



MINISTER *to* MINISTER

June 28, 2024

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PRESIDENT'S PAUSE // BE ENCOURAGED

2024 Snapshot // 2023 was a banner year for mission in the Texas District. Thanks to your prayers, your support, and your partnership, a record number of new congregations were planted and thousands of new people are hearing and confessing the Good News of Jesus, our Savior. [Learn more](#)

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

Jon Fraker, Principal, Epiphany, Houston to Principal, Cross, New Braunfels

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's, Adrian, MI

Declined

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

Ordained

Accepted

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. 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

Undecided

Rev. Andrew Guagenti, Sole, Holy Cross, Shelbyville, KY to Sole, St. Paul, Vernon

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

Upcoming Installations

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

Rev. Phil Phifer // August 11, 3:00 p.m. // Sole, Peace, Hurst

William Rowland // August 4, 3:00 p.m. (ordination & installation) //SMP, Peace, Hurst

Ordination Anniversaries // July

65 years

Rev. Walter Marth (7/19) - Em., Austin

Rev. Dr. Will Sohns (7/19) - Em., Gatesville

60 years

Rev. Harold Fleischhauer (7/5) - Em., Houston

55 years

Rev. Richard Mayerhoff (7/10) - Em., Bryan

50 years

Rev. Richard Mohr (7/1) - Em., Coppell

Rev. Marcus Mueller (7/7) - Em., Victoria

Rev. Dr. Rich Noack (7/28) - Em., Spring

45 years

Rev. Gordon Besel (7/1) - Em., Anna

40 years

Rev. Mark Elliott (7/15) - Our Savior, Sulphur Springs

Rev. Jack Goldberger, II (7/15) - Em., San Antonio

Rev. Dave Loeffler (7/29) - Em., North Richland Hills

35 years

Rev. Dr. John Reinke (7/2) - Board for

30 years

Rev. Ken Bersche (7/3) - Trinity, Sealy

Rev. Dr. Marty Brauer (7/17) - Good Shepherd, Cedar Park

25 years

Rev. Joe Andrajack, Jr. (7/18) - Prince of Peace, Amarillo

Rev. Jonathan Bontke (7/18) - Beautiful Savior, Austin

15 years

Rev. Mark Taylor (7/5) - Faith, Plano

Rev. Michael Middaugh (7/12) - Mt. Calvary, San Antonio

Rev. Russell Strimple (7/12) - Beautiful Savior Our Redeemer, Houston

Rev. Aaron Kalbas (7/19) - St. John, Hamilton

Rev. Chris Richardson (7/26) - St. John, San Benito

10 years

Rev. Ted Doering (7/6) - Narrative, Georgetown

Rev. Dave Murillo (7/14) - St. Paul, San Antonio

5 years

Rev. James Ebersole (7/7) - Zion, Dallas

Rev. Alex Lahue (7/7) - St. Timothy, Houston

Mission Administration, Wentzville
Rev. Dale Bohm (7/16) - St. John,
Giddings
Rev. Bob Pase (7/23) - Grace, Midland

Rev. Ricky Black (7/21) - Trinity,
Amarillo
Rev. Jeff Jenkins (7/28) - Lutheran
Student Center of Lubbock, Lubbock

Funeral Announcement

Mrs. Sharon Loeffler, wife of Rev. David Loeffler, (Em., North Richland Hills) joined her Savior's side on Sunday, June 23, 2024. Her funeral service will be held at Messiah, Keller (1308 Whitley Rd #101, Keller). Arrangements pending.

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 lindahage@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

Site Savvy // Youth Ministry Resources: Whether you have staff and volunteers investing specifically in youth ministry or you are a small congregation looking for support feeding your younger members with the Gospel, we're here to walk alongside you! [Learn more](#)

EVENTS & LINKS // BE CONNECTED

Upcoming Events

JUNE 6-JULY 25 // Back to School Supply Drive // [Learn More](#)
JULY 15-17, 2024 // Texas District Administrators Conference // [Learn More & Register](#)
JULY 28, 2024 // Camp Lone Star BBQ & Auction Fundraiser // [Learn More](#)
SEPTEMBER 16-17 // Circuit Visitors Conference // **More Info Coming Soon**
OCTOBER 14-15, 2024 // Professional Church Workers Conference // [Learn More](#)
JUNE 5-7, 2025 // Texas District Convention // **More Info Coming Soon**

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