



MINISTER *to* MINISTER

May 31, 2024

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We (Still) Need Your Stats: Calling all congregational leaders: Please submit your congregational statistics at <https://lc.lcms.org/>! This helps us know how to best serve you and to understand our district's needs. **DEADLINE IS TODAY, MAY 31.** [Learn more](#)

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PRESIDENT'S PAUSE // BE ENCOURAGED



An intentional transitional pastor is a gift to a congregation preparing for the future.
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e--zmMocxJY>

WORKER UPDATES // BE IN PRAYER

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

Prayer Requests

- Mrs. Marlys Erickson (former District Treasurer, Georgetown) - comfort at the passing of her husband, Bob
 - Rev. David Grassley (Em., Fort Worth) - low blood pressure limiting mobility
 - Mrs. JoAnne Meyer (Em., Walburg) - in hospice
 - Rev. Robert Shockley (Em., Jacksonville) - recovery after successful surgery
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New Calls

Commissioned

Undecided

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

Ordained

Accepted

Rev. Dr. James Fickenscher, Assoc., St. Paul, McAllen to Asst. Prof., Concordia Seminary, St. Louis

Undecided

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

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

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

Upcoming Installations

Rev. Stephen DeMik // June 9, 4:00 p.m. // Assoc., Hope, Lubbock

Rev. Lee Hopf // June 2, 3:00 p.m. // Sr., Trinity-Klein, Spring

Karl Miller (comm. & inst.) // June 23, *time TBD* // DCM, Fishers of Men, Sugar Land

Rev. Tim Rosenthal // June 2, 4:00 p.m. // Sole, Grace, Menard

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.,

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.,

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) - *Texas District, Tomball*

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

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, 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](#)

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RESOURCE TOOLBOX // BE EQUIPPED

Mission Insight // We Have Found the Messiah: A Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) Task Force urges us to renew our commitment to lay training and the development of the evangelist's role. In response to this call, the Texas District embarked on a journey of discovery and empowerment, equipping the baptized to proclaim, "We have found the Messiah!" [Read more](#)

EVENTS & LINKS // BE CONNECTED

Upcoming Events

JUNE 2-6, 2024 // Missional Youth Retreat // [Learn More & Register](#)

JUNE 5, 2024 // MRR Leaders Day // [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](#)

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

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