



# MINISTER *to* MINISTER

February 28, 2025

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## PRESIDENT'S PAUSE // BE ENCOURAGED

**Day of Repentance 2025:** "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](#)

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## WORKER UPDATES // BE IN PRAYER

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

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### Prayer Requests

- Mrs. Arlene Greenthaner, wife of Rev. Dick Greenthaner (Em., Killeen) - recovering from foot surgery
- Mrs. Victoria Lemos, mother-in-law of Rev. Brian Shane (St. Paul, Canyon) - in hospice in the Shanes' home
- Rev. Dr. Wilbert Sohns (Em., Gatesville) - recovering from issues with digestive muscles
- Mrs. Catherine Stoppenhagen, wife of Rev. Norman Stoppenhagen (Em., Austin) - uterine cancer
- Family of Mrs. Helen Wenthe, late widow of Rev. William Wenthe (Em., Georgetown) - comfort at Helen's passing

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### Funeral

Mrs. Helen Wenthe, widow of Rev. William Wenthe (Em., Georgetown) joined her Savior's side January 24, 2025. Her funeral will be held March 10 at 11:00 a.m., preceded by her visitation at 10:00 a.m., at Zion, Walburg (6001 FM 1105, Georgetown).

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## New Calls

### Ordained

#### Declined

Rev. Kyle Blake, Assoc., Bethany, Long Beach, CA to Sole, Family of Faith, Houston  
Rev. Jonathan F. Meyer, Sole, Zion, Victoria to Sole, First Evangelical, Orange Grove  
Rev. Keith Grimm, Sr., Family of Christ, Ham Lake, MN to Assoc., Trinity-Klein, Spring  
Rev. Dr. Rance Settle, Sr., Lamb of God, Flower Mound to Sole, Risen Savior, Broomfield, CO

#### Undecided

Rev. Kyle Blake, Assoc., Bethany, Long Beach, CA to Campus Pastor, Concordia High School, Tomball  
Rev. Dr. Richard Lofgren, Em., San Antonio to ITP, Immanuel, Hamler, OH  
Rev. Jonathan D. Meyer, Sole, Holy Trinity/St. James, Fedor/Lexington to Sole, Our Savior Zephyrhills, FL  
Rev. Ryan Roehrig, Sole, St. Paul, Carroll, IA to Sole, St. Paul, Vernon

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## 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*

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## DISTRICT NEWS // BE INFORMED

**Congregational Statistics:** 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 **February 28, 2025**, and we've made the process as straightforward as possible. [Learn more](#)

**Catalyst Innovation Lab:** 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](#)

**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](#)

**Laudamus Performance:** *Laudamus*, a select choir of seminarians preparing for full-time pastoral ministry in the LCMS from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, will perform at the Texas District Mission Support Center on March 17 at 1:30 p.m. as part of its 2025 tour, "My Song is Love Unknown." [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

**Site Savvy // Youth Ministry Resources:** We love the children of the Texas District! Have you seen our Youth Ministry resources page? It may spark inspiration for ways you can help care for God's young 'uns in your midst! [Learn more](#)

## EVENTS & LINKS // BE CONNECTED

### Upcoming Events

FEBRUARY 28, 2025 // Congregational Statistics Reports Due // [Learn more](#)

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

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

MARCH 17, 2025 // Laudamus Performance // [Learn more](#)

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

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