

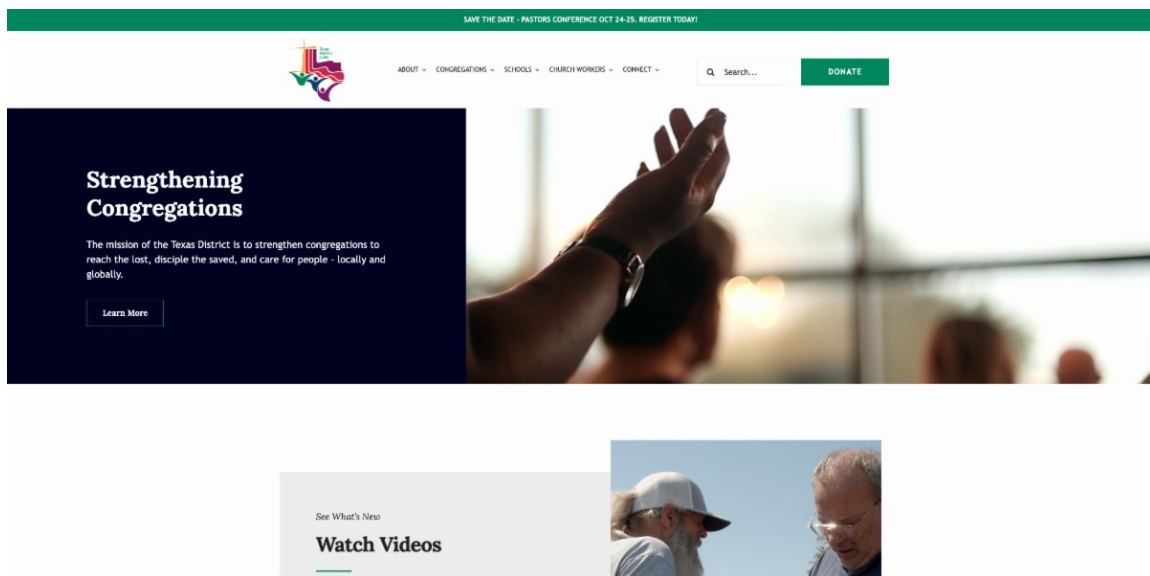


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The Texas District of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod - October 14, 2022

## District Website Overhaul



[The Texas District website](#) is now cleaner, faster, securer, and more organized. Explore a bit when you get a chance. If you experience a problem locating a resource that has been moved or a link not working how it should, please email [Lisa Candido](#).

## Student Loan Forgiveness Opportunity

Could you or someone you know (any church workers, especially) benefit from student loan forgiveness?

This month (October 2022), the Department of Education will release the application form for qualified individuals to apply for student loan forgiveness (<https://studentaid.gov/debt-relief-announcement/>)

In advance of this form's release, individuals with student loans should check to see that their income and loans qualify. Student loan debt relief will be limited to borrowers who make less than \$125,000 per year, or married couples or heads of households earning less than \$250,000. The type of loans (i.e., Pell Grants, etc.) received are used in determining the amount of forgiveness. If approved, applicants may receive up to \$20,000 in debt forgiveness. Obviously, a reduced balance in loan debt will eliminate or reduce the monthly student loan payment. This may have a significant impact on cash flow for the family! Individuals are encouraged to apply as soon as the application becomes available. Please watch the website noted above to learn more about this

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## October Is for Church Worker Appreciation

Please [CLICK HERE](#) to read a letter from LCMS President Matthew Harrison about Church Worker Appreciation Month, and consider ways you can encourage the church workers in your life.

Resources for congregations to participate in Church Worker Appreciation Month and Synod's *Set Apart to Serve* church worker initiative include:

- Church worker appreciation [RESOURCES](#)
- *Set Apart to Serve* Sunday (10/23) [RESOURCES](#), including SAS sermon, children's message, bulletin insert, and prepared Bible study
- President Harrison's church worker appreciation [VIDEO](#)

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## Mission Support Center Construction Progress

Want to keep up with the construction progress of the Texas District Mission Support Center? Just bookmark [THIS SITE](#). The photo shown is updated every hour.

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## Join a New D2MC Community



D2MC walks alongside you and your team, working together to set a vision for the future of your church. We teach the biblical tools needed to become the Church sharing the Gospel in day-to-day lives. You'll be amazed at what you'll see!

A new D2MC group is starting in November in Fort Worth! Call Raechel at 630-795-9747, or [CLICK HERE](#) for more info.

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## Administrative and Financial Job Openings

[Texas Church Extension Fund](#) currently has two full-time job openings.

1. Administrative Clerk: [CLICK HERE](#) for details. Resumes may be sent to [Cheryl Springer](#).

## Christian Sympathy & Prayers

We lift the following families in prayer in their time of mourning, even as we hope boldly in the resurrection of Jesus and the power of his Gospel.

- The family of [Milton Weiser](#), father of **Rev. Delton Weiser**, who passed on October 10, 2022. Visitation is October 16, 4-6p at Crawford Bowers Funeral Home in Copperas Cove, TX. Celebration of Life service is October 17, 10:30a at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Copperas Cove.
  - The family of [Rev. Frederick W. Traugott](#), who passed on October 7, 2022. Before taking a call to MI in 1979, Rev. Traugott served at Faith, Stephenville; Tarleton State University as campus pastor, and planted Our Savior, Granbury.
  - The family of **Judy Joeckel, wife of Rev. David Joeckel**, who passed on October 13, 2022. Funeral will be held October 26 at Grace Lutheran Church in Arlington (time pending), and visitation will be October 25 at Wade Funeral Home in Arlington.
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## Prayers of Healing, Strength and Encouragement

*Dear healing Jesus, hear our prayers for...*

- Mrs. Betty Baden, wife of Rev. Tom Baden (Bethel, Ballinger)
  - Rev. Don Black (Visitation, Trinity-Downtown)
  - Mrs. Linda Braun, wife of Rev. Wayne Braun (Fishers of Men, Sugar Land)
  - Naomi Brunette, daughter of Rev. Mark & Michelle Brunette (Joy, Houston)
  - Rev. Mario Casillas (Trinity, Port Arthur)
  - Rev. Dan Chambers (Evangelists, Kingsbury)
  - Rev. Art Farrow (Trinity, Commerce)
  - Mr. David Goeke (Concordia, San Antonio)
  - Rev. Tom Hadley (Em., Campbell)
  - Mrs. Cynthia Hadley, wife of Rev. Tom Hadley (Campbell)
  - Mrs. Judy Joeckel, wife of the late Rev. Dr. David Joeckel (Arlington)
  - Rev. Chris Johnson (Em., Hewitt)
  - Mr. Tim Kerkman, son of DCE Randall & Sandra Kerkman (Em., Austin)
  - Mrs. Nancy Loomis, widow of Rev. Richard Loomis (Memorial, Katy)
  - Mrs. Evie Mann, wife of Rev. James Mann (Em., Cedar Park)
  - Rev. Gary Miller (Abiding Savior, Zapata)
  - Mr. Bruce Rudi (Concordia, San Antonio)
  - Rev. Dr. Stephen Rynearson (Peace, Hewitt)
  - Rev. Robert Schaibley (Em., Plano)
  - Rev. Jon Scicluna (Beautiful Savior, Arlington)
  - Mr. Danny Simms (Redeemer, Baytown)
  - Rev. Mark Tews (Trinity, Uvalde)
  - Mrs. Laurine Watson, wife of Chaplain Joe Watson (Buckley SFB, CO)
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## Texas Mission Prayers

*Father, send Your Holy Spirit to prepare the hearts of those yet to know Jesus, and bring His love and good news through these mission workers. Protect them and provide all that they need to live out Your plans and purposes.*

***This week we pray for these preschools, their faculty and staff, and the children and families they serve, bringing the Gospel into their lives.***

- Diane Dillow - Crown of Life Early Childhood Center
- Lisa Avila - King of Kings Lutheran Preschool

- Angel Hurst - Grace Lutheran Preschool
- Christine Armstrong - Resurrection Lutheran Preschool
- Lauren Johnson - Faith Lutheran Preschool
- Ginger Schneider - Trinity Lutheran Preschool
- Bev Childs - Living Word Preschool

For expanded weekly prayer lists click [Mission Prayer Partner!](#)

## Upcoming Installations

*Lord, thank you for providing shepherds for our flocks. Please work through these men in their new callings, to love and lead with the heart and Spirit of Christ.*

Rev. Sean McMaughan, Dallas Lutheran School, Dallas - 10/30/22, 4:00p @ Bethel, Dallas  
 Rev. S. Nathan Misch, St. Paul, Plainview - 11/6/22, 3:00p  
 Rev. Jesus Santos, Christ Redeemer, La Porte - 11/20/22, 3:00p  
 Rev. Craig Stephens, Redeemer, Fort Worth - 11/6/22, afternoon

## Ministry Calls

*Gracious God, we give You thanks and praise for our church workers, and their opportunities to serve. Give them Your Spirit's gifts of wisdom, discernment, and faith to trust you in their decision making.*

### Ordained

#### Undecided

Rev. Ken Burkhard, vacancy to St. Paul, Magnolia  
 Rev. Lonnie Gonzales, LINC Houston to Assoc., Trinity, Houston  
 Rev. Chris Holder, Bethel, Dallas to Sr., Bethel, Dallas  
 Rev. Joseph Llewellyn, St. Paul, Hubbard Lake, MI to Immanuel, Clifton  
 Rev. Ned Moerbe, Trinity, Blackwell, OK to Memorial, Houston  
 Rev. Bryan Roberts, Zion, Pevely, MO to St. Paul, Wichita Falls

## Upcoming Events

### October

October 24-25, 2022  
**TEXAS DISTRICT PASTORS CONFERENCE**  
*"Respond, Recover and Rebuild"*  
 Concordia Lutheran Church, San Antonio

[REGISTER](#)

### November

November 3-5, 2022  
**DISCIPLESHIP TO MISSIONAL COMMUNITY**  
**(D2MC)**  
 St. Paul, Fort Worth

November 7-8, 2022  
**EC DIRECTORS RETREAT**  
 Drury Plaza Hotel, San Antonio

# 2023

July 29-Aug. 3, 2023

[LCMS CONVENTION](#)

"We Preach Christ Crucified" - I Cor. 1:18-25

Milwaukee – Wisconsin Center

[Call for Nominations](#)

March 9-11, 2023

[EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATORS CONFERENCE](#)

Embassy Suites, San Marcos

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