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The Texas District of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

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District Announcements

EARLY BIRD PRICING ENDS SUNDAY!

Texas District 2023 Theological Convocation: "The Unique Treasure of the Gospel"
May 8-10 at St. Paul, Waco (1301 Hogan Ln, Waco, TX 76705).

Early bird registration for the 2023 Texas District Theological Convocation is coming to a close! [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. Spanish translation of speakers will be available.

"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!"

UPCOMING SYNODICAL CONVENTION DEADLINES

ATTENTION ALL CONGREGATIONS:

Please note the upcoming important deadlines and associated links with further details:

- **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](#)

Holy Cross, Warda Celebrates 150 Years



Date: Sunday, April 23, 2023

Location: Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Warda, TX

God has shown faithfulness and steadfast love to the saints at Holy Cross Lutheran Church for 150 years. You are invited to join their celebration, giving thanks for the past, rejoicing in the present, and eagerly anticipating the future work of Christ in Warda and around the world. The day's events will include worship, refreshments, meal, and guest preacher Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler, *Lutheran Hour* speaker. [CLICK HERE](#) for more details, including schedule and RSVP information.

Lone Star LLL / LHM Spring Gathering

Date: March 18

Location: Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Carrollton, TX

Join us for a day of Bible Study, fellowship, information and updates on TX District activities. Speakers include **Rev. Dr. Michael Ziegler**, speaker of the Lutheran Hour, and **District President Michael Newman**, who will give a status on TX District Activities. There will be a lunch served by the church and a short business meeting. A representative from the LWML will also be present to give updates on their 2023 events.

Rooms are available at a reduced price at the Double Tree Hotel at 4099 Valley View Lane in Dallas. To register, [email Barry Samsel](#) or call 512-426-0678 for more information. Doors open at 7:30am for early registration. Donations are through a free-will offering at the church.

Missional Youth Retreat (MYR)

The Missional Youth Retreat (MYR) is back at Concordia University Texas! June 4-8, 2023 students will engage in meaningful experiences and meet fellow high school students

with demonstrated leadership potential, a calling for ministry, and a passion for sharing the Gospel, during an unforgettable week!

INFORMATION & REGISTRATION

Lutherans for Life National Essay Contest

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

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.

- Grace Lutheran Church, Ennis - Aldo Martinez
- St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Houston - Rev. Arturo Mendez
- Gloria Dei Lutheran Church, Houston - Deac. Rogelio Hernandez
- El Buen Pastor Lutheran Church, Mission - Rev. Eloy Gonzalez
- Evangelist Vr. Oscar Gamez - Comunidad Cristian Alcance, Forney
- Evangelist Lisa Gerlich - Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church, San Antonio
- Faith Lutheran School, Plano - Rev. Steve Kieser
- Westlake Preparatory Academy, Richmond - Tim Wainright

For more details on the list above, click here: [Mission Prayer Partner!](#)

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. Walter Dube (Living Word, The Woodlands)
- Mrs. Marleny Franco, mother of Rev. Mauricio Franco (St. Paul, Harlingen)
- 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. 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

Dcss. Elizabeth Koester, Dcss., Holy Shepherd, Haslet to Kindergarten teacher, St. Paul, Hamel, IL

Ordained

Undecided

Rev. Chris Hull, Sole, Zion, Tomball to Sr., Heavenly Host, Cookeville, TN
 Rev. Kelly Krieg, Asst., Our Savior, Houston to Sole, Bethlehem, William Penn
 Rev. Tab Ottmers, Sole, Immanuel, Fairview to Sr., St. James, Lafayette, IN
 Rev. Aaron Richert, Campus Pastor, Lutheran South Academy, Houston to Sole, Grace, Albuquerque, NM
 CH (USN) Ryan Rupe, LCMS Bd. of Mission Services to Assoc., Our Savior, Fenton, MO

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.

SMP William Ross Davis

4/23/23 - St. Paul, Austin

Ordination Anniversaries

March

30 years

Rev. Barry Sharp (Mar 28, 1993) - First Lutheran, Rosebud

5 years

Rev. Troy Miklos (Mar 18, 2018) - St. Paul, Fort Worth

Upcoming Events

2023

May 8-10

TEXAS DISTRICT THEOLOGICAL CONVOCATION 2023

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

[INFORMATION & REGISTRATION](#)

June 4-8

MISSIONAL YOUTH RETREAT

Concordia University Texas, Austin

[REGISTER](#)

June 7

MRR LEADERS DAY (MARKETING RECRUITMENT & RETENTION)

Salem Lutheran School, Tomball

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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