



# MINISTER *to* MINISTER

January 10, 2025

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## Disaster Relief in the Pacific Southwest

LCMS Congregations and Christians are being affected by the intense wildfire damage in the Pacific Southwest District. See how you can serve our brothers and sisters in need.

WHAT TO KNOW

HOW TO HELP

## PRESIDENT'S PAUSE // BE ENCOURAGED

**From the President // Getting Out of Bed in the New Year:** I've heard it too many times from friends and colleagues. You may have heard it or felt it: "I can't even get out of bed in the morning." Grief, weariness, depression, discouragement, fear, feeling overwhelmed – all of it can paralyze you, make you feel purposeless, and press so hard upon you that you don't want to face the day... What's the answer to this seemingly impossible situation? How can a person or congregation overcome this desperate struggle?" [Read more](#)

## WORKER UPDATES // BE IN PRAYER

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

### Prayer Requests

- Rev. Michael Frick (Em., Sachse) - at the passing of his wife, Deborah
- Rev. Laverne Janssen (Em., Abilene) - at the passing of his brother, Leon
- Mrs. Jeanne Kretzmann, wife of Rev. James Kretzmann (Em., Cedar Park) - at the passing of her husband, James

### Funeral

Mrs. Deborah Frick, wife of Rev. Michael Frick (Em., Sachse) joined her Savior's side on December 17, 2024. A memorial service will be held January 18, 2025, 2:00-3:00 p.m. at Our Redeemer, Dallas (7611 Park Ln).

Mr. Leon Janssen, brother of Rev. Laverne Janssen (Em., Abilene) was called to be with Jesus on January 6, 2025. His services will be held January 18, 2025 at Hansen-Schilling Funeral Home in Marshfield, WI (1010 E Veterans Pkwy): visitation at 10:00 a.m., memorial at 11:00 a.m.

Rev. James Kretzmann, (Em., Cedar Park) joined his Savior's side today, January 10, 2025. Arrangements are pending.

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## New Calls

### Commissioned

#### Undecided

Mr. Matthew Babisak, Teacher, Faith, Plano to Teacher, Memorial, Houston

### Ordained

#### Accepted

Rev. Howard Thomas, Sole, SOON, Houston to Assoc., Mt. Calvary, Milwaukee, WI

#### Declined

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

Rev. Robert Paul, Assoc., Memorial, Houston to Education Executive, Indiana District

#### Undecided

Rev. Jace Detrie, Sole, Luther Memorial, Tinton Falls, NJ to Assoc., Messiah, Plano

Rev. Brandon Koble, Principal, Trinity HS, West Allis, WI to Headmaster, Faith, Plano

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## Installations

Rev. Josh LeBoriosis // January 12, 3:00 p.m. // Sr., Hope, Friendswood  
Jae Park // Ordination & Installation: January 12, 3:00 p.m. // Assoc., Lamb of God,  
Flower Mound

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## Ordination Anniversaries // January

### 35 years

Rev. William Holzer (1/7) - Grace, Brenham

### 20 years

Rev. Joe Mashburn (1/16) - Faith, Corsicana

Rev. James Kretzmann (1/16) - Em., Cedar Park

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## DISTRICT NEWS // BE INFORMED

**Catalyst Innovation Lab:** Join us January 22, 9a-2:30p at the Texas District Catalyst Innovation Lab, a dynamic and inspiring event where creativity and innovation collide! Discover new and unique ideas to grow ministries and multiply disciples of Jesus. This

in-person event will take place at the Texas District Mission Support Center and is open to public attendance. Register for free at the following link: [Learn more](#)

**Upcoming LuTMA Events:** Lutheran Transitional Ministry Association (LuTMA) will be holding some valuable events in the near future, for discerning whether or not interim ministry is right for you, training for interim ministry, and a conference for churches too small to continue in their current setting. Further details for these and more can be found on their website. [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](#)

**2025 Missional Youth Retreat:** The 2025 Missional Youth Retreat (MYR) will be held this summer, June 1-5! At MYR, students can experience, pursue, and thrive in their life passions through worship, small group time, and service projects. This experience is perfect for young people with demonstrated leadership potential who have a calling for ministry and are passionate about sharing the Gospel in their daily work and vocation. Registration is now open! [Learn more & register](#)

[READ MORE DISTRICT NEWS](#)

## 2025 Convention Info Center

**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](#)

## RESOURCE TOOLBOX // BE EQUIPPED

**Tech Tip // Multi-Factor Authentication in 2025:** As we start 2025, one cyber-security resolution we suggest for you and your family to increase your security online is to enable Multi-Factor Authentication (MFA) for all your important accounts. This will help protect your account even if your password is compromised. [Read more](#)

## EVENTS & LINKS // BE CONNECTED

### Upcoming Events

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

JANUARY 22, 2025 // Catalyst Innovation Lab // [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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COMMUNITY EVENTS

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