



MINISTER *to* MINISTER

January 31, 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

DFW's First Chartered Hispanic Congregation // "In 2017, Comunidad Cristiana Expansión embarked on an inspiring journey to share the gospel with the Hispanic community in Rockwall. With the unwavering support of Our Savior Lutheran Church, Rockwall, we were granted ample space to hold Spanish services every Sunday. This generous collaboration has significantly amplified their mission. The inaugural Spanish service welcomed about 25 attendees, and today, they are thrilled to see attendance rise to nearly 84. They are making a meaningful impact in their community!" [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
- 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) - recovering from foot surgery
- Rev. Dick Greenthaner (Em., Killeen) - pain in side and leg
- Rev. Richard Kurth (Em., Dallas) - at the passing of his wife, Judy
- 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

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. Her funeral arrangements are pending. In lieu of flowers, please direct any gifts to the "Judy Kurth Music Memorial Fund" at Peace Lutheran Church, 941 W Bedford Eules Rd, Hurst, TX 76053.

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

Undecided

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

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

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

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. 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](#)

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

Site Savvy // The 63rd Texas District Convention is coming up soon, but that's not all that's happening in the district! Check out some of our other encouraging, edifying, engaging events coming up. [Learn 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 // [Learn More & Re-register](#)

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

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