



# MINISTER *to* MINISTER

March 29, 2024

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## PRESIDENT'S PAUSE // BE ENCOURAGED



*A message from President Newman for Good Friday & Easter Sunday.*

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## WORKER UPDATES // BE IN PRAYER

*Pray for those in need of guidance, affirmation, healing, relief, and assurance.*

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## Prayer Requests

- Rev. Jonathan Bontke (Beautiful Savior, Austin) - recovery after successful cancer treatment
  - Dr. Sandra Doering (Em., New Braunfels) - recovering from a procedure to correct a brain aneurysm
  - Vr. Devin Jackson (Trinity, Fairfield) - cancer returned
  - Rev. Chris Johnson (Em., Hewitt) - cancer returned
  - Mr. Dalton Noack (Em., Bryan) - surgery recovery
  - Mrs. Kim Pfaff (Em., Boerne) - heart bypass surgery
  - Son & daughter-in-law of Rev. Wendall Stavig Em., The Woodlands) - baby to be delivered by C-section on April 4.
  - Mrs. Ruthann Stroud, wife of Rev. Lynn Stroud (Em., Bryan)
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## Sympathy & Prayers

Rev. Gary A. Koopmann (Em., New Braunfels) was Called to Glory on Tuesday, March 26, 2024.

A memorial service is pending at Rio Terra Retirement Home in New Braunfels.

We remember his wife, Marcia, and their family in prayer as we celebrate the promise of the resurrection and victory we have in Jesus.

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## New Calls

### Accepted

Rev. Jon Petering, Assoc., Hope, Friendswood to Sr., Immanuel, Memphis, TN

### Declined

Rev. Dr. Jonathan Brandenburg, Candidate, Irvine, CA to Sole, Gethsemane, Houston  
Rev. Jon Petering, Assoc., Hope, Friendswood to Sole, Our Savior, Abilene

### Undecided

Rev. Tim Fraker, Sole, Trinity, Weatherford to Assoc., Pilgrim, Green Bay, WI  
Rev. Robert Lutjens, Sole, St. John, Wharton to Sole, Our Redeemer, Longview  
Rev. Tim Radkey, Sr., Our Savior, McKinney to ITP Sr., Emmanuel, Hermitage, TN  
Rev. Neil Wheeler, Sole, Peace, Waverly, NE to Sr., Trinity, Amarillo

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## Ordination Anniversaries // April

### 40 years

Rev. Kurt Rutz (4/1) - *Grace, Mart*

### 10 years

Rev. Paul Korabandi (4/24) -  
*Resurrection, Spring*

### 15 years

Rev. Kevin Hintze (4/26) - *Zion,  
Walburg*

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## DISTRICT NEWS // BE INFORMED

**Insurance Seminar:** Your congregation's insurer may cancel your policy or increase your premium, as has been more and more common lately. But we can help. Texas District is hosting an online seminar on April 2 to help churches better understand what is happening in the insurance industry and prepare for the future. [Learn more & register](#)

**Ready Response Workshop:** Be trained in comprehensive disaster response on April 5-6. Gloria Dei, Houston will be hosting this event in partnership with various LCMS disaster response ministries. **Register by April 1.** [Learn more & register](#)

**Texas District All Church Workers Conference:** October 14-15, 2024 will be the Texas District All Church Workers Conference: Overcome, hosted by Redeemer, Austin. More details are on the way, but you can participate now... [Submit session ideas](#)

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## RESOURCE TOOLBOX // BE EQUIPPED

**Strategic Planning //** This is one of six articles about strategic planning that will be released monthly. How do we strategize and prayerfully plan around God's mission? [Read more](#)

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APRIL 23, 7 p.m. // CTSFW Vicarage & Deaconess Assignment Service // [Learn More](#)  
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