



MINISTER *to* MINISTER

June 7, 2024

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PRESIDENT'S PAUSE // BE ENCOURAGED

Vacuuming the Sun // "I could try all day, but there was no way I could vacuum up the sun.... The sun can't be vacuumed and the light of Christ cannot be extinguished...."

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WORKER UPDATES // BE IN PRAYER

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

Prayer Requests

- Rev. David Grassley (Em., Fort Worth) - low blood pressure limiting mobility
 - Rev. Josh Knippa (Holy Cross, Nederland) - transplant surgery
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New Calls

Commissioned

Undecided

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

Ordained

Accepted

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

Declined

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

Undecided

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

Upcoming Installations

Rev. Stephen DeMik // June 9, 4:00 p.m. // Assoc., Hope, Lubbock
Karl Miller (comm. & inst.) // June 23, *time TBD* // DCM, Fishers of Men, Sugar Land
Rev. Neil Vanderbush // June 9, 3:00 p.m. // Sole, Messiah, Boerne

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. 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) -

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. 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,

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

La Grange
Rev. Loucan Saling (6/22) - St. Paul,
Jasper & Faith, Woodville
Rev. Brian Shane (6/23) - St. Paul,
Canyon

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](#)

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](#).

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](#)

[READ MORE DISTRICT NEWS](#)

RESOURCE TOOLBOX // BE EQUIPPED

Site Savvy // Updating Your Constitution: When was the last time your congregation submitted your constitution to the district's Constitution Committee for approval and ratification by the Board of Directors? If you think you may need to make some updates, we're here to help! [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](#)
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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