



# MINISTER TO MINISTER

The Texas District of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod  
October 20, 2023  
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2023 Pastors Conference // October 23-24

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## District Announcements

### New Mission Stories Video



Several Hispanic pastors, blessed with mission support from the Texas District, decided to pay the blessings forward. Treasured partnership in the Gospel and dynamic outreach to community members are starting new outreach momentum in Hereford.

## Kidney Needed

Rev. Rick Pfaff is in need of a kidney donor! If you are blood type O+, 17-70 years old and in good overall health with no cancer or diabetes, you may be eligible. Contact Pastor Pfaff at [txpfaff@gmail.com](mailto:txpfaff@gmail.com) or visit [www.livingdonor-MethodistSA.com](http://www.livingdonor-MethodistSA.com) to complete the questionnaire.

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## Greece & the Steps of St. Paul

Join Rev. Scott Murray and Mrs. Maryann Murray as they lead a tour through Greece and the Greek Isles June 11-22, 2024.

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## CTSFW 85th Anniversary Special Focus

The Seminary Guild of Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne (CTSFW), will be celebrating its 85th anniversary in February 2024. To mark the occasion, the Guild is inviting congregations, schools, groups, and individuals throughout the Synod to participate in the Legacy Project, which puts a *Pastoral Care Companion (PCC)* in the hands of every field worker at CTSFW.

The Guild is aiming to raise \$8500 for its 85th anniversary. If you'd like to help equip future church workers with a trusted and treasured resource, you may donate online at [ctsfw.edu/LegacyProject](http://ctsfw.edu/LegacyProject) or you can send a check to:

Concordia Theological Seminary Guild  
Box 8, 6600 N. Clinton Street  
Fort Wayne, IN 46825

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## Catalyst Innovation Lab

Got an innovative idea? Need money? The Texas District is announcing a new pilot project: the Catalyst Innovation Lab. Its objectives are to encourage and support ministries using innovative methods to catalyze mission movements and to inform future mission efforts for other district ministries. Grants may be requested for up to \$25,000.

**APPLICATIONS ARE DUE NOVEMBER 15, 2023.**

Please click below for more information about how and where to apply, what makes the best projects, etc.

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# 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.*

- Community of Hope, Houston - Rev. Jonathan Goeke
- CrossRoad, Katy - Rev. Michael Weider
- Beautiful Savior Our Redeemer, Houston - Rev. Russ Strimple
- Water's Edge, Frisco - Rev. Andy Whaley
- The Edge Church of Azle, Azle - Evangelist Mike Roberts
- Crown of Life, Colleyville - Evangelist David Rudko
- Day One Christian Academy, Houston - Sarah Benson
- Immanuel Early Childhood, Houston - Cathy Swanstrom

*For specific requests by the list above, click here: [Mission Prayer Partner!](#)*

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## 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. Jonathan Bontke (Beautiful Savior, Austin)
- Rev. Mario Casillas (Candidate, Port Arthur)
- Rev. Walter Dube (Em., The Woodlands)
- Mrs. Marleny Franco, mother of Rev. Mauricio Franco (St. Paul, Harlingen)
- Mr. David Goeke (Em., San Antonio)
- Rev. Wayne Graumann (Em., Tomball)
- Mrs. Cynthia Hadley, wife of Rev. Tom Hadley (Em., Campbell)
- Rev. Robert Hill (Em., Hooks)
- Mr. Bill Lubben (Em., Harlingen)
- Rev. Chris Johnson (Em., Hewitt)
- Mrs. Fern Holaday, wife of Rev. Dr. Robert Holaday (St. Paul, Vernon)
- 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. Judith Kurth, wife of Rev. Richard Kurth (Em., Dallas)
- Mrs. Nancy Loomis, widow of Rev. Richard Loomis
- Phedra Lutjens, daughter of Rev. Robert Lutjens (St. John, Wharton)
- Mrs. Evie Mann, wife of Rev. James Mann (Em., Cedar Park)
- Mrs. Betty Michalk, wife of Rev. Wilbern Michalk (Em., Georgetown)
- Mr. Ted Nelson (Em., Houston)
- Mr. Bruce Rudi (Em., Concordia, San Antonio)
- Mrs. Debbie Shockley, wife of Rev. Robert Shockley (Em., Jacksonville)
- Rev. Wendell Stavig (Em., Spring)
- Mrs. Laurine Watson, wife of Chaplain Joe Watson (Buckley AFB, CO)

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## Call Central

*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 and future seasons of ministry.*

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## New Calls

### Commissioned

#### Undecided

Laura Ross, DCE, Redeemer, Fredericksburg, VA to DCE, St. Mark, Houston

### Ordained

#### Accepted

Rev. Doug Kregel, Sole, Family of Faith, Houston to Sole, Immanuel, Bridgman, MI

Rev. Jeff Doria, Assoc., St. John, Cypress to Sole, St. Paul, Thorndale

#### Declined

Rev. Mark Harris, Candidate, New Braunfels to Sole, Messiah, Corpus Christi

Rev. Ben Spaulding, Assoc., Memorial, Katy to Sole, St. Luke, Ann Arbor, MI

#### Undecided

Rev. Tim Eden, Assoc., Bethel, Bryan to Sole, Trinity, Grandview, MO

Rev. Chris Hull, Sr., Zion, Tomball to Sole, Immanuel, Macomb, IL

Rev. Tab Ottmers, Sole, Immanuel, Fairview to Sole, Epiphany, Bastrop

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## 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. Jeff Doria, Sole

11/19/23, 3:00 p.m. at St. Paul, Thorndale

### Rev. James Ebersole, Assoc.

11/12/23, 9:30 a.m. at Zion, Dallas

### Rev. Ben Jore, Sole

11/5/23, 10:30 a.m. at St. John, Uhland

### Rev. Jeff Lee, ITP

11/5/23, 4:00 p.m. at Faith, Stephenville

### Luis Morales, Missionary-District

Ordination & Installation: 11/5/23, 4:00 p.m. at Cristo El Salvador, Del Rio

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## Ordination Anniversaries

### October

#### 70 years

Rev. Richard Wagner (October 4, 1953) - Em., Austin

## Upcoming District Events

# 2023

October 23-24

### PASTORS CONFERENCE

"What a New Generation Needs from the Church"  
Texas District Mission Support Center, Round Rock

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