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The Texas District of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

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District Announcements

ATTENTION All Congregations: ACTION NEEDED

Synodical requirements for congregations can get confusing, especially for those who do not have a full-time pastor. To help simplify your congregation's role and ensure your voice is heard, please note the upcoming important deadlines:

- **February 28:** Synodical President and Vice-President nominations from congregations are due ([more info](#))
- **March 11:** Overtures and reports for consideration are due ([more info](#))
- **March 19:** Registration deadline for congregation to vote for Synodical President ([more info](#))
- **March 31:** Congregational statistics for 2022 are due ([more info](#))

[More Important Convention Dates](#)

Texas District Theological Convocation 2023

Theme: "The Unique Treasure of the Gospel"

May 8-10 at St. Paul, Waco (1301 Hogan Ln, Waco, TX 76705).

Registration is now open for the 2023 Texas District Theological Convocation! [CLICK HERE](#) to register your spot and get the early bird discount. Entrance is \$95 until March 12, at which time the cost will increase to \$105.

"In the Texas District, we have been blessed with many 'Theological Immigrants' into the LCMS. They are now our fellow pastors, deaconesses, and teachers of the church who have discovered the comfort and joy of our theology. Their joy is an inspiration to those who have been in this tradition for a long time and may struggle at times to fully appreciate the treasure we have been given.

Join us for three incredible days of learning and growth as we dig deep into the Scriptures and Confessions connected to real on-the-ground stories of that treasure that has been discovered by people in our very own district!"

Missional Youth Retreat (MYR)



The Missional Youth Retreat (MYR) is back at Concordia University Texas!

During MYR students will engage in meaningful experiences and meet fellow high school students, all on our beautiful nature preserve campus. It's going to be an unforgettable week!

This experience is excellent for young people with demonstrated leadership potential who have a calling for ministry and are passionate about sharing the Gospel in their daily work and vocation.

INFORMATION & REGISTRATION

Lutherans for Life National Essay Contest

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!

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.

- Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Houston - Rev. Willie Lucas
- Grace Divine Christian Church, Hurst - Vicar Sammy Roberts
- Sudanese Evangelical Lutheran Church, Hurst - Rev. Wichiang Wetnyangran
- St. Paul Lutheran Church, Fort Worth - Vicar Isaac Lujang
- City Lights Mission Network, DFW - Eric Willis
- Evangelist Mark Thomas - The Edge Church, Azle
- Evangelist Gabriel Tule - Oromo Evangelical Church, Dallas

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For Healing, Strength, and Encouragement

Dear healing Jesus, hear our prayers for...

- Rev. Joe Ardy (Immanuel, Clifton - IIM)
- Mrs. Betty Baden, wife of Rev. Tom Baden (Bethel, Ballinger)
- Rev. Don Black (Trinity-Downtown, 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)
- Mr. Gene Fritsche, father-in-law of Rev. Larry Knobloch (Immanuel, Giddings)
- Rev. Fred Gersch (Em., Dallas)
- Mr. David Goeke (Concordia, San Antonio)
- 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)
- Mrs. Arlene Kretzmann, widow of Rev. Otto H. Kretzmann (Kerrville) - hospitalized in San Antonio
- 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)
- Rev. Gary Miller (Abiding Savior, Zapata)
- Mrs. Eunice Otte, mother of Rev. Jim Otte (St. Paul, Fort Worth)
- Rev. Rick Pfaff (Em., Boerne)
- Mr. Bruce Rudi (Em., Concordia, San Antonio)
- 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

AJ Vega, DCE, ACTS Church Leander, Leander to DCE, St. John's, Denver, CO

Ordained

Accepted

Rev. Phillip Allman, Sole, First, Orange Grove to Sole, St. John, Pecatonica, IL

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

Undecided

Rev. Craig Schinnerer, Candidate to ITP, Trinity, Amarillo

Rev. Ralph Hobratschk, Emeritus to ITP, Trinity, Klein

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. Ted Benson

Senior, Resurrection, Spring - 3/5/2023, 8:15 a.m.

Upcoming Ordination & Installation

SMP Pastor-elect Joel
Hall

Faith, Mexia - 3/5/2023, 4:00 p.m.

Upcoming Events

2023

February 21, 1-3pm
IIM ONLINE WORKSHOP
Intentional Interim Ministry discernment workshop

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March 3-5
CENTRAL TEXAS MEN'S RETREAT
Camp Lone Star, La Grange
*Hosted by Redeemer, Austin & St. Paul,
Austin*

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

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St. Paul Lutheran Church
1301 Hogan Ln, Waco, TX 76705

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June 4-8
MISSIONAL YOUTH RETREAT
Concordia University Texas, Austin

June 7
**MRR LEADERS DAY (MARKETING
RECRUITMENT & RETENTION)**
Salem Lutheran School, Tomball

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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