



MINISTER *to* MINISTER

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PRESIDENT'S PAUSE // BE ENCOURAGED

Advent Poem // From Ruth Meyer's "N is For Nativity: Christmas from A to Z"

"Advent is our letter A, a fitting place to start. For these four weeks, our prayer is this: 'O Lord, prepare my heart.'"

May the Lord prepare your heart to rejoice in His becoming flesh for our salvation and to be watchful for His promised return! Purchase Texas' very own Ruth Meyer's book [HERE](#), a wonderful resource for church and family, discounted for Black Friday!

God bless your Advent celebration and servant-leadership!

WORKER UPDATES // BE IN PRAYER

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

Prayer Requests

- Vicar Devin Jackson (Trinity, Fairfield) - recovery and continued cancer treatments after surgery
- Rev. James Kretzmann (Em., Cedar Park) - hospitalized with blood clots
- Rev. Richard Turner (Em., El Campo) - diagnosed with cancer

New Calls

Ordained

Undecided

Rev. Mark Barz, Sr., Crown of Life, San Antonio to Campus Chaplain, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, MO

Rev. Dale Bohm, Sole, St. John, Giddings to Sole, Resurrection, Fredericksburg

Rev. Eloy González, Em., Mission to Sole (ITP), St. Paul/St. Paul, Bishop/Kingsville

Rev. Eloy González, Em., Mission to Sole (ITP), Trinity, San José, CA
Rev. Matthew Gulseth, Sole, Concordia, Pullman, WA to Assoc., Trinity-Klein, Spring
Rev. Matthew Hardaway, Cand., Woodway to Sole, St. Andrews, Wichita, KS
Rev. Matthew Hardaway, Cand., Woodway to Sole, Christ, Amston, CT
Rev. Timmothy Heath Jr., Sole, Zion, Owego, NY to Assoc., Faith, Plano
Rev. Loucan Saling, Sole, Faith/St. Paul, Woodville/Jasper to Sole, Our Redeemer,
Longview

Ordination Anniversaries // December

45 years

Rev. David Bergman (12/9) - *Em., Hewitt*

20 years

Rev. Brent McGuire (12/5) - *Our Redeemer, Dallas*

10 years

Rev. Brad Jurischk (12/6) - *St. Timothy, Houston*

Rev. Michael Cody (12/7) - *Good Shepherd, Iowa Park*

5 years

Rev. Steve Headley (12/15) - *Good Shepherd, Cedar Park*

DISTRICT NEWS // BE INFORMED

Catalyst Innovation Lab 2025: The Texas District Catalyst Innovation Lab returns! Ministries may apply to receive up to \$25,000. Applications are due November 15, 2024. [Learn more](#)

Call for Nominations: Nomination forms for District President and Area Vice Presidents, as well as descriptions of these positions are available for download now. Nominations for these positions will close February 4, 2025. [Learn More](#)

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

Evangelist Training Series: Embark with us on a mission that goes beyond the church doors—become an everyday missionary with the Texas District Evangelist training! Ever wished your friends, family, and coworkers could experience the love of Jesus but felt uncertain about making that connection? You're not alone. [Learn more](#)

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RESOURCE TOOLBOX // BE EQUIPPED

Worship Resource // Advent Resources: Are you looking for ways to add resources to your congregation's or congregation's families' Advent worship? Check out what is offered this year on Synod's website. [Learn more](#)

EVENTS & LINKS // BE CONNECTED

Upcoming Events

JANUARY 15, 2025 (start date) // 8-week Evangelist Training Cohort // [Learn More](#)

FEBRUARY 3-5, 2025 // Texas District Spiritual Renewal Retreat // [Learn More](#)

FEBRUARY 4, 2025 // DP and Area VP Nominations Deadline // [Learn More](#)

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

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