



MINISTER *to* MINISTER

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PRESIDENT'S PAUSE // BE ENCOURAGED

The wisdom of the book of Ecclesiastes declares: "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven" (Ecclesiastes 3:1). I want to encourage you for the season you're in. [Read more](#)

WORKER UPDATES // BE IN PRAYER

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

Prayer Requests

- Rev. Mark Barz (Crown of Life, San Antonio) - healing from blood clot
- Vicar Devin Jackson (Trinity, Fairfield) - recovery and continued cancer treatments after surgery

New Calls

Commissioned

Undecided

Sarah Valencia, DCE, CrossRoad, Katy to DCE, St. John, Cypress

Ordained

Accepted

Rev. Jason Moreno, Candidate, Houston to Sole, Christ Memorial, Houston

Rev. Mark Novacek, SMP, Concordia, San Antonio to SMP, St. John's, Union, IL

Undecided

Rev. Micah Drenkler, Assoc., Living Word, The Woodlands to Sole, Redeemer, Beaumont

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

Upcoming Installations

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

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

Funeral Announcements

Our heavenly Father, on Sunday, August 11, 2024, called to His side His servant, **Rev. James M. Richardson, Sr. (Em., Lampasas)**. Funeral details TBD. Please keep Pastor Richardson's family in your prayers.

Wednesday, August 14, 2024, **Rev. David G. Loeffler (Em., North Richland Hills)** was called to glory. Pastor Loeffler's funeral will be held at Messiah, Keller (1308 Whitley Rd, #101) on Monday, August 19 at 2:00 p.m. Clergy are invited to vest in green stoles and process.

DISTRICT NEWS // BE INFORMED

Save the Date: Registration for the 2025 Texas District Convention opens on September 5! View the nomination packets and vendor policy while you wait. [Learn more](#)

Professional Church Workers Conference: Registration for the 2024 Professional Church Workers Conference at Redeemer, Austin on October 14-15 is now open! Early bird registration ends September 15. **Sponsor and Exhibitor Information now available.**

[Learn more](#)

Beginning Teachers Retreat: Registration for the 2024 Beginning Teachers Retreat at Camp Lone Star on October 4-5 is now open! Please register by September 12. [Learn more](#)

Intentional Transitional Pastor Events: Have you wondered exactly what Intentional Transitional (aka Intentional Interim) Ministry is or if it is right for you? Lutheran Transitional Ministry Association (LuTMA) has an upcoming online [discernment event](#) and [basic training event](#). [Learn more](#)

Set Apart to Serve FREE Curriculum: *Set Apart to Serve (SAS)*, an initiative of The Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod, is now making its new church work recruitment curriculum available for congregations to order. Lutheran schools may also still place orders if they have not yet done so. The number of kits available is limited, so order your free kit now. [Learn more](#)

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RESOURCE TOOLBOX // BE EQUIPPED

Mission Insight // Why Evangelists: Is Evangelism Training right for you and your congregation? President Newman talks a bit about its purpose, roots, and possibilities. [Learn more](#)

EVENTS & LINKS // BE CONNECTED

Upcoming Events

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

OCTOBER 4-5, 2024 // 2024 Beginning Teachers Conference // [Learn More](#)

OCTOBER 14-15, 2024 // Professional Church Workers Conference // [Learn More](#)

JUNE 5-7, 2025 // Texas District Convention // [Learn more](#)

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