



# MINISTER TO MINISTER

*The Texas District of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod - February 19, 2021*

## 2021 Freeze Event Disaster

What a week we have had across the state of Texas and across much of our country! We give thanks for each one of you as you reached out to neighbors, friends and family members to assist however possible. We praise God for His Holy Spirit working through you!

Please be advised that the state of Texas is already experiencing scammers trying to take advantage of this disaster. This is a state-wide event and the first time in history that all 254 counties have been impacted at one time.

There are currently two scams that we have been made aware of.

1. FEMA - If you receive a call from FEMA stating that they are putting people up in hotels, please note that this is not happening. Furthermore, they will be asking for personal information, which is something FEMA would not do
2. There are "plumbers" already out in communities willing to assist you. Please be sure and check their credentials and not give out any money until a job is completed.

If you are interested in donating funds or need financial assistance due to damage caused by the freeze click [HERE](#) for more information.

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## LCMS Life Conference

**Making Disciples > Valuing Life March 19-20, 2021**

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## 2020 Congregation Statistical Reports

If your congregation has questions or needs assistance using the online reporting tools, or help accessing their login information, contact [rosters.stats@lcms.org](mailto:rosters.stats@lcms.org), or the LCMS Church Information Center at 888-843-5267. Deadline for reporting statistics this year is March 31st.

[How congregations should track attendance in this time](#)  
[LCMS congregation statistics field definitions](#)

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## Lutherans for Life Essay Contest

Lutheran Students grades 6 through 12 are invited to write a life-affirming essay based on the theme "God Chose You," based on John 15:16: "You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit." Download the Texas guidelines and rubrics [HERE](#). Entries may be submitted by April 1, 2021.

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## Prayers for Recovery After Severe Weather

We pray for those who have suffered loss during the severe winter weather this past week.

- **Rev. Bill and Sandi Sager** (Trinity, Copperas Cove) whose home burned to the ground Monday night, February 15. We give thanks that they and her mother were able to escape safely and are staying with family in the area.
  - Churches, businesses, apartments and homes with broken water pipes and flooding
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## Prayers of Healing, Strength and Encouragement

- Mrs. Debbie Frick, wife of Rev. Michael Frick (Em., Sachse, TX)
  - Mrs. Della Heckmann, widow of Rev. Harold Heckmann, receiving treatments
  - Mrs. Kathy Hirsch, wife of Rev. Dr. John Hirsch (Em., Round Rock) receiving treatments
  - Mrs. Arlene Loeschen, wife of Rev. Don Loeschen (Em., Naacagdoches) to undergo Deep Brain Stimulation (DBS) surgery for Parkinsons
  - Mrs. Leann McClain (Immanuel Lutheran School, Giddings) receiving treatments
  - Mrs. Margaret Sturgis, wife of Rev. Jim Sturgis (Em., Portland, TX)
  - Mrs. Elaine Walquist, wife of Rev. Randy Walquist (Em., Spring) continuing treatments
  - DCE John Williams (Em., Kingwood) hospitalized following a stroke
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This week we pray for...

- [The Family of Faith, Houston led by Rev. Doug Krengel](#)
- [Deaf Youth Ministry of Texas, Austin led by Rev. Mark Seeger and Ted and DCE Denise Pulfer](#)

Click and become a [Mission Prayer Partner](#) and receive the prayer list every Monday!

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## Ordained Ministry Calls

Congratulations and God's richest blessings to and through our Specific Ministry Pastors.

### SMP Vicarage Assignments:

- Jeremiah Bauer, Prince of Peace, Carrollton
- Kenneth Knippa, Concordia, Garland
- Ryan Pennington, Fortress, Harker heights

### SMP Pastoral Calls:

- Mark Payne, Lamb of God, Flower Mound

- Jason Wallingsford, Mt. Olive, Austin

Completion of SMP Program:

- Wynn Derong, Oikos, Houston
- Jason Schleicher, Salem, Tomball

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## Texas District Community Event Calendar

*Texas District congregations and schools can [submit their special events](#) to be included on our website Community Event Calendar.*

### Upcoming Texas District Events

Wednesday, June 2, 2021  
**MARKETING, RECRUITMENT, AND RETENTION**  
**Professional School Leaders Day**  
@ Salem Lutheran School, Tomball  
Contact [School Ministry Office](#) for additional information

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June 10-12, 2021  
**2021 TEXAS DISTRICT CONVENTION**  
San Marcos Conference Center  
San Marcos, TX

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