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The Texas District of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

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District Announcements

UPCOMING SYNODICAL DEADLINES

ATTENTION ALL CONGREGATIONS:

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

- **END OF MAY:** Extended deadline to submit congregational statistics to the LCMS Office of Rosters & Statistics

[Important Convention Dates](#)

Trinity, Riesel's 140th Anniversary Celebration



Trinity Lutheran Church
264 County Road 143 ~ Riesel, Texas

140 Years of God's Grace



You are invited to join Trinity, Riesel (264 CR 143, Riesel, TX 76682) for their 140th anniversary on June 4 at 4:00 p.m., followed by a dinner at 5:00 p.m. Readings in German. Sermon by District President Mike Newman. RSVP to TLC140y@gmail.com or (254) 315-0779.

Calling Your College Students

Does your congregation have college students away from home? Who is serving them? We'd love to help them get connected! Please send us your college students' names and contact information, and we will connect them with one of our college ministries around the state.

Among those many college ministries established throughout the District, a new one is about to be added to the list at Sul Ross State University in Alpine, TX. This group that starts August 27, 2023 will focus on food, fellowship, and Bible study. We give thanks to God for all those ministering to this often underserved population of college-age Christians.

Epiphany, Bastrop Chartering Service

Epiphany Lutheran Church in Bastrop is excited to announce our chartering Sunday on May 7 at 2:00 p.m., preceded by a catered meal at 12:30p, and you're invited! The event will be held at Bastrop State Park Refectory (100 Park Road 1, Bastrop). Please RSVP to secretary@epiphanybastrop.org.

For Church Musicians: Bach Workshop

Come to Zion Lutheran in Dallas, Texas on June 3-4 for a weekend of Bach focused on BWV 137 Lobe den Herrn. Participants will have an opportunity to work with Allen Hightower, Director of Choral Studies at the University of North Texas, learn from Mark Peters, Professor of Music at Trinity Christian College, and enjoy the playing of James Kibbie, Professor of Organ at the University of Michigan. Participants will enjoy an organ recital, helping to lead evening prayer, and participating in a Festival Eucharist for the Festival of the Holy Trinity. Church musicians are encouraged to invite choir members to join this event for a reduced registration rate.

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information.

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2023 Texas District Theological Convocation

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

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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!

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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.

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 Korean Lutheran Church, Carrollton - Vr. Jae Park
- Manantiales de Agua Vida (St. Timothy), Houston - Rev. Rodrigo Fernandez

- Eagle Ford Outreach, Kenedy - Di'Anna Bocanegra
- Evangelist Scott Nurmela - The Edge Church of Azle, Azle
- Evangelist Carlos Juarez-Moreno - Comunidad Cristiana Expansion, Rockwall
- Mt. Olive Preschool, Austin - Brandy Segó
- Redeemer Children's Center, Baytown - Misty Baird

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

For Peace & Assurance

Father, we thank you for the life of service of Rev. Carroll Kohl (Em., Big Spring), who passed away Wednesday, May 3. To his family and friends, grant peace and assurance in the victory of Your Son's resurrection.

Visitation, Saturday, May 13 - 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Myer's & Smith Funeral Home, 301 E 24th St, Big Spring, TX 79720

Service, Sunday, May 14 - 12:30 p.m.
Alive in Christ Lutheran Church, 2805 Lynn Drive, Big Spring, TX 79720

Interment, Sunday, May 14 - 6:00 p.m.
Electra Memorial Park, Texas State Highway 25, Electra, TX

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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...

- 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)
- Rev. Wayne Graumann (Salem, Tomball)
- 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)
- Mrs. Judy Roever, wife of Rev. Bobby Roever (Alive in Christ, Big Spring) - *surgery recovery*
- Mr. Bruce Rudi (Em., Concordia, San Antonio)
- Ms. Paige Urban, sister-in-law of Rev. Ted Doering (Narrative, Round Rock) - *in ICU*
- Mrs. Laurine Watson, wife of Chaplain Joe Watson (Buckley AFB, CO)

Call Central

Seminary Placements

Concordia Seminary, St. Louis

Jeremiah Bauer, SMP, Prince of Peace, Carrollton
James Burke, Sole, Immanuel, Clifton (Pastor elect)
George Holleway, SMP, CrossRoad, Katy
Rebecca Jungklaus, Dcss., Lifebridge, Sealy
Kenneth Knippa, SMP, Concordia, Garland
Isaac Lujang, Assist., St. Paul, Fort Worth
Ryan Pennington, SMP, Fortress, Harker Heights
Jonathan Zoch, Vicar (deferred), St. Mark, Houston

Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne

Claire Gerrard, Dcss. Intern, Holy Shepherd, Haslet
Preus Hasselbrook, Vicar, Memorial, Houston
David Woelmer, Sole, Grace, Smithville (Pastor elect)

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.

Ordained

Accepted

Rev. Ralph "Toby" Joeckel, ITP, Mt. Olive, Yakima, WA to ITP, Cross, New Braunfels

Undecided

Rev. John Heckmann, Sole, St. Paul, Gatesville to Sole, Christ & St. Paul's, Falls City, NE

Rev. Luke Madsen, Assoc., Immanuel, Temple to Sole, Holy Cross, Arlington

Rev. Jason Moreno, Candidate to Sole, Redeemer, Baytown

Rev. Craig Schinnerer, Vacancy, St. Paul, Plano to ITP, St. Paul, Plano

Rev. Mark Taylor, Assoc., Faith, Plano to Sole, Heavenly Host, Cookeville, TN

Rev. Jon Thomas, Sr., St. John, Mansfield to Sr., St. Michael, Ft. Myers, FL

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. Eric Stinnette

6/11/23, 5:00 p.m. - St. Paul, Wichita Falls

Ordination Anniversaries

May

40 years

Rev. Rick Pfaff (May 28, 1983) - Emeritus, Boerne

35 years

Rev. Lynn Stroud (May 1, 1988) - Emeritus, Bryan

15 years

Rev. Evelio Cruz (May 18, 2008) - Candidate, Leander

Upcoming District Events

2023

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 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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