



MINISTER TO MINISTER

The Texas District of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

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District Announcements

Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who made this year's pastors conference such a success! We loved hosting you in the new Texas District Mission Support Center and hearing all God is doing through our district's ministries and in your lives. If you missed this year's conference or would like to revisit some of the content, it is now available to you on our website at <https://txlcms.org/2023-pastors-conference/>.

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.

Source: <https://youtu.be/xkWlnK4UJI0>

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 or visit www.livingdonor-MethodistSA.com to complete the questionnaire.

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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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.

- Joining Jesus on His Mission, Houston - Rev. Greg Finke
- Christ Memorial, Houston - Rev. Jason Moreno
- Centro Familiar Cristiano, Spring Branch - Rev. Jesus Santos
- Messiah, Boerne - Evangelist Laura Sanders
- Messiah Lutheran Preschool, Houston - Stacey Cook Viviano
- Mt. Olive Lutheran Preschool, Houston - Ashley Staley

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

For Peace & Assurance

Father, we thank you for the life of service of Bill Lubben. To his friends and family, grant peace and assurance in the victory of Your Son's resurrection.

Mr. Bill Lubben (Em., Harlingen) joined his Savior's side on Saturday, October 21, 2023. His memorial will be at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, October 28 at St. Paul Lutheran Church (602 Morgan Blvd, Harlingen). We give thanks for Bill's faith as we remember his wife, Judy, and the Lubben family in prayer.

For if we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. So then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. -Romans 14:8

For Healing, Strength, and Encouragement

Dear healing Jesus, hear our prayers for...

- Mrs. Betty Baden, wife of Rev. Tom Baden (Bethel, Ballinger)
- Rev. Jonathan Bontke (Beautiful Savior, Austin)
- Rev. Mario Casillas (Candidate, Port Arthur)
- Rev. Walter Dube (Em., The Woodlands)
- 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)
- 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. Judith Kurth, wife of Rev. Richard Kurth (Em., Dallas)
- Mrs. Nancy Loomis, widow of Rev. Richard Loomis
- 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. Laurine Watson, wife of Chaplain Joe Watson (Buckley AFB, CO)

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.

New Calls

Commissioned

Undecided

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

Ordained

Accepted

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

Declined

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

Undecided

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

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, Umland

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

Ordination Anniversaries

November

25 years

Rev. J. Tom Lapacka (November 8, 1998) - Emeritus, San Antonio

Upcoming District Events

2024

January 22-23

PASTORS PRAYER RETREAT
"Solitude with Jesus"
Camp Lone Star, La Grange

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