



MINISTER *to* MINISTER

May 17, 2024

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PRESIDENT'S PAUSE // BE ENCOURAGED

A prayer as the school year nears its conclusion:

O God, source of all abiding knowledge, through your Word and Spirit You both enlighten the minds and sanctify the lives of those whom You draw to Your service. Look with favor on schools and families, blessing those who teach and those who learn, that all may complete the school year with strength, peace, and success, and that all the baptized may apply themselves with ready diligence to their tasks and faithfully fulfill their service according to Your will; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.
(LSB, p.306, adapted)

WORKER UPDATES // BE IN PRAYER

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

Prayer Requests

- Mrs. Marlys Erickson, former District Treasurer (Faith, Georgetown) - comfort at the passing of her husband, Bob
 - Rev. David Grassley (Em., Fort Worth) - low blood pressure limiting mobility
 - Rev. Don Kasper (Em., Salado) - out of ICU and into rehab
 - Mrs. JoAnne Meyer (Em., Walburg) - in hospice
 - Rev. Rick Pfaff (Em., Boerne) - praise for successful kidney surgery
 - Rev. Robert Shockley (Em., Jacksonville) - scheduled for implant surgery for neuralgic pain
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Memorial Announcement

Mrs. Kathy Hirsch, wife of Rev. Dr. John Hirsch (Em., Columbia, MO) went to be with her heavenly Father on Saturday, December 30, 2023. Her memorial service will be held at 10:30 a.m., Saturday, May 25, 2024 at Good Shepherd, Cedar Park (700 W Whitestone Blvd).

We remember the Hirsch family in prayer as we celebrate the promise of the

resurrection and victory we have in Jesus.

New Calls

Comissioned

Accepted

Dr. Eric Semler, Teacher, Concordia, San Antonio to Intl. Educator, Bd. for Intl. Mission

Ordained

Accepted

Rev. Ryan Neuhaus, Campus Pastor, Concordia High School, Tomball to CEO, Camp Lone Star, La Grange

Rev. Peter Williamson, Sole, St. John, Beaumont to Assoc., Trinity, Wausau, WI

Undecided

Rev. Paul Ferguson, Sole, Our Savior, Rockwall to Mission Executive, CNH District

Rev. Bob Pase, Sole, Grace, Midland to Sole, Our Savior, Abilene

Rev. Mark Taylor, Assoc., Faith, Plano to Missionary, LCMS, Dominican Republic

Rev. Neil Vanderbush, Em., Eads, TN to Sole, Messiah, Boerne

Upcoming Installations

Rev. Lee Hopf // June 2, 3:00 p.m. // Sr., Trinity-Klein, Spring

Rev. Tim Rosenthal // June 2, *time TBD* // Sole, Grace, Menard

Rev. Stephen DeMik // June 9, *time TBD* // Assoc., Hope, Lubbock

Ordination Anniversaries // May

40 years

Rev. Dr. Stanley Seat (5/26) - Em.,
Mansfield

15 years

Rev. Dr. Philip Schielke (5/31) - Victory
in Christ, Newark

20 years

Rev. Dongsu Son (5/15) - Grace Korean,
Colleyville

DISTRICT NEWS // BE INFORMED

We (Still) Need Your Stats: Calling all congregational leaders: Please submit your congregational statistics at <https://lc.lcms.org/>! This helps us know how to best serve you and to understand our district's needs. Deadline has been extended to May 31, 2024. [Learn more](#)

MinistrySafe: We have partnered with the LCMS Office of National Mission (ONM) and MinistrySafe to provide child protection resources to congregations, schools, camps, and other ministries that serve children. Our partnership with MinistrySafe allows your ministry to access online background checks and other training resources at **little or no cost**. [Learn more & enroll](#)

Set Apart to Serve: The Set Apart to Serve School Resource Kit includes a curriculum for

six age levels, from early childhood through adulthood, to teach about the church, vocation, and church work from a holistic and developmentally appropriate approach. This FREE four-lesson curriculum can be adapted for congregational settings for a weekly emphasis or classroom settings throughout one week. [Learn more](#)

Interim Ministry: Demand for interim ministry is growing by leaps and bounds. LuTMA can help you discern if it's something to which God is calling you! The next online education event is June 10. [Learn more & register](#)

New Workers: We welcome to Texas new calls and placements from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis and Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne! [Learn more](#)

Summer Adventure: Camp Lone Star is ready for a summer full of adventurous Christ-centered experiences as they explore this year's theme *Invited*, based on Psalm 66:16. They offer everything from day camp, 5-night and 2-night overnight camp, and family camp weekend adventures! Your congregation can come as a group or register individually! [Learn more & register](#)

Texas LWML Convention: The 43rd Biennial Convention of the LWML Texas District will be held at the Omni Corpus Christi Hotel, 900 North Shoreline Boulevard, Corpus Christi, June 13-15, 2024. [Learn more & register](#)

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RESOURCE TOOLBOX // BE EQUIPPED

Tech Tip // Keep Your System Safe, pt. 1: System security has greatly improved over the last 10 years, so why do we hear about so many security incidents, and what can you do to stay safe online? [Read more](#)

EVENTS & LINKS // BE CONNECTED

Upcoming Events

JUNE 2-6, 2024 // Missional Youth Retreat // [Learn More & Register](#)

JUNE 13-15, 2024 // LWML Texas District Convention // [Learn More & Register](#)

JULY 15-17, 2024 // Texas District Administrators Conference // [Learn More & Register](#)

OCTOBER 14-15, 2024 // Professional Church Workers Conference // [Learn More](#)

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