



# MINISTER TO MINISTER

The Texas District of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

November 3, 2023

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## District Announcements

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### 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/>.

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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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### 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.*

- Project 242, Conroe - Rev. Trey Sansom
- Lazarus Church, Spring - Rev. Mark & Laura Pulliam
- The Dwelling, Porter - Rev. Seth Kunze
- Hope Lutheran Church, Lubbock - Evangelists Caleb & Jodi Schumacher
- Lamb of God Preschool, Humble - Sondra Johnson
- Red Apple School, Hurst - Lisa Holley

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

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## For Peace & Assurance

*Father, we thank you for the life of service of **Betty Baden**. To her friends and family, grant peace and assurance in the victory of Your Son's resurrection.*

Mrs. Betty Baden, wife of Rev. Tom Baden (Bethel, Ballinger) joined her Savior's side on Saturday, October 28, 2023. Her funeral service will be at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, November 4 at Trinity, San Angelo (3536 Lutheran Way). Visitation will be Friday, November 3, 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Johnson's Funeral Home (435 W Beauregard Ave, San Angelo). We give thanks for Betty's faith as we remember the Baden 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*

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## For Healing, Strength, and Encouragement

*Dear healing Jesus, hear our prayers for...*

- 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)
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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

#### Declined

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

#### Undecided

Rev. Jacob Dandy, Sole, Zion, Terra Bella, CA to Sole, Hope, Winnie

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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

**November**

25 years

## Upcoming District Events

# 2024

January 22-23  
**PASTORS PRAYER RETREAT**  
"Solitude with Jesus"  
Camp Lone Star, La Grange

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