



# MINISTER *to* MINISTER

December 6, 2024

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## PRESIDENT'S PAUSE // BE ENCOURAGED

**Devotional // A Father and a Pardon**

President Biden made headlines this week for granting a presidential pardon to his son, Hunter. Whether you agree with the action or not, imagine the pressure of the situation: Highly charged public sentiment, deep fatherly love, the highest of profile cases, the incontrovertible guilt of your child, a political legacy hanging in the balance, the power and ability to seal or ease your son's fate. [Read more](#)

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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. Aaron Kalbas (St. John, Hamilton) - mother, Judy Kalbas, joined Jesus' side
- Rev. James Kretzmann (Em., Cedar Park) - moved to hospice
- Rev. Richard Turner (Em., El Campo) - diagnosed with cancer

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### New Calls

#### Ordained

##### Accepted

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

Rev. Matthew Hardaway, Cand., Woodway to Sole, Christ, Amston, CT

Rev. Thomas Obersat, Sole, Ebenezer, Manheim to Assisting Pastor, Mount Hope and Advancement Officer, Luther Classical College, Casper, WY

### Declined

Rev. Matthew Hardaway, Cand., Woodway to Sole, St. Andrews, Wichita, KS

### Undecided

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

Rev. Thomas Chandler, Sole, Trinity, Albany to Sole, Hope, Winnie

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. Timothy Heath Jr., Sole, Zion, Owego, NY to Assoc., Faith, Plano

Rev. Loucan Saling, Sole, Faith/St. Paul, Woodville/Jasper to Sole, Our Redeemer, Longview

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## 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*

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## Funeral

Mrs. Judy Kalbas, mother of Rev. Aaron Kalbas (St. John, Hamilton) joined Jesus' side on December 3, 2024. Her funeral service will be held Monday, December 8, 10:00 a.m. at St. Paul, Serbin (1572 CR 211, Giddings).

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## DISTRICT NEWS // BE INFORMED

**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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**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](#)

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## RESOURCE TOOLBOX // BE EQUIPPED

**Worker Care** // "Being a 'Lone Ranger' Is not Healthy or Biblical: The Texas District has people who can come alongside and help you process these issues and develop a plan to help you move forward and find renewed vibrancy in life and ministry. But do you look for a coach, a counselor, a mentor—what's the difference? [Read more](#)

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