

March 7, 2025
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### PRESIDENT'S PAUSE // BE ENCOURAGED



God Is Doing Amazing Things: The Texas District gives thanks to God for all the incredible things happening in 2024 and beyond! <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6KC7K2zm-ms">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6KC7K2zm-ms</a>

# **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
- Mrs. Victoria Lemos, mother-in-law of Rev. Brian Shane (St. Paul, Canyon) in hospice in the Shanes' home
- 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

#### **Funeral**

Mrs. Helen Wenthe, widow of Rev. William Wenthe (Em., Georgetown) joined her Savior's side February 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).

#### **New Calls**

#### Ordained

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. 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

#### 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

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..." <u>Learn</u> 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

**READ MORE DISTRICT NEWS** 

#### 2025 Convention Info Center

**2025 Texas District Convention Registration:** Register NOW for the 2025 Texas District Convention. **REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS MAY 23.** <u>Learn more</u>

## RESOURCE TOOLBOX // BE EQUIPPED

Worker Care // A Lutheran Perspective on Wellbeing: This collection of essays, written by LCMS pastors and deaconesses, covers the theology of 8 different facets of wellbeing. Each, taken individually, is only 4-6 pages in length, and all are worth reading and reflection. Learn more

# **EVENTS & LINKS // BE CONNECTED**

## **Upcoming Events**

MARCH 11, 2025 // (Rescheduled) Catalyst Innovation Lab // Learn more & re-register 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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**DISTRICT EVENTS** 

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