



MINISTER TO MINISTER

The Texas District of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

March 8, 2024

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A Prayer for the Panhandle

Father, preserve and comfort all who have been afflicted by the panhandle fires. Protect those who fight the fires, and make their efforts successful. We praise you, even now, for all who are eager to help bring restoration to the area. In Jesus' name, Amen.

To see how you can help wildfire relief efforts, please visit:

<https://www.hopelubbock.com/disasterrelief>

Convocation Registration Is Open

"Two Kingdom Missiology"

April 15-16 @ Bethany, Austin

REGISTER

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

Accepted

Dr. Grant Carey, Candidate to Director of Youth Ministry, ACTS Church Leander, Leander

Ordained

Declined

Rev. Elden Kohn, Sole, Zion, Macon, MO to Sole, Our Savior, Abilene

Undecided

Ordination Anniversaries

March

40 years

Rev. Carl Rau (March 25, 1984) - Em., McKinney

35 years

Rev. Dr. Robert Holaday (March 19, 1989) - St. Paul, Vernon

5 years

Rev. Robert Shockley (March 3, 2019) - Em., Palestine

District Prayers

For Gospel Ministers & Ministries

MISSION PRAYER REQUESTS

Father, send Your Holy Spirit to prepare the hearts of those yet to know Jesus, and bring His love and good news through our partner ministries & mission workers.

To become a Prayer Partner and have Mission Prayer requests delivered weekly to your inbox, please [CLICK HERE!](#)

For Peace & Assurance

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

Mrs. Nancy Haupt, wife of Rev. James Haupt, (Em., San Antonio) joined her Savior's side on Saturday, January 27, 2024. Her memorial service will be held Saturday, March 16, 2024, 10:00 a.m. at Mount Calvary, San Antonio (308 Mount Calvary, San Antonio).

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...

- Couple involved in car accident (Ebenezer, Manheim)
- Mrs. Audrey Abel, wife of Rev. Alan Abel (Em., Gatesville)
- Rev. Jonathan Bontke (Beautiful Savior, Austin)

- Rev. Mario Casillas (Candidate, Port Arthur)
- Rev. Walter Chelmo (Em., Clifton)
- Rev. Robert Cheney (Em., Tomball)
- 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)
- Vr. Devin Jackson (Trinity, Fairfield) - *cancer returned*
- Rev. Chris Johnson (Em., Hewitt)
- Mr. Tim Kerkman, son of DCE Randall & Sandra Kerkman (Em., Austin)
- Mrs. Judith Kurth, wife of Rev. Richard Kurth (Em., Dallas)
- Mrs. Nancy Loomis, widow of Rev. Richard Loomis (Em., Katy)
- 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. Dalton Noack (Em., Bryan) - *recovering from surgery after a fall*
- Mrs. Kim Pfaff (Em., Boerne)
- Mrs. Ingebord Schey, wife of Rev. Bernard Schey (Trinity, Dime Box)-
undergoing cancer surgery
- Mrs. Laurine Watson, wife of Chaplain Joe Watson (Buckley AFB, CO)
- Mr. Eric Willis (City Lights Network, DFW)

District Announcements

Exciting News!

Get ready in the next few weeks for a fresh new look and even more valuable content in Minister to Minister. We're refreshing our design and enhancing our content to give you more valuable information, insights, and inspiration. Stay tuned for the unveiling of our revamped newsletter, designed with YOU in mind!

MYR 2024

In the spirit of our synod's "Set Apart to Serve" efforts to recruit new church workers, the Texas District invites young people to consider registering for "MYR 2024." Rostered LCMS church workers will present ministry options and mission opportunities to young people. This uplifting gathering will be held at Concordia University in Austin, June 2-6, 2024. Register today!

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Texas District ID Cards

The Texas District, LCMS is providing identification cards for any minister of the Gospel on the roster of the LCMS Texas District, in such cases where a card would be warranted, i.e. making prison or hospital visits. The card will be provided at no cost. Please use the button below to get started.

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Upbring Sunday: April 7

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month and Upbring is inviting your congregation to participate in Upbring Sunday. This is an opportunity to join with churches across Texas to raise awareness of Upbring's efforts to break the cycle of child abuse and ask God to protect, comfort and heal the thousands of children who are victims of child abuse each year.

How your church can participate:

- Wear blue on Upbring Sunday, April 7, 2024 in observance of Child Abuse Prevention month .
- Join us in praying for the thousands of Texas children who are victims of child abuse each year.
- Take photos of your congregation dressed in blue and post them on social media. Be sure to tag Upbring ([Facebook](#) | [Instagram](#) | [LinkedIn](#)) and use the hashtags: #UpbringSunday, #GoBlueDay, and #ChildAbusePreventionMonth
- Register at the link below. We will send you additional resources to share with your congregation.

[REGISTER YOUR CHURCH](#)

Texas CEF Glorifies God

Over the last 25 years, Texas District Church Extension Fund has distributed **\$10,612,616.86** to congregations, thanks to investors like you! Every CEF investor can designate a Texas congregation to receive “loan rebate credit” for their invested dollars, making loans possible, earning an attractive interest rate, and increasing a congregation’s loan rebate check. Here are some ways YOU can participate:

PRAY that the 90 rebate checks for 2023, **\$665,968** going to congregations, be used to reach the lost, disciple the saved, and care for people.

JOIN today at texascef.org if you are not yet an investor. If you are a current investor and want to confirm which congregation your investment is supporting, give us a call: (512) 646-1233.

REMEMBER this is just one example of the *many* ways the Texas District lives out the mission to “strengthen congregations.” This is a collective effort that we are all making possible. So THANK YOU, and to Him be the glory!

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Lutheran Adoption Conference



Your help is needed to ensure the future of Biblically-based, Lutheran Adoption. Please plan to attend the Lutheran Adoption Conference, **April 10-11, 2024 in Houston, TX:** faith leaders, life advocates & ministries, lay leaders, policy makers, adoption experts, and those passionate about increasing Biblically-based adoption. Discover expert information, mission-driven collaboration, and exciting opportunities.

Keynote speaker and former adoptee, Mark Schultz, will share his adoption story and talents as award-winning Christian music artist. Other speakers and collaborators include: Rev. Michael Salemink, Lutherans for Life Executive Director; Rev. Max Phillips, Lutheran Family Service Executive Director; Rev. Dr. James Lamb, Lutheran Family Service Life Advocate; and more.

Conference registration deadline is **TODAY**. Register and learn more at the link below.

[LEARN MORE](#)

Set Apart to Serve

For a library for resources on church work formation and recruitment, listen to these **NEW** programs at the link below. Please invite your congregation, family and friends to listen to these excellent conversations about church work formation, recruitment and service in the church.

Recent contributors include Texas District's own Tom Wrege, Principal of Zion Lutheran School, Georgetown (Feb 16) and Rev. Dr. Scott Murray, Sr. Pastor of Memorial Lutheran Church, Houston and Third VP of the LCMS (Mar 1).

[LEARN MORE](#)

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 by submitting session ideas at the link below!

[SUBMIT YOUR IDEAS](#)

Upcoming District Events

2024

April 15-16

TEXAS DISTRICT THEOLOGICAL CONVOCATION

Two Kingdom Missiology: A LCMS Public Theology in Service to the
Gospel in Twenty-First-Century America

Bethany Lutheran Church
3701 W Slaughter
Austin, TX 78749

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