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September 13, 2024

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PRESIDENT'S PAUSE // BE ENCOURAGED

Goodness in the Grind: "The eatery became a sanctuary. The cafeteria became a congregation. Long hours became a liturgy of praise. I was drawn back to God's grace. I was directed to echo this theme when my work or life become long or thankless. I was reminded of the purpose of Jesus' Church in the world. And I couldn't help but sing along..." [Learn more](#)

WORKER UPDATES // BE IN PRAYER

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

Prayer Requests

- Vicar David Blajeski (Shepherd of the Prairie, Franklin) - recovery from rotator cuff surgery
- Vicar Devin Jackson (Trinity, Fairfield) - recovery and continued cancer treatments after surgery
- Rev. James Kretzmann (Em., Cedar Park) - recovering after seizure

New Calls

Ordained

Accepted

Rev. Phil Doublestein, Sole, The Church at Brooks, San Antonio to Assoc., Word of Life Fellowship, Cibolo

Declined

Rev. Arturo Mendez, Assoc., St. Matthew, Houston to Assoc., Hope, South Sioux City, NE

Undecided

Installations

Rev. Scott Herbert // September 8, 3:00 p.m. // ITP, Zion, Tomball
Rev. Jason Moreno // September 15, 3:00 p.m. // Sole, Christ Memorial, Houston

Ordination Anniversaries // September

35 years

Rev. John Stennfeld (9/10) - Christ, Austin

20 years

Rev. Oscar Benavides (9/5) - Water's Edge, Frisco

DISTRICT NEWS // BE INFORMED

2025 Texas District Convention Registration: Register NOW for the 2025 Texas District Convention. [Learn more](#)

Call for Nominations: Nomination forms for board positions, committee positions, and District Secretary, as well as descriptions of these positions are available for download now. Nominations for these positions will close November 4, 2024. Please click the following link for detailed instructions. [Learn more](#)

Retiro Ministerial Distrital 2024: Invitamos cordialmente a nuestros líderes de Iglesia de habla hispana del Distrito de Texas, LCMS, a unirse a nosotros para un tiempo de aprendizaje, conexión con Dios y con otros ministros de la iglesia, y para disfrutar de un momento de comunidad y reflexión en el hermoso Campamento Lone Star. [Aprenda más](#)

We warmly invite our Spanish-speaking Church Workers of the Texas District, LCMS, to join us for a time of learning, connection with God and fellow church workers, and enjoy a time of community and reflection in the beautiful surroundings of Camp Lone Star. [Learn more](#)

Texas District Spiritual Renewal Retreat: Join us for an enriching retreat designed for DCEs, DCMs, DFLMs, Pastors, Deaconesses, Interns, and anyone serving in churches! This event offers a time of renewal, fellowship, and growth as we dive into relevant topics, share experiences, and strengthen our bonds within the church community. [Learn more](#)

Texas District Treasurers Workshop: Congregation Officers, Treasurers, and Business Managers are invited to a one-day workshop on Saturday, October 5th. We will discuss tools available to congregations through the Texas District and Synod including best practices and resources, stewardship, fraud prevention/controls and more! [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 has been extended to September 20. Hotel recommendations are now posted. [Learn more](#)

"A Life Called" Event at CUNE: Can you think of a youth in your congregation that would

make a great church worker? Encourage them to attend Concordia University, Nebraska's church work visit event, "A Life Called", on October 13-14, 2024. They will learn about CUNE's church work programs and scholarship opportunities, attend classes, connect with current faculty, students, and other high schoolers interested in church work, tour campus, and stay overnight in the residence halls. [Learn more](#)

Lutheran Religious Life Survey: The Lutheran Religious Life Survey is an annual survey exploring the experiences and beliefs of LCMS members. This year, LCMS churches, districts, schools, and other bodies can register to receive a unique survey link to gather unique demographic information about their own institutions. [Learn more](#)

2025 Lutherans for Life Essay Contest: The Lutherans For Life Council of Federation Presidents sponsors an essay contest each year for students in two grade categories: 6-8 and 9-12. [Learn more](#)

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RESOURCE TOOLBOX // BE EQUIPPED



Mission Insight // Hispanic Ministry in Hereford, TX: Several Hispanic pastors blessed with mission support from the Texas District decided to pay the blessings forward... <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xkWlnK4UJI0&t=7s>

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 5, 2024 // Texas District Treasurers Workshop // [Learn More](#)
OCTOBER 14-15, 2024 // Professional Church Workers Conference // [Learn More](#)
OCTOBER 20-22, 2024 // 2024 Hispanic Church Workers Retreat // [Learn More](#)
FEBRUARY 3, 2025 // Texas District Spiritual Renewal Retreat // [Learn More](#)
JUNE 5-7, 2025 // Texas District Convention // [Learn more](#)

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