



MINISTER *to* MINISTER

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PRESIDENT'S PAUSE // BE ENCOURAGED

Leadership Article // The REAL Worship War: "Worship doesn't criticize, point fingers, one-up, or tear down. Bowing before the Holy King of kings never has room for self-righteousness. Worship is always and only directed to God humbly and repentantly with gratitude for His grace, always rejoicing in receiving His gifts." [Read more](#)

WORKER UPDATES // BE IN PRAYER

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

Prayer Requests

- Mrs. Arlene Greenthaner, wife of Rev. Dick Greenthaner (Em., Killeen) - recovering from foot surgery
- Rev. Dick Greenthaner (Em., Killeen) - undergoing and recovering from recent surgeries
- Family of Rev. Brian Shane (St. Paul, Canyon) - comfort at the passing of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Victoria Lemos
- Mrs. Catherine Stoppenhagen, wife of Rev. Norman Stoppenhagen (Em., Austin) - uterine cancer
- Family of Mrs. Helen Wenthe, late widow of Mr. William Wenthe (Em., Georgetown) - comfort at Helen's passing

New Calls

Ordained

Accepted

Rev. Dr. Richard Lofgren, Em., San Antonio to ITP, Immanuel, Hamler, OH

Declined

Rev. Ryan Roehrig, Sole, St. Paul, Carroll, IA to Sole, St. Paul, Vernon

Undecided

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

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

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. Ed Weber // April 6, 3:00 p.m. // Sole, Immanuel, Mercedes

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 Spitzberger (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](#)

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](#)

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

Mission Insight // The Need for Prayer: If we are honest with ourselves and our ministries, we can get caught up in our own things and forget the larger moment we find ourselves in. This is not a doom and gloom article, but it is intended to paint a picture of our reality and the state that we find ourselves in. This is a moment to come face to face with reality and face to face with Jesus in order to remind us what it means to grieve for the decline of the church and what Jesus may be showing us and reminding us as it pertains to prayer and the church. [Read more](#)

EVENTS & LINKS // BE CONNECTED

Upcoming Events

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

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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