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The Texas District of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

March 3, 2023

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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:

- **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](#)

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.

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).

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!"

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.

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**. The event includes Scripture reflection, a chili cookoff, breakfast, a steak dinner, and worship. Please join us!

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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.

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.

- Water of Life Lutheran Church, Forney - Vr. Oscar & Mrs. Maria Gamez
- Hope Lutheran Church, Lubbock - Rev. Lincon & Dcss. Noemi Guerra
- Evangelist Craig Flower - Hosanna Lutheran Church, Kerrville
- Evangelist Earl Foster - Trinity Lutheran Church, Bridgeport
- St. Paul Lutheran School, McAllen - Nichole Perez
- Cross Lutheran School, New Braunfels - Dr. Corey Brandenburger

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

For Peace and Assurance

Father, we thank you for the lives of service of Mrs. Arlene Kretzmann, who passed away February 23, Rev. Dan Chambers, who passed away February 24, and Mr. Jerry Snyder, who passed away February 26. To his friends and family, grant peace and assurance in the victory of Your Son's resurrection.

Arrangements

- Mrs. Arlene Kretzmann, widow of Rev. Otto H. Kretzmann (Kerrville) - funeral service will be held Monday, March 6, 10:00 a.m. at Hosanna Lutheran Church (134 Camp Meeting Rd, Kerrville, TX 78028). Her following burial will be at Garden of Memories Cemetery, Kerrville.
- Mr. Jerry Snyder (Peace, Hurst), father of Rev. Dale Snyder - funeral service will be held Monday, March 6, 1:00 p.m. at Peace Lutheran Church (941 W Bedford Eules Rd, Hurst, TX 76053)

For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. -Romans 8:38-39

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)
- 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. 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

Accepted

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

Ordained

Accepted

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

Declined

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

Undecided

Rev. Chris Hull, Sole, Zion, Tomball to Sr., Heavenly Host, Cookeville, TN

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
Rev. Ralph Hobratschk

Senior, Resurrection, Spring - 3/5/2023, 8:15 a.m.
Trinity, Klein - 3/5/2023, during morning worship

Upcoming Ordination & Installation

SMP Pastor-elect Joel
Hall

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

Ordination Anniversaries

March

30 years

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

5 years

Upcoming Events

2023

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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May 8-10

TEXAS DISTRICT THEOLOGICAL CONVOCATION 2023

"The Unique Treasure of the Gospel"

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

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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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