



MINISTER *to* MINISTER

March 28, 2025

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PRESIDENT'S PAUSE // BE ENCOURAGED

March Messenger // The First Sermon of Jesus: What were Jesus' first words to a waiting and wounded world? He said, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel" (Mark 1:15). That's our message, too. It is a crucial revelation for every broken life. [Read more](#)

WORKER UPDATES // BE IN PRAYER

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

Prayer Requests

- Rev. Randy Bard (Bethel, Bryan) at the passing of his father, Rollin
 - 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
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New Calls

Commissioned

Undecided

Mr. Sugita Tetsuya, Dir. of Music, Bethel, Bryan to Dir. of Music, Holy Cross, Kearney, NE

Ordained

Accepted

Rev. Kyle Blake, Assoc., Bethany, Long Beach, CA to Campus Pastor, Concordia High School, Tomball

Rev. Dr. Brian Kachelmeier, Assoc., Crown of Life, San Antonio to Sr., Crown of Life,

San Antonio

Declined

Rev. Tom Chandler, Sole, Trinity, Albany to Sole, Trinity, Uvalde

Undecided

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

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. Duane Bamsch // May 4, 4:00 p.m. //Sole, Our Redeemer, Wichita Falls

Rev. James Jennings // May 10, 4:00 p.m. //SMP, Our Redeemer, Wichita Falls

Rev. Dr. Brian Kachelmeier // March 30, 7:00 p.m. //Sr., Crown of Life, San Antonio

Rev. Travis Pittock // April 6, 4:00 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 // April

20 years

Rev. Larry Knobloch (4/10) - *Trinity, Riesel*

10 years

Rev. Nelson Hernandez (4/19) - *Candidate, Houston*

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](#)

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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 // Parish Nursing & Health Ministry: Parish nursing, also called Faith Community Nursing, offers the opportunity to use one's God-given gifts; combining faith, knowledge and previous experience to serve the whole person within the church and community. It is the intentional care of the whole person, body, mind, spirit (also including emotions and relationships) that makes parish nursing a specialty branch of nursing. [Read more](#)

EVENTS & LINKS // BE CONNECTED

Upcoming Events

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

MAY 5, 2025 // District Convention Voting Delegate Credential Form Advance Deadline // [Learn more](#)

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

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

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