



# MINISTER *to* MINISTER

June 14, 2024

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## PRESIDENT'S PAUSE // BE ENCOURAGED



Two Freedom Days // President Newman describes *two* opportunities to celebrate freedom in June. <https://youtu.be/HvLjEBcyREw>

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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. David Grassley (Em., Fort Worth) - low blood pressure limiting mobility
- Rev. Josh Knippa (Holy Cross, Nederland) - recovering from transplant surgery
- Family of South Wisconsin DP, Rev. Dr. John Wille, who was called to glory June 10
- Texas District LWML - meeting in convention this weekend

## New Calls

### Commissioned

#### Undecided

Christina Nelson, DCE, Royal Redeemer, North Royalton, OH to DCE, St. Paul, Fort Worth

Michaela Seeliger, DCE, Our Redeemer, Wichita Falls to DCE, Abiding Savior, St. Louis, MO

Michaela Seeliger, DCE, Our Redeemer, Wichita Falls to DCE, St. John's, Arnold, MO

Cory Smith, DCE, St. John, Mansfield to DCE, St. John, Seward, NE

Cory Smith, DCE, St. John, Mansfield to DCE, St. John's, Adrian, MI

### Ordained

#### Accepted

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

## Upcoming Installations

Karl Miller (comm. & inst.) // June 23, 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. // DCM, Fishers of Men, Sugar Land

Rev. Bob Pase // July 14, 3:00 p.m. // Sole, Our Savior, Abilene

## Ordination Anniversaries // June

#### 75 years

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

#### 60 years

Rev. Ken Holdorf (6/11) - Em., Frisco

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., Joshua

Rev. Herbert Swanson (6/1) - Em., Russellville

#### 50 years

Rev. Wayne Graumann (6/30) - Em., Montgomery

Rev. Gary Martin (6/1) - Em., Del Rio

Rev. Richard Miller (6/16) - Em., Denton

Rev. Jack Schneider (6/1) - Em., Ft. Worth

Rev. Larry White (6/1) - Our Savior, Houston

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

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

Rev. Matthew Jacobs (6/18) - Em., Weimar

Rev. Sun Moon Lee (6/4) - Em., Katy

Rev. James Martin (6/25) - Em., Winnsboro

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., Tomball

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

#### 45 years

Rev. David Adler (6/10) - *Em., Elkhart*  
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., North Richland Hills*  
Rev. Don Kirklen (6/24) - *Em., Dublin*  
Rev. Mike Mattil (6/10) - *Em., Bells*  
Rev. Dave Rohde (6/24) - *St. Paul, Wilson*  
Rev. Landon Schkade, Jr. (6/6) - *Em., Grand Prairie*  
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*

#### *Savior, Rockwall*

Rev. Dr. Ron Luedemann (6/27) - *Em., Fort Worth*

#### 20 years

Rev. Steven Cholak (6/20) - *Our Savior, Houston*  
Rev. Zach McIntosh (6/27) - *Zion, Walburg*  
Rev. Tom Wagstaff (6/27) - *Em., Rockport*  
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

**FLSA & New Overtime Regulations:** On April 23, the U.S. Dept. of Labor announced updates to the minimum salary threshold for exempt employees, first increasing on July 1, then again on January 1, 2025. Please see the FAQ's in "Learn more" link and direct any questions to [lindahagge@txlcms.org](mailto:lindahagge@txlcms.org). [Learn more](#)

**Sabbatical Scholarship:** LCEF is awarding four scholarships of \$5,000 to LCMS church workers and ministries who are planning a sabbatical experience. [Learn more & apply](#). Also, use LCEF's [sabbatical planning resources](#).

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## RESOURCE TOOLBOX // BE EQUIPPED

**Mission Insight // Strategic Planning, pt. 4:** It's time for the third strategic planning meeting: the "wet cement" meeting. [Learn more](#)

## EVENTS & LINKS // BE CONNECTED

### Upcoming Events

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

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

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JUNE 5-7, 2025 // Texas District Convention // [More Info Coming Soon](#)

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