

2019 Mission Endowment Fund Recipient – Advent – Arlington

Iglesia Luterana Adviento



In 2019, the Mission Endowment Fund granted \$80,000 to 29 ministries. This is one of the ministries. Additional Ministries will be featured in the NT-NL newsletter.



Iglesia Luterana Adviento es una nueva congregación en el área de Arlington donde compartimos la gracia y el amor de Dios. Edintzon “Edy” Santos está aquí para nuestro servicio pastoral.

Advent in Arlington is blessed to have Pr. Edy Santos and his wife Ingrid to lead the Latinx congregation. The Mission Endowment grants have assisted in the growth of this congregation.

From Pr Edy Santos: Adviento’s goal is to provide a Hispanic culture and language expression of the Lutheran experience in a relationship with God and Jesus Christ. With the support from Advent Lutheran and the Mission Endowment Fund this ministry continues to grow.

The surrounding neighborhood allows us to continue to grow



the Hispanic/Latin@ community and the good news of God’s grace through Jesus

has been shared in the Hispanic culture. Adviento offers wonderful activities and events. We cooked delicious tamales to celebrate Cinco de Mayo; honored mothers on Mother’s Day and continue to serve breakfast every Monday for the day laborers’ who seek work across the street from the church. We participate in visits in homes, bringing spiritual support to families, and visits to patients in the nearby hospital as a voluntary chaplain. But especially, we celebrate birthdays and family events during the fellowship after the Sunday Worship Service. This has allowed the parishioners to feel like a

church family and so attendance continues to increase. Occasionally, we have between 80 to 100 people in our Sunday Worship Service.

We have found a way to demonstrate to our congregation that church is more than rituals and liturgical moments. This doesn't mean that we are not interested in emphasizing the importance of Lutheran Worship Service, but we understand that God is also working in our daily and simple actions.

Adviento is grateful for the support of the NT-NL Synod and to the Mission Endowment Fund for its financial grant to our congregation.

Thank you Pr. Edy Santos for sharing this information.

