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# MINISTER *to* MINISTER

September 6, 2024

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## PRESIDENT'S PAUSE // BE ENCOURAGED



You're Invited: The 2024 Professional Church Workers Conference is right around the corner... <https://youtu.be/ndLh5lOgtmM>

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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

- Vicar Devin Jackson (Trinity, Fairfield) - recovery and continued cancer treatments after surgery
  - Rev. James Kretzmann (Em., Cedar Park) - recovering after seizure
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## New Calls

### Ordained

#### Accepted

Rev. Ethan Luhman, Assoc., Concordia, San Antonio to Sr., Peace, Eau Claire, WI

#### Declined

Rev. Eric Wenger, Sole, Lakes Area Christian Fellowship, Rome WI to Sole, St. Paul, Plano

#### Undecided

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

Rev. Steve Kieser, Assoc., Faith, Plano to Sole, Trinity, Riverton, WY

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

Rev. Tab Ottmers, Sole, Immanuel, Fairview to Sole, St. Paul, Vernon

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## 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

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## Ordination Anniversaries // September

### 35 years

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

### 20 years

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

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## 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 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 ends September 15. **Sponsor and Exhibitor Information now available.** [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](#)

**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](#)

**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

**Tech Tip // Advanced Phishing Techniques:** Recently, the Texas District received very sophisticated malicious email messages from employees of organizations we normally work with, one of which was from an employee of a major university. Here are some things to know to keep yourself accounts safe.... [Learn more](#)

## EVENTS & LINKS // BE CONNECTED

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

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