



MINISTER *to* MINISTER

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PRESIDENT'S PAUSE // BE ENCOURAGED

As you encourage your congregation and community during these turbulent times, let this be our prayer: "Lord God, whose strength is sufficient for all who lay hold on it, grant us in you to comfort our hearts and be strong. Humility, meekness, temperance, purity, largeheartedness, sympathy, zeal—grant us these evidences of faith, servants of hope, fruits of love; for the sake of Jesus Christ, our strength, our righteousness, and our hope and glory." (Dobberstein, *Minister's Prayer book*, Pentecost IX, 163)

WORKER UPDATES // BE IN PRAYER

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

Prayer Requests

- Rev. Mark Anderson (Em., Odessa) - entering nursing home care
- Chris Duncan, son of Rev. Bud Beverly (Em. Hurst) - diagnosed with cancer
- Vr. Devin Jackson (Trinity, Fairfield) - preparing for major cancer surgery
- Rev. Josh Knippa (Holy Cross, Nederland) - recovery after follow-up surgery
- Mr. Paul Krentz (Em., Georgetown) - health recovery
- Rev. James Kretzmann (Em., Cedar Park) - praise: returning home after physical rehab
- Mrs. Judith Kurth, wife of Rev. Richard Kurth (Em., Dallas) - entering hospice
- Rev. David Loeffler (Em., North Richland Hills) - comfort at the passing of his wife, Sharon
- Mrs. Lyn Sohns, wife of Rev. Dr. Will Sohns (Em., Gatesville) - praise: out of hospital and back home
- Rev. Luciano Vega-Ayala & members of Centro de Fe y Esperanza, Conroe- had a fire in the kitchen and fellowship building

New Calls

Commissioned

Accepted

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

Declined

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

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

Undecided

Josh McNamara, DCE, Epiphany, Houston to DCE, St. Paul, Waco

Ordained

Accepted

Rev. Mark Taylor, Assoc., Faith, Plano to Sr., Faith, Plano

Undecided

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

Rev. Andrew Guagenti, Sole, Holy Cross, Shelbyville, KY to Sole, Our Redeemer, Wichita Falls

Rev. Erik Stadler, Sole, Redeemer, Odessa to Sr., Trinity, Amarillo

Rev. Robert Zagore, Sole, Celebration, St. John's, FL to Sole, Gethsemane, Houston

Upcoming Installations

Rev. Cody MacMillin // August 4, 4:00 p.m. (ordination & installation) //Asst., Concordia, San Antonio

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, Groves

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

Rev. Kyle Richardson // August 11, 4:00 p.m. // Sole, St. Paul, Wilson

Rev. Mark Taylor // August 3, 3:00 p.m. // Sr., Faith, Plano

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

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

Rev. Keith Aschenbeck (7/25) - Grace, Victoria

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

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

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

DISTRICT NEWS // BE INFORMED



Young Adult Volunteers: The 2025 LCMS Youth Gathering, themed "Endure" (Heb. 12:1-3), will bring thousands of LCMS youth and adults to New Orleans. Volunteers are a highly valued and deeply needed element of the Gathering experience and its overall success. Adults ages 19-25 are encouraged to prayerfully considering serving as a Young Adult Volunteer. [Learn more](#)

Pastors Wives Retreat: Pastors' wives, widows, and vicars' wives are invited to the 2024 Pastors' Wives Retreat at Camp Lone Star, September 27-29! The theme is "Be Still" based on Psalm 46:10. Please click the "learn more" link for more information and a registration link and code. [Learn more](#)

Church Worker Free Retreats: Generous property owners are making these Christian- and LCMS-owned properties available for church worker retreats. The stay is free--you

just have to get there. Use the contact info on the following websites to connect:

- High Torr Estate - Purcellville, VA // [Learn more](#)
- Wellspring Ranch - Nathrop, CO // [Learn more](#)
- Eden Above the Sea - Waikoloa Village, HI // [Learn more](#)

Petal Pushers: Do you want to be a Petal Pusher--helping to decorate the Lutheran Hour Ministries float and other floats in the annual New Year's Day Rose Parade? Registration is now open for this opportunity for Christian witness and fellowship. [Learn more](#)

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RESOURCE TOOLBOX // BE EQUIPPED

Tech Tip // Security :: Avoiding Scams: The internet has, in many ways, shrunk the world. Unfortunately, along with the good, it has brought the scammers, fraudsters, and impersonators to our doorsteps. If you get an email, text message, or phone call offering a free piano, a virus warning, request for help, a kidnapping, extortion, or from your ISP with an update needed to keep your internet connection, it is time to hang up, keep calm, and check with others. [Learn more](#)

EVENTS & LINKS // BE CONNECTED

Upcoming Events

JUNE 6-JULY 25 // Upbring Back to School Supply Drive // [Learn More](#)

JULY 28, 2024 // Camp Lone Star BBQ & Auction Fundraiser // [Learn More](#)

SEPTEMBER 27-29, 2024 // Pastor's Wives Retreat // [Learn More](#)

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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