



MINISTER *to* MINISTER

June 21, 2024

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PRESIDENT'S PAUSE // BE ENCOURAGED

The Power of Prayer // “We need to know this: all our shelter and protection rest in prayer alone. For we are far too weak to deal with the devil and all his power and followers who set themselves against us. They might easily crush us under their feet. Therefore we must consider and take up those weapons with which Christians must be armed in order to stand against the devil (2 Corinthians 10:4; Ephesians 6:11). For what do you imagine has done such great things up till now? What has stopped or quelled the counsels, purposes, murder, and riot of our enemies, by which the devil thought he would crush us, together with the Gospel? It was the prayer of a few godly people standing in the middle like an iron wall for our side.” (Large Catechism, Part 3, 30-31)

WORKER UPDATES // BE IN PRAYER

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

Prayer Requests

- **Vr. Devin Jackson** (Trinity, Fairfield) - preparing for major cancer surgery
- **Rev. Josh Knippa** (Holy Cross, Nederland) - recovering from transplant surgery
- **Mr. Paul Krentz** (Em., Georgetown) - health recovery
- **Rev. James Kretzmann** (Em., Cedar Park) - in ICU recovering from stroke
- **Mrs. Judith Kurth**, wife of **Rev. Richard Kurth** (Em., Dallas) - entering hospice
- **Family of Mrs. Nancy Harrison**, mother of **Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison**, who was called to glory June 12

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

Undecided

Rev. James Cleland, Assoc., St. Mark, Houston to Sole, Shepherd of the Sierra, Carson City, NV
Rev. Scott Herbert, IIM, Beautiful Savior, Spokane, WA to IIM, Zion, Tomball
Rev. Ethan Luhman, Assoc., Concordia, San Antonio to Sole, Messiah, Corpus Christi
Rev. Sean McMaughan, Sole / Campus Pastor, Grace, Ennis / Dallas Lutheran School to Sole, Our Redeemer, Longview
Rev. Phil Phifer, Sole, Trinity, Paw Paw, MI to Sole, Peace, Groves
Rev. Kyle Richardson, Sole, St. John, Island Lake, IL to Sole, St. Paul, Wilson

Upcoming Installations

Karl Miller (comm. & inst.) // June 23, 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. // DCM, Fishers of Men, Sugar Land
Rev. Ryan Neuhaus // July 28, 11:00 a.m. at Camp Lone Star, La Grange // CEO, Lutheran Outdoor Ministries of Texas
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

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. 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 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. 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

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

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. [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

Tech Tip // Keep Your System Safe, pt. 2: What's your plan for keeping data backups, which antivirus software are you using? Is it enough? [Learn more](#)

EVENTS & LINKS // BE CONNECTED

Upcoming Events

JULY 15-17, 2024 // Texas District Administrators Conference // [Learn More & Register](#)
JULY 28, 2024 // Camp Lone Star BBQ & Auction Fundraiser // [Learn More](#)
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JUNE 5-7, 2025 // Texas District Convention // [More Info Coming Soon](#)

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