



MINISTER *to* MINISTER

January 24, 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

Reflecting on God's Blessings over the Last Year // As we begin a new year, we pause to reflect on God's abundant blessings over the past twelve months. Together, we celebrate His work through the efforts of faithful leaders, congregations, and partners committed to advancing the Gospel. See some of what God has been up to in the Texas District throughout 2024. [Read more](#)

WORKER UPDATES // BE IN PRAYER

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

Prayer Requests

- Rev. Donald Black (Trinity, Houston) - at the passing of his wife, Audrey (arrangements pending)
- Rev. Jeff & Maggie Doria (St. Paul, Thorndale) - at the passing of Maggie's mother, Kaye
- Mrs. Arlene Greenthaner, wife of Rev. Dick Greenthaner (Em., Killeen) - surgery for broken foot on Jan 30
- Rev. Dick Greenthaner (Em., Killeen) - pain in side and leg
- Rev. Willie Lucas (Holy Cross, Houston) - health failing, entered Comfort Care
- Rev. Thomas Winter (St. Peter, Pearsall) - at the passing of his mother, Louise

Funerals

Mrs. Elizabeth Thompson, widow of Rev. John Thompson (Em., Humble) entered glory on January 9, 2025. Her funeral was held January 14 at Darst Funeral Home in Houston, and she was laid to rest beside her husband in a private ceremony at Houston National Cemetery.

Mrs. Louise Winter, mother of Rev. Thomas Winter (St. Peter, Pearsall) joined her Savior's side on January 20, 2025. Her funeral arrangements are pending.

New Calls

Ordained

Undecided

Rev. Duane Bamsch, Sole, Grace, Grass Valley, CA to Sole, Our Redeemer, Wichita Falls

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

Rev. David Ficken, Candidate, Arlington Heights, IL to Assoc., St. Peter, Arlington Heights, IL

Rev. Keith Grimm, Sr., Family of Christ, Ham Lake, MN to Assoc., Trinity-Klein, Spring

Rev. Robert Mundahl, Em., Rockport to Sole, Lord of Life, Corpus Christi

Installations

Rev. Timmothy Heath, Jr. // February 8, 11:00 a.m. // Assoc., Faith, Plano

Rev. Loucan Saling // February 8, 12:00 p.m. // Sole, Our Redeemer, Longview

Ordination Anniversaries // January

35 years

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

20 years

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

DISTRICT NEWS // BE INFORMED

UPDATE: Catalyst Innovation Lab Delayed: Due to poor weather conditions, the Catalyst Innovation Lab has been rescheduled March 11. This in-person event will take place at the Texas District Mission Support Center and is **open to public attendance**. A new registration link and additional details are forthcoming. Watch <http://txlcms.org> and *Minister to Minister* for updates.

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](#)

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

Mission Insight // B.L.E.S.S. Rhythm: "If you are not familiar with the B.L.E.S.S. Rhythm, it is a helpful tool used within faith communities to help reorient moments of life around Jesus and His mission." [Read more](#)

EVENTS & LINKS // BE CONNECTED

Upcoming Events

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

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

MARCH 11, 2025 // (Rescheduled) Catalyst Innovation Lab // [More Info Coming](#)

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

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