



MINISTER *to* MINISTER

July 5, 2024

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PRESIDENT'S PAUSE // BE ENCOURAGED



July 4 President's Message // See the fruit of partnering together on mission.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zlXTFBDtk48>

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) - recovering from transplant surgery
 - Mr. Paul Krentz (Em., Georgetown) - health recovery
 - Rev. James Kretzmann (Em., Cedar Park) - in 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
 - 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

Undecided

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

Christina Nelson, DCE, Royal Redeemer, North Royalton, OH to DCE, St. Paul, Fort Worth

Ordained

Declined

Rev. Ethan Luhman, Assoc., Concordia, San Antonio to Sole, Messiah, Corpus Christi

Undecided

Rev. Andrew Guagenti, Sole, Holy Cross, Shelbyville, KY to Sole, St. Paul, Vernon
 Rev. Sean McMaughan, Sole / Campus Pastor, Grace, Ennis / Dallas Lutheran School to Sole, Our Redeemer, Longview
 Rev. Erik Stadler, Sole, Redeemer, Odessa to Sr., Trinity, Amarillo
 Rev. Mark Taylor, Assoc., Faith, Plano to Sr., Faith, Plano

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, Groves
 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

30 years

Rev. Ken Bersche (7/3) - Trinity, Sealy
 Rev. Dr. Marty Brauer (7/17) - Good Shepherd, Cedar Park

60 years

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

25 years

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

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 Mission Administration, Wentzville

Rev. Dale Bohm (7/16) - St. John, Giddings

Rev. Bob Pase (7/23) - Grace, Midland

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

Rev. Ricky Black (7/21) - Trinity, Amarillo

Rev. Jeff Jenkins (7/28) - Lutheran Student Center of Lubbock, Lubbock

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 lindahagge@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

Worker Care // Shining the Light Without Burning Out: Burnout for pastors and church workers is unique in its nature. Click for insights and a biblical resource from Rev. Dr. Rick Marrs to help combat "compassion fatigue". [Learn more](#)

EVENTS & LINKS // BE CONNECTED

Upcoming Events

JUNE 6-JULY 25 // Upbring 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 @ Camp Lone Star
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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