



# MINISTER *to* MINISTER

May 3, 2024

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## PRESIDENT'S PAUSE // BE ENCOURAGED

"How the Mighty Fall"

by Rev. Michael W. Newman

This is a powerful scriptural refrain that we still use today. Business researcher and writer Jim Collins even penned a book by that name: "How the Mighty Fall." In the book he highlights five stages of decline in business that point to humanity's tendency toward arrogance and blind ambition. Why write about this phrase during the seasons of Easter and Pentecost? [Read the full Messenger article here.](#)

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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

- Mrs. Marlys Erickson, former District Treasurer (Faith, Georgetown - comfort at the passing of her husband, Bob
- 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. Jared Raebel (Christ the King, Waxahachie) - completed Ph.D. studies and will be hooded May 17
- Rev. Robert Shockley (Em., Jacksonville) - recovering after operation

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### New Calls

#### Commissioned

##### Accepted

Andrew Montgomery, Principal, Tinley Park, IL to Principal, St. Paul, Fort Worth  
Will Ochs, Intern, King of Kings, Round Rock to DCE, Redeemer, Spokane Valley, WA

##### Declined

Will Ochs, Intern, King of Kings, Round Rock to DCE, King of Kings, Round Rock

## Ordained

### Undecided

Rev. Ed Harkey, Sole, Trinity, Keene, NH to Sole, Redeemer, Beaumont

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

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

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

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## 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

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## 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*

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## DISTRICT NEWS // BE INFORMED

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

**Exciting News:** We are bidding farewell to our monthly e-newsletter, Catalyst, but we're thrilled to enhance Mission Prayer, our weekly connection packed with updates on the vibrant mission outreach across the Texas District. If you do not already receive the Mission Prayer or Catalyst newsletter, join us as we embark on this new chapter of connection and inspiration! [Sign up](#)

**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](#)

**Your New Events Calendar:** Does your congregation have an event you'd like published, or would you like to see what's happening in congregations around the District? Events like this, which used to be posted in M2M, are now published on our Community Events page. Check it out! [Learn more](#)

**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](#)

**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.” June 2-6, at Concordia University Texas, rostered LCMS church workers will present ministry options and mission opportunities to young people. [Learn more & register](#)

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## RESOURCE TOOLBOX // BE EQUIPPED

**Site Savvy** // Calling an ordained or commissioned worker? Determining pay for guest preachers? Need guidance and clarity as a Treasurer? Check out all the financial resources for congregations [txlcms.org](http://txlcms.org). [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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