



MINISTER *to* MINISTER

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PRESIDENT'S PAUSE // BE ENCOURAGED

Leadership // A Lesson from Justin Baldoni & Blake Lively: "Men can misuse their strength and drive, resulting not in a display of masculinity, but depravity. Is there a better way?" [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 (arrangements pending)
 - Rev. James Kretzmann (Em., Cedar Park) - moved to hospice
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New Calls

Commissioned

Undecided

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

Ordained

Accepted

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

Undecided

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

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

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

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

Installations

John Cotner // Ordination & Installation: January 5, 4:00 p.m. //SMP, Messiah, Corpus Christi
Rev. Josh LeBorious // 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

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*

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](#)

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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

Worker Care // Wholehearted in 2025: What does it mean to serve God with wholehearted devotion? Is this something we can attain or even work toward? [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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