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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](#)

Updates to CHP Website

Pastors and professional church workers enrolled in Concordia Health Plans, please note that CHP has a new website as of May 10th, and your password has been reset. If you have not logged onto the CHP website since May 10th, please take a few minutes to visit the site and set a password for your account.

Celebrating 35 Years of Pastoral Ministry



In celebration of Pastor Ken Mitschke's faithful leadership and 35 years of pastoral ministry, Word of Life Fellowship, Cibolo is hosting a weekend of celebration events. Parking Lot Praise, an outdoor concert featuring the music of New Wine, will be held on Saturday, June 3 beginning at 6:45 p.m. On Sunday, June 4, the congregation will hold two celebration worship services at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. with guest proclaimer Rev. Bill Woolsey, founder and president of Five Two Ministries and seminary classmate of Pastor Mitschke. A special reception will be held between the services at 9:45 a.m. All events take place at Word of Life Fellowship, 213 Coy Lane, Cibolo, TX 78108.

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.

Trinity, Riesel's 140th Anniversary Celebration

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.

Lutherans for Life Essay Contest Winners

[CLICK HERE](#) to see the annual state winners of the Lutherans for Life National Essay Contest. The two first place winners will advance to the national contest, which will be judged this coming week.

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.

[CLICK HERE](#) for flyer.

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.

- Narrative, Round Rock - Rev. Ted Doering
- University Lutheran, College Station - Rev. John Karle
- University Lutheran, Austin - Rev. Richard & Mrs. Marcia Mittwede
- Immanuel, Hereford - Rev. Joe Andrajack
- Evangelist Abby Lipperman - Crown of Life, Colleyville
- Evangelist Joey Lizotte - Family of Faith, Houston
- St. Paul Early Childhood Center, Bishop - Shandi Flores
- Messiah's Kids Mother's Day Out, Boerne - Gina Huskey

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)
- 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 Roeber, wife of Rev. Bobby Roeber (Alive in Christ, Big Spring)
- Mr. Bruce Rudi (Em., Concordia, San Antonio)
- Mrs. Ingeborg Schey, wife of Rev. Bernard Schey (Trinity, Temple)
- Ms. Paige Urban, sister-in-law of Rev. Ted Doering (Narrative, Round Rock)
- 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

Matthew Kortze, Asst. Dir. of Worship & Music Ministries, Gloria Dei, Houston to Dir. of Contemporary Worship & Special Services, St. John's, Vancouver, WA

Ordained

Declined

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

Undecided

Rev. James Ebersole, Sole, St. Paul, Kingsville to Assoc., Hope, Lubbock

Rev. James Fickenscher, Assoc., St. Paul, McAllen to Sole, Hope, Maryville, MO

Rev. Luke Madsen, Candidate to Sole, Holy Cross, Arlington

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.

James Burke

Ordination: 6/24/23, 1:00 p.m. @ Trinity, Weatherford

KC Knippa

Installation: 7/8/23, 1:00 p.m. @ Immanuel, Clifton

Ryan Pennington

Ordination & Installation: 6/24/23, 3:30 p.m. @
Concordia, Garland

Rev. Eric Stinnette

Ordination & Installation: 6/17/23, 3:00 p.m. @ Fortress,
Harker Heights

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

June 7

MRR LEADERS DAY (MARKETING RECRUITMENT & RETENTION)

Salem Lutheran School, Tomball

July 7

TEXAS DISTRICT MISSION SUPPORT CENTER DEDICATION

1221 Satellite View, Round Rock, 78665

INFORMATION & RSVP

July 17-19

**TEXAS DISTRICT ADMINISTRATORS
CONFERENCE**

Drury Plaza Hotel, San Antonio

July 29-August 3

LCMS CONVENTION

"We Preach Christ Crucified" | Cor. 1:18-25
Milwaukee – Wisconsin Center

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