



# MINISTER *to* MINISTER

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## PRESIDENT'S PAUSE // BE ENCOURAGED



Welcome to summer! [https://youtu.be/uiMi7P\\_zAE](https://youtu.be/uiMi7P_zAE)

# WORKER UPDATES // BE IN PRAYER

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

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## Prayer Requests

- Mrs. Marlys Erickson (former District Treasurer, Georgetown) - comfort at the passing of her husband, Bob
  - Rev. David Grassley (Em., Fort Worth) - low blood pressure limiting mobility
  - Mrs. JoAnne Meyer (Em., Walburg) - in hospice
  - Rev. Robert Shockley (Em., Jacksonville) - recovery after successful surgery
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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.

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## New Calls

### Ordained

#### Accepted

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

#### Undecided

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

Rev. Dr. James Fickenscher, Assoc., St. Paul, McAllen to Asst. Prof., Concordia Seminary, St. Louis

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

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

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## Upcoming Installations

Rev. Stephen DeMik // June 9, 4:00 p.m. // Assoc., Hope, Lubbock

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

Rev. Tim Rosenthal // June 2, 4:00 p.m. // Sole, Grace, Menard

Rev. Neil Vanderbush // June 9, 3:00 p.m. // Sole, Messiah, Boerne

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## Ordination Anniversaries // June

### 75 years

Rev. Ed Schneider (6/3) - Em., San Antonio

Rev. Tim Engel (6/25) - Messiah, Houston

Rev. Greg Finke (6/18) - Trinity, Houston

### 60 years

Rev. Ken Holdorf (6/11) - *Em., Carrollton*  
Rev. Al Kirk (6/28) - *Em., Corpus Christi*

### 55 years

Rev. Mike Couchman (6/8) - *Christ the King, Mission Valley*  
Rev. David Dubbelde (6/29) - *Em., Cleburne*  
Rev. Herbert Swanson (6/1) - *Em., Flower Mound*

### 50 years

Rev. Wayne Graumann (6/30) - *Em., Tomball*  
Rev. Gary Martin (6/1) - *Em., Del Rio*  
Rev. Richard Miller (6/16) - *Em., Swanson*  
Rev. Jack Schneider (6/1) - *Em., Ft. Worth*  
Rev. Larry White (6/1) - *Our Savior, Houston*

### 45 years

Rev. David Adler (6/10) - *Em., Kilgore*  
Rev. Dr. David Bahn (6/17) - *Em., Cypress*  
Rev. Thomas Van Duzer (6/17) - *Em., College Station*  
Rev. Roger Hotopp (6/17) - *Grace, Seguin*  
Rev. Dr. Paul Puffe (6/1) - *Em., Austin*  
Rev. Mark Seeger (6/15) - *Em., Pflugerville*

### 40 years

Rev. Dr. Wayne Braun (6/24) - *Em., Bedford*  
Rev. Dave Jung (6/17) - *Em., Colleyville*  
Rev. Don Kirklen (6/24) - *Em., Stephenville*  
Rev. Mike Mattil (6/10) - *Em., Denison*  
Rev. Dave Rohde (6/24) - *St. Paul, Wilson*  
Rev. Landon Schkade, Jr. (6/6) - *Em., Arlington*  
Rev. Dr. Steve Sohns (6/24) - *Em., Spring*

### 35 years

Rev. Dr. Jon Braunersreuther (6/4) - *Texas District, Tomball*  
Rev. John De Young (6/4) - *Cross of Christ, DeSoto*

Rev. Matthew Jacobs (6/18) - *Em., Brenham*  
Rev. Sun Moon Lee (6/4) - *Em., Houston*  
Rev. James Martin (6/25) - *Em., Mt. Pleasant*  
Rev. Jon Salminen (6/25) - *Epiphany, Pearland*  
Rev. Richard Turner, Jr. (6/11) - *Em., El Campo*

### 30 years

Rev. Clayton Campbell, Jr. (6/12) - *Em., Houston*  
Rev. Jon Thomas (6/26) - *St. John, Mansfield*

### 25 years

Rev. Tom Chryst (6/6) - *Messiah, Keller*  
Rev. Allan Eckert (6/13) - *Trinity, San Angelo*  
Rev. Paul Ferguson, Jr. (6/13) - *Our Savior, Rockwall*  
Rev. Dr. Ron Luedemann (6/27) - *Em., Colleyville*

### 20 years

Rev. Steven Cholak (6/20) - *Our Savior, Houston*  
Rev. Zach McIntosh (6/27) - *Zion, Walburg*  
Rev. Tom Wagstaff (6/27) - *Em., Waco*  
Rev. Mark Wiesenborn (6/13) - *St. Matthew, Houston*

### 15 years

Rev. Ted Benson (6/7) - *Resurrection, Spring*  
Rev. Tony Kobak (6/7) - *Lamb of God, Humble*  
Rev. Mark Wuggazer (6/7) - *St. John, Cypress*

### 10 years

Rev. Bill Brimer (6/9) - *SoulThirst, The Colony*  
Rev. Ben Jore (6/1) - *St. John, Umland*

### 5 years

Rev. Jason Kaspar (6/16) - *Mt. Calvary, La Grange*  
Rev. Loucan Saling (6/22) - *St. Paul, Jasper & Faith, Woodville*  
Rev. Brian Shane (6/23) - *St. Paul, Canyon*

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## DISTRICT NEWS // BE INFORMED

**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

**Strategic Planning, pt. 3** // This is the third of six articles walking through the Strategic Planning process, written by Rev. Dr. David Bahn. This month, we learn about the second meeting. [Read more](#)

## EVENTS & LINKS // BE CONNECTED

### Upcoming Events

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

JUNE 5, 2024 // MRR Leaders Day // [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](#)

JUNE 5-7, 2025 // Texas District Convention

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