



MINISTER *to* MINISTER

March 21, 2025

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PRESIDENT'S PAUSE // BE ENCOURAGED

Prayer // O holy and most merciful God, You have taught us the way of Your commandments. We implore you to pour out Your grace into our hearts. Cause it to bear fruit in us that, being ever mindful of Your mercies and Your laws, we may always be directed to Your will and daily increase in love toward You and one another. Enable us to resist all evil and to live a godly life. Help us to follow the example of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, and to walk in His steps until we shall possess the kingdom that has been prepared for us in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (LSB, 308)

WORKER UPDATES // BE IN PRAYER

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

Prayer Requests

- Family of Mr. Stephen Brennan (Em., Spring) at his passing
- Family of Rev. Dick Greenthaner (Em., Killeen) at his passing
- Mrs. Catherine Stoppenhagen, wife of Rev. Norman Stoppenhagen (Em., Austin) - uterine cancer
- Rev. Lynn Stroud (Em., Bryan) - suffering with pancreatitis

New Calls

Ordained

Declined

Rev. Matthew Berry, Sole, Concordia, Sikeston, MO to Sole, St. John, Beaumont

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

Undecided

Rev. Brad Akey, Assoc., Zion, Seymour, IN to Sole, Redeemer, Fredericksburg

Rev. Kyle Blake, Assoc., Bethany, Long Beach, CA to Campus Pastor, Concordia High School, Tomball
Rev. Tom Chandler, Sole, Trinity, Albany to Sole, Trinity, Uvalde
Rev. Tim Sims, Sole, St. John, Chester, IL to Sole, St. Paul, Vernon
Rev. Kyle Winter, Sole, Church at Creston, Kalispell, MT to Sole, Trinity, Weatherford

Installation

Rev. Jace Detrie // March 23, 8:30 a.m. // Assoc., Messiah, Plano
Rev. Travis Pittock // April 6, 8:00 p.m. // Sole, Emmanuel, Littlefield
Rev. Ed Weber // April 6, 3:00 p.m. // Sole, Immanuel, Mercedes

Funeral

Stephen M. Brennan (Em., Spring) was called to glory Wednesday, March 12, 2025. Despite his battle with Wegener since 2017, his faith, dedication, and love for the Trinity-Klein community never wavered. As a teacher, athletic director, and coach, Steve touched countless lives, always striving to make a difference. His passion and impact will never be forgotten. Please keep his family in your prayers during this difficult time. Memorial Service will be Saturday, April 5 at 10:30 a.m. at Trinity-Klein, Spring (5201 Spring Cypress Rd).

Ordination Anniversaries // March

50 years

Rev. Victor Frank (3/9) - Em., Spring

25 years

Rev. Mark Carter (3/5) - Em., Dripping Springs

Rev. Dr. Ray Spitzenberger (3/19) - Em., East Bernard

DISTRICT NEWS // BE INFORMED

Congregational Statistics (Deadline Extended): It's that time of year again—time to share your congregation's story through numbers! And with the national convention coming up in 2026, your input this year is crucial. We need your statistics by **March 31, 2025**, and we've made the process as straightforward as possible. [Learn more](#)

Black Ministry Family Convocation 2025: Registration is open for the Black Ministry Family Convocation, hosted by Saint Paul Lutheran Church & Christian Academy in Dallas, Texas and the Rev. Byron Williams. Adult Registration is \$175 per person, Youth Registration is \$75 and the Banquet is \$45 per person. [Learn more](#)

Call for Synodical Nominations: "Officers, agencies, ordained and commissioned ministers, and member congregations of the Synod and their lay members are all invited to submit nominations for sought positions to be filled by the Synod convention..." [Learn more](#)

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2025 Convention Info Center

Convention Credentialing: Voting congregations, ensure your delegates are properly credentialed, using the [2025 Voting Delegate Credential Form](#). The deadline for Advance Submission (strongly encouraged for a smoother check-in) is May 5. Credentialing *does not* replace convention registration. Both must be completed. [Learn more](#)

Slate of Nominees Available to View: The slate of nominees for District President and Area Vice Presidents as well as for District Secretary, Boards and Committees is now available. [Learn more](#)

2025 Texas District Convention Registration: Register NOW for the 2025 Texas District Convention. **REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS MAY 23.** [Learn more](#)

RESOURCE TOOLBOX // BE EQUIPPED

Site Savvy // Become a Church Worker: Is there someone in your congregation who you think could make a good church worker or who has expressed interest? On the Texas District website, we have information resources that can help clarify the process and make it attainable. [Read more](#)

EVENTS & LINKS // BE CONNECTED

Upcoming Events

MARCH 31, 2025 // (Updated) Congregational Statistics Reports Due // [Learn more](#)

MAY 23, 2025 // District Convention Registration Deadline // [Learn more](#)

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

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