



# MINISTER *to* MINISTER

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## PRESIDENT'S PAUSE // BE ENCOURAGED



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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**

- Chris Duncan, son of Rev. Bud Beverly (Em., Hurst) - diagnosed with cancer
- Rev. Josh Knippa (Holy Cross, Nederland) - recovery after follow-up surgery
- Rev. Luciano Vega-Ayala & members of Centro de Fe y Esperanza, Conroe- had a fire in the kitchen and fellowship building

## New Calls

### Commissioned

#### Undecided

Josh McNamara, DCE, Epiphany, Houston to DCE, St. Paul, Waco  
 Sarah Valencia, DCE, CrossRoad, Katy to DCE, St. John, Cypress

### Ordained

#### Declined

Rev. Robert Zagore, Sole, Celebration, St. John's, FL to Sole, Gethsemane, Houston  
 Rev. Erik Stadler, Sole, Redeemer, Odessa to Sr., Trinity, Amarillo

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

## 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. James Menke // September 1, *time TBD* // Assoc., Lamb of God, Humble  
 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 // 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

#### 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 Brynestad (8/9) - King of Kings, Round Rock

#### 5 years

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

30 years

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

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

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

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## Funeral Announcement

Our heavenly Father, on Saturday, July 27, 2024, called to His side His servant, **Rev. Norm Finke (Em., Waxahachie)**. His funeral will be held at Christ the King, Waxahachie (301 Hwy 287 Bypass West) on Tuesday, August 13. Visitation will begin at 10:00 a.m., followed by the service at 11:00 a.m. Rev. Greg Finke will officiate. Please keep Rev. Norm Finke's family in your prayers.

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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](#)

**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. [Learn more](#)

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## RESOURCE TOOLBOX // BE EQUIPPED

**Worker Care // Take a Vacation:** For the sake of long-term health in ministry, vacations are essential! Listen to Deaconess Heidi Goehmann's top ten reasons to take a vacation... [Learn more](#)

## EVENTS & LINKS // BE CONNECTED

### Upcoming Events

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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