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Parroquia Luterana San Jose, a joint ministry of the ELCA and the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) in Beloit, Wis., is a place of worship “for and with Latino people,” says its pastor, Neddy Astudillo. “I love this ministry because it cares not only about people’s spiritual lives but improving also their culture, health and well-being.”

San Jose, a congregation of the ELCA South-Central Synod of Wisconsin, is an ecumenical effort and funded in part by a grant from the ELCA churchwide organization. This support has allowed members to not only worship but to celebrate their culture.

Beloit is home to around 4,500 Latino people, and the congregation’s ministries revolve around building community and preserving cultural traditions. They host Spanish guitar lessons, Mexican dancing classes, a Spanish language class and a radio program. They also provide free Spanish-language counseling – the only such service in the county.

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