



MINISTER TO MINISTER

The Texas District of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

December 16, 2022

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District Announcements

A Christmas Message from President Newman



“Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation.”

Mark 16:15

Your financial support is crucial in helping cover the unmet mission needs in the district each year. [Here is a list of the faith communities](#) started in the past 18 years thanks to your mission focus and self-sacrificial generosity. This could not happen without mission partners like you.

Not a mission partner? Learn more about [Texas Partners in Mission](#) and join us today. Already a partner? Please share this with others so more Texans can hear the Good News of Jesus.

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POSTPONED // Area B Mission Collective Gathering

The Area B Mission Collective Gathering announced last week is postponed. Please watch future messages in *Minister to Minister* for rescheduling information. [Contact Rev. Ben Gonzales](#) with questions.

IIM Discernment Online Workshop

"What is Intentional Interim Ministry, really?"
"Is this a ministry for me?"
"How do I get started?"

These questions and more will be addressed in a livestreamed online workshop, held January 24, 2023, 1-3pm. See if Intentional Interim Ministry is a good fit for you.

[CLICK HERE](#) for information and registration.



Constructive International Mission

Seeking: Construction Manager to oversee housing unit renewal in Panama

Summary: Make 6 to 8 one-week trips to Panama in 2023 to oversee volunteers working on missionary housing unit. Spanish-speaking capability is beneficial but not required.

Contact: Rev. Dale Snyder, Our Redeemer, Wichita Falls (pastorsnyder@sbcglobal.net)

Our Redeemer, Wichita Falls, has been working with other LCMS churches to support the Lutheran Church in Panama (IELPA). One of the current priorities is to remodel the housing unit for a future LCMS missionary (or Alliance Missionary) who would do work at El Redentor, Balboa. LCMS Intl. Mission is planning to send teams of volunteers to Panama to do the work. Project continuity and proper guidance for the volunteers would be invaluable.

LCRL Freedom Tour

The Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty is hosting an opportunity to tour sites in Washington, D.C., hear from nationally renowned speakers, and spend time with LCRL Executive Director and Lutheran Hour Speaker Emeritus, Rev. Dr. Gregory Seltz. Event dates: September 17-20, 2023. Registration deadline: January 30, 2023. For more information and registration, [CLICK HERE](#).

Texas CEF Job Opening

[Texas Church Extension Fund](#) currently has a full-time job opening for Financial Clerk: [CLICK HERE](#) for details. Resumes may be sent to [Ruby Cruz](#).

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.

District Prayers

For Gospel Ministers & Ministries

Father, send Your Holy Spirit to prepare the hearts of those yet to know Jesus, and bring His love and good news through these ministries & mission workers.

- Our Redeemer - Rev. Harry Smith | Irving
- Holy Cross - DCE Angie Nitz | Dallas
- World Deaf Lutheran Outreach - Rev. Dr. John Reinke | Austin & Houston
- Evangelist Luis Botello
- Evangelist Catalina Camarillo
- Dallas Lutheran School - Stephen Eggold | Dallas
- Our Redeemer Lutheran School - Corey Moss | Dallas

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

For Christian Sympathy & Consolation

Lord, grant Your peace and comfort to the surviving family and friends of Your departed saints, as together we follow Christ into His resurrection.

Rev. Robert Schaibley peacefully passed away on Tuesday, December 13. Services will be on Wednesday, December 28 at [Faith, Plano](#).

- Visitation - 9:00am
- Service - 10:30am
- Committal & light lunch immediately following service
- Burial at [Plano Mutual Cemetery](#).

Overnight guests may stay at [Hampton Inn](#), only 5 minutes from the church. *Circuit pastors are invited to process with red stoles. NO flowers, please. Memorials may be dedicated to Concordia Theological Seminary (6600 N Clinton St., Fort Wayne, IN 46825) or Faith Lutheran School (1701 E Park Blvd, Plano, TX 75075) or Luther Classical College (2300 Hickory St, Casper, WY 82604).*

Rev. Stephen Rynearson (Em., Peace, Hewitt) entered glory Thursday, December 15.

- Visitation: Tue, Dec 20 - 6:00-8:00 PM at [Grace Gardens](#), Waco, TX
- Funeral Service: Wed, Dec 21 - 10:00 AM at [Peace Lutheran Church](#), Hewitt followed by the committal at Oakwood Cemetery, Waco and a meal back at Peace.

Pastors are welcome to vest (red).

For Healing, Strength, and Encouragement

Dear healing Jesus, hear our prayers for...

- **Rev. Keith Aschenbeck** (Grace, Victoria) - successful surgery and good report
- **Mrs. Betty Baden**, wife of **Rev. Tom Baden** (Bethel, Ballinger)
- **Rev. Don Black** (Trinity-Downtown)

- Mrs. Linda Braun, wife of Rev. Wayne Braun (Fishers of Men, Sugar Land) - successful surgery recovery
- 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 (Em., Campbell)
- Rev. Kevin Jennings (Mt. Olive, Corpus Christi)
- 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 (Em., Concordia, San Antonio)
- Mrs. Margaret Schultz, wife of Rev. David Schultz (St. John, Cypress) - unable to stand or walk alone
- Rev. Jon Scicluna (Beautiful Savior, Arlington)
- Mr. Danny Simms (Redeemer, Baytown)
- Mrs. Laurine Watson, wife of Chaplain Joe Watson (Buckley AFB, CO)

Call Central

New 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.

Commissioned

Undecided

Chris Fritsche, Asst. Principal, Trinity, San Angelo to Principal, Christ Lutheran, Peoria, IL

Chris Fritsche, Asst. Principal, Trinity, San Angelo to Asst. Principal, Immanuel, Macomb, MI

Ordained

Undecided

Rev. David Edge, Candidate to Sole, Grace, Denison

Rev. Nathan Abel, Sole, St. John's, Wilcox, NE to Assoc., St. Paul, Fort Worth

Rev. Daniel Fickenscher, Sole, Cristo El Salvador, Del Rio to Sole, St. John's, Withee, WI & St. Paul's, Thorp, WI

Upcoming Installations

Lord, thank you for providing undershepherds for your flock. Please work through these men in their new callings, to love and lead with the heart and Spirit of Christ.

Rev. Zach McIntosh
Rev. Charles Ridley, Sr.
Rev. Stace Rollefson
Rev. Steve Wiechman

Zion, Walburg - 1/22/2023, 4:00p
Fishers of Men, Sugar Land - 2/19/2023, 8:30a
Christ, Fort Worth - 1/8/2023, 2:00p
Trinity, Rosenberg - 1/8/2023, 3:00p

Ordination Anniversaries

December

50 years

Rev. Dr. Charles Rogers (December 12, 1972) - St. John, Athens

45 years

Rev. Allen Bauer (December 17, 1977) - Fishers of Men, Sugar Land

20 years

Rev. Sean Reeves (December 15, 2002) - St. Luke, Olney

Upcoming Events

2023

January 24, 1-3pm

IIM ONLINE WORKSHOP

Intentional Interim Ministry discernment workshop

INFORMATION & REGISTRATION

February 6-8

TEXAS DISTRICT DCEs SPIRITUAL RENEWAL RETREAT

The Pines Campus of Camp Lone Star

22610 Tuwa Rd, Tomball, TX 77375

For more information, visit <https://www.facebook.com/TexasDistrictLcmsYouthMinistry>

Or email Christiane Hobbs: chobbs@txlcms.org

March 9-11

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATORS CONFERENCE

Embassy Suites, San Marcos

July 17-19

TEXAS DISTRICT ADMINISTRATORS CONFERENCE

Drury Plaza Hotel, San Antonio

July 29-August 3

LCMS CONVENTION

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

Milwaukee – Wisconsin Center

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