HAS HAD MERCY ON HISTORIC ST. MATTHEW. While some Lutheran and churches of other denominations have closed in past years because of financial problems, the Lord in His mercy has kept St. Matthew Lutheran Church alive and though its ministry remains understaffed and under funded, God's miracle of love continues on because He has kept St. Matthew's doors open and has enabled His servants to continue to convey a healing message of body and soul based on faith in Christ's power through His Holy Spirit.

WE CONTINUE TO SHARE GOD'S MERCY WITH THE POOR AND HUNGRY. Because God has had mercy on us by allowing His Son Jesus suffer and die on the cross on account of our sins and He is alive in our midst and lit in our hearts a strong commitment to assist the poor and hungry in Chicago. St. Matthew volunteers continue to provide hot meals for the homeless and low income families in Chicago.

LUPE TORREZ HAS BONE CANCER. St. Matthew's healing ministry provides counseling for a 56 year old lady who has bone cancer. Lupe has counseling sessions with Pastor Loza to cope with her fears and anxieties due to the fact that she has been diagnosed with bone cancer. Lupe has been

given a Bible in Spanish and asked to continue to pray and nourish her faith with God's Word. Because Lupe has no other means of support she has to continue to work even though she complains of pains especially when she walks.

MARIA'S EYE SURGERY IN MEXICO A SUCCESS. We are very happy to report that Maria Leal, Director of Community Services at St. Matthew has had eye surgery in Monterrey, Mexico and everything went well, she has to be careful not to be under the sun for too long, and she is back in Chicago and has resumed her work with El Comedor Popular soup kitchen. Maria is very thankful for the \$1,500 donation to help her with the eye surgery expenses. Again God's miracle of love and mercy has touched Maria's life and of those who care for her health.

HISTORIC ST. MATTHEW TO HOST ORDINATION OF ERIK JOHN LOZA INTO THE HOLY MINISTRY. Erik J. Loza born in St. Paul, Minnesota, married to Dr. Ulmira Loza a Dentist born in Bolivia, South America, on Sunday, June 17th. at 3:30 p.m. will be ordained into the ministry of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod at St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Chicago.

Erik attended Concordia University at River Forest, Illinois, and at Concordia Seminary at St. Louis, MO. Has graduated with a Master degree in Theology. He has been called to serve First Lutheran Church at Van Nuys, California. Erik will have services in English and start a new ministry amongst the Hispanics in the area. Erik is my youngest son and I ask you for your prayers and extend to all a most cordial invitation to a historical event where St. Matthew will host for the first time in its history an ordination of a Hispanic American pastor.

May the Lord continue to bless your partnership with St. Matthew's mission of love and compassion.

Blessed are the merciful,


Pastor Julio Antonio Loza

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The merciful, volunteers and Maria Leal



Children's happy smiles at St. Matthew's soup kitchen.



Pastor Loza with children at La Barca, Mexico, mission.



God's mercy feed the hungry