



# MINISTER *to* MINISTER

July 26, 2024

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## PRESIDENT'S PAUSE // BE ENCOURAGED

Watch When You Pray // When I was taught about prayer, I was taught to talk. We were to bring praise, confession of our sins, thanksgiving, and requests to God. But no one ever told me to watch for answers... [Read more](#)

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## WORKER UPDATES // BE IN PRAYER

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

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### Prayer Requests

- Rev. Mark Anderson (Em., Odessa) - entering nursing home care
  - Chris Duncan, son of Rev. Bud Beverly (Em., Hurst) - diagnosed with cancer
  - Rev. Norm Finke (Em., Waxahachie) - hospitalized
  - Rev. Josh Knippa (Holy Cross, Nederland) - recovery after follow-up surgery
  - Mrs. Judith Kurth, wife of Rev. Richard Kurth (Em., Dallas) - entering hospice
  - Rev. Luciano Vega-Ayala & members of Centro de Fe y Esperanza, Conroe- had a fire in the kitchen and fellowship building
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### New Calls

#### Commissioned

##### Declined

Tetsuya Sugita, Director of Parish Music, Bethel, Bryan to Director of Music, Immanuel, Columbus, NE

##### Undecided

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

#### Ordained

##### 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. David Murillo, Sr., St. Paul, San Antonio to Holy Cross, Miami, FL

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

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

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## Upcoming Installations

Rev. Scott Herbert // September 8, 3:00 p.m. //ITP, Zion, Tomball

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. 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

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## Ordination Anniversaries // August

### 65 years

Rev. Walter Harms (8/1) - Em., Austin

### 45 years

Rev. Ruben Dominguez-Martinez (8/8) - Em., McAllen

Rev. David McKnight (8/12) - Em., San Antonio

### 40 years

Rev. Craig Whitson (8/26) - Em., Coldspring

### 35 years

Rev. Greg Lorenz (8/13) - St. Paul, McAllen

### 30 years

Rev. Arthur Maynard (8/7) - Em., Pipe Creek

Rev. Ken Watson (8/7) - Em., Brenham

Rev. Jim Sturgis (8/14) - Em., Portland

### 20 years

Rev. Ray Van Buskirk (8/1) - St. Peter, Houston

Rev. Robert Lutjens (8/8) - St. John, Wharton

Rev. Aaron Lytle (8/15) - Oikos, Houston

Rev. Jon Meyer (8/29) - Holy Trinity, Lexington

### 15 years

Rev. Chris Brynstad (8/9) - King of Kings, Round Rock

### 5 years

Rev. Paul Terral (8/11) - Faith, Gainesville

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## 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

**Site Savvy // Church Door:** Have you seen what's available from congregations and members around Texas? You may be surprised at what's available to you. Do you have items, resources, or opportunities to share with other congregations? Church Door is the

## EVENTS & LINKS // BE CONNECTED

### Upcoming Events

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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