



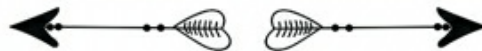
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The Texas District of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod
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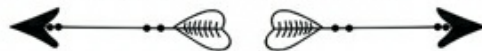
District Announcements

Lutherans for Life National Essay Contest

Just As ... I Am



FOR WE ARE GOD'S
workmanship,
CREATED IN CHRIST JESUS
to do good works,
WHICH GOD PREPARED IN
advance for us to do



Eph 2:10

It is again time for our Lutherans For Life National Essay Contest sponsored by the LFL Federation Presidents. Students in grades 6-12 have the opportunity to speak, write, and strengthen their convictions about the sanctity of life. Deadline for submissions is **April 1, 2023**. For more information about the Essay Contest, please [CLICK HERE](#) or [email Barb Geistfeld](#), Lutherans for Life Assistant Director of Volunteer Relations.

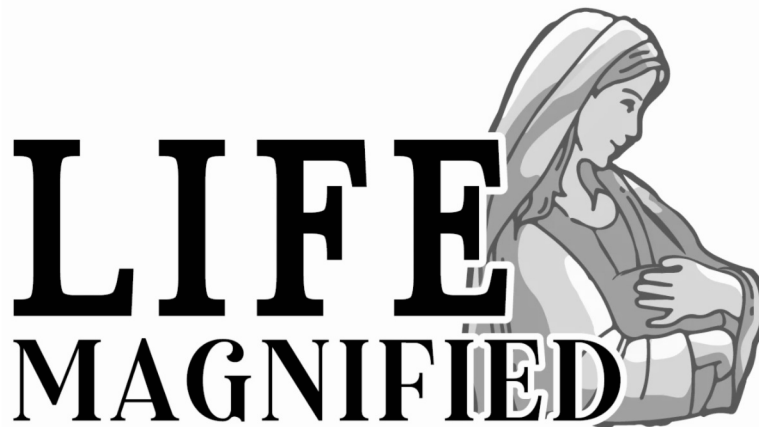
Central Texas Men's Retreat

Redeemer Lutheran Church and St. Paul Lutheran from Austin are hosting a **Men's Retreat** at Camp Lone Star in La Grange, March 3-5.

All men from the Central Texas Area are invited to a time of rest, fellowship, study of God's word, and worship together. The special guest speaker is Pastor Will Weedon from St. Paul Lutheran Church in Hamel, IL who will lead in reflections upon I & II Thessalonians. The event includes a chili cookoff Friday night, Worship and Breakfast on Saturday morning, and a steak dinner Saturday night. A brief church service will be held before dismissal on Sunday morning. Please join us!

INFORMATION & REGISTRATION

Life Magnified 2023



Prior to the [Texas Rally for Life](#) on January 28 in Austin, St. Paul is hosting "[Life Magnified](#)", a time to "pray, study, and march for our neighbors, so that life would be extolled and magnified." Everyone is welcome. Please visit the links above for agenda, contact, and more information on each of these events.

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](#).

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.

- Tangible Grace Church, Allen - Rev. Will Kemp
- Veritas Community Church, Sachse/Wylie - Rev. Mark Hotopp
- Bethel Lutheran Church, Dallas - Rev. Chris Holder
- Ethiopian Church Plant, Dallas - Vicar Zelalem Futassa
- Evangelist Melody Dunaway - Word of Life Fellowship, Schertz
- Evangelist Sonia Vela Durkin - Comunidad Cristiana Expansion, Dallas
- Our Savior Lutheran School, Houston - Kate Thaelke
- St. Mark Lutheran School, Houston - Heidi Jerry

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

For Healing, Strength, and Encouragement

Dear healing Jesus, hear our prayers for...

- Mrs. Betty Baden, wife of Rev. Tom Baden (Bethel, Ballinger)
- Rev. Don Black (Trinity-Downtown, Houston)
- Rev. Mark Brunette (Joy, Houston)
- Naomi Brunette, daughter of Rev. Mark & Michelle Brunette (Joy, Houston)
- Rev. Mario Casillas (Trinity, Port Arthur)
- Rev. Dan Chambers (Evangelists, Kingsbury)
- Rev. Walter Dube (Living Word, The Woodlands)
- Rev. Art Farrow (Trinity, Commerce)
- Mrs. Marleny Franco, mother of Rev. Mauricio Franco (St. Paul, Harlingen) - hospitalized in critical condition in Colombia
- Mr. David Goeke (Concordia, San Antonio)
- Rev. Tom Hadley (Em., Campbell)
- Mrs. Cynthia Hadley, wife of Rev. Tom Hadley (Em., Campbell)
- Rev. Chris Johnson (Em., Hewitt)
- Mr. Tim Kerkman, son of DCE Randall & Sandra Kerkman (Em., Austin)
- Mrs. Mary Kent, mother-in-law of Rev. Byron Williams (St. Paul, Dallas) - entered hospice care
- Mrs. Nancy Loomis, widow of Rev. Richard Loomis (Memorial, Katy)
- Mrs. Evie Mann, wife of Rev. James Mann (Em., Cedar Park)
- Mrs. Betty Michalk, wife of Rev. Wilbern Michalk (Em., Georgetown) - undergoing treatment and tests for heart issues
- Rev. Gary Miller (Abiding Savior, Zapata)
- Rev. Ken Mitschke (Word of Life Fellowship, Cibolo) - praise for successful hip surgery
- Mr. Bruce Rudi (Em., Concordia, San Antonio)
- Mrs. Margaret Schultz, wife of Rev. David Schultz (St. John, Cypress)
- Rev. Jon Scicluna (Beautiful Savior, Arlington)
- Mr. Danny Simms (Redeemer, Baytown)
- Mrs. Laurine Watson, wife of Chaplain Joe Watson (Buckley AFB, CO)
- Mrs. Joyce Williams, wife of Rev. Byron Williams (St. Paul, Dallas) - in need of comfort

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

Accepted

Kathryn Schneider, DCE, Resurrection, Spring to DCE, Zion, Manning, Iowa

Declined

Jon Fraker, Principal, Epiphany, Houston to Principal, The King's Academy (Christ the King), Lake Ozark, MO

Ordained

Accepted

Rev. Eric Stinnette, Candidate to Sole, St. Paul, Wichita Falls

Declined

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

Undecided

Rev. David Dahlke, Sole, Lakeside, Venice, FL to Sole, Holy Cross, Arlington

Rev. Matthew Peeples, Candidate to Director of Kairos Network, LINC Ministries Intl.

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. David Edge
Rev. Zach McIntosh
Rev. Mark Pulliam
Rev. Charles Ridley, Sr.

Grace, Denison - 2/19/2023

Zion, Walburg - 1/22/2023, 4:00p

Lazarus, Spring - 1/22/2023, 4:00p

Fishers of Men, Sugar Land - 2/19/2023, 8:30a

Ordination Anniversaries

January

55 years

Rev. Norman Stoppenhagen (January 1, 1968) - Good Shepherd, Cedar Park

35 years

Rev. Ken Krippner (January 1, 1988) - Concordia, Garland

30 years

Rev. Dana Wilhelmsen (January 10, 1993) - Immanuel, Temple

Rev. Philip Wottrich (January 24, 1993) - Our Savior, Whitney

15 years

Rev. Larry Wong (January 27, 2008) - NewChurch, Katy

10 years

Rev. Ben Scheck (January 6, 2013) - The Grove, Argyle

Rev. Doug Widger (January 13, 2013) - Grace, Arlington

Rev. Kyle Kirk (January 20, 2013) - Epiphany, Pearland

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

March 9-11
EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATORS CONFERENCE
Embassy Suites, San Marcos
Registration Deadline: February 13

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REGISTER

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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