



MINISTER *to* MINISTER

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PRESIDENT'S PAUSE // BE ENCOURAGED

Building Spiritual Wells // "Our world is full of people who are spiritually thirsty. Many aren't stepping into churches, but they are spiritually thirsty. Through the Evangelist Training Ministry, you can learn how to be part of Jesus' ongoing work by building what we call "spiritual wells"—places where He meets people in their everyday lives. Whether in your workplace, a park, or even over a cup of coffee at your kitchen table, you can help create spaces where Jesus does what He can do: offer living water to those around you." [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
 - Mrs. Arlene Greenthaner, wife of Rev. Dick Greenthaner (Em., Killeen) - recovering from foot surgery
 - Rev. Richard Kurth (Em., Dallas) - at the passing of his wife, Judy
 - Rev. Randy Ledbetter (Em., Pearland) - foot surgery
 - Rev. Willie Lucas (Holy Cross, Houston) - health failing, entered Comfort Care
 - Mrs. Catherine Stoppenhagen, wife of Rev. Norman Stoppenhagen (Em., Austin) - uterine cancer
 - Rev. Thomas Winter (St. Peter, Pearsall) - at the passing of his mother, Louise
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Funerals

Mrs. Audrey Black, wife of Rev. Donald Black (Em., Houston) entered glory on January 18, 2025. Her visitation will be held February 15, 10:00 a.m., followed by her funeral at 11:00 a.m., at Trinity, Houston (800 Houston St.).

Mrs. Judy Kurth, wife of Rev. Richard Kurth (Em., Dallas) entered glory on January

25, 2025. A celebration of her life will be held at 11:00 a.m. on February 14, 2025 at Peace, Hurst (941 W Bedford Eules Rd). In lieu of flowers, please direct any gifts to the "Judy Kurth Music Memorial Fund" at Peace Lutheran Church.

Mrs. Louise Winter, mother of Rev. Thomas Winter (St. Peter, Pearsall) joined her Savior's side on January 20, 2025. Her life was celebrated at Christ, Stevensville, MI, and she was laid to rest this morning, January 31, at Riverview Cemetery, Stevensville, MI. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be directed to Christ Lutheran Church and School, Stevensville, MI (4333 Cleveland Ave); Lutherans in Africa; or Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, IN.

New Calls

Ordained

Accepted

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

Declined

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

Undecided

Rev. Kyle Blake, Assoc., Bethany, Long Beach, CA to Sole, Family of Faith, Houston

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. Jonathan D. Meyer, Sole, Holy Trinity/St. James, Fedor/Lexington to Sole, Our Savior Zephyrhills, FL

Rev. Dr. Rance Settle, Sr., Lamb of God, Flower Mound to Sole, Risen Savior, Broomfield, CO

Installations

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

Rev. Mark Hotopp // February 16, 10:30 a.m. // Assoc. (part-time), Tree of Life, Garland

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

Ordination Anniversaries // February

10 years

Rev. Beto Alzate (2/15) - Holy Cross, Dallas

Rev. Sabir Bashir (2/15) - Prince of Peace, Carrollton

DISTRICT NEWS // BE INFORMED

UPDATE: Catalyst Innovation Lab Delayed: Due to poor weather conditions, the Catalyst Innovation Lab has been rescheduled for March 11. This in-person event will take place at the Texas District Mission Support Center and is **open to public attendance**. [Re-register](#)

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](#)

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2025 Convention Info Center

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

RESOURCE TOOLBOX // BE EQUIPPED

Ministry Resource // Ash Wednesday Resources: Will you approach the throne of grace in prayer personally? Will you bring your prayers of repentance to our loving God on behalf of the church? Will you let the trials of this broken world become a prayerful pathway to renewed faith and fresh proclamation of the saving Good News? People need what we have received. [Learn more](#)

EVENTS & LINKS // BE CONNECTED

Upcoming Events

MARCH 5, 2025 // Day of Repentance 2025 // [Learn More](#)

MARCH 11, 2025 // (Rescheduled) Catalyst Innovation Lab // [Learn More & Re-register](#)

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

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