



MINISTER *to* MINISTER

April 25, 2025

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PRESIDENT'S PAUSE // BE ENCOURAGED

Easter Greetings & Convention Information // "In about eight weeks, we will meet as a district to do the Lord's work at the 63rd Texas District convention. We will pray together, worship together, hear God's Word together, encourage one another, and partner together to steward God's beloved church..." [Read more](#)

UPDATE: Please note that since this message was sent, the Convention workbook has been posted and can be found on the Convention [webpage](#).

WORKER UPDATES // BE IN PRAYER

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

Prayer Requests

- Rev. Norman Stoppenhagen (Em., Austin) - at the passing of his wife, Cathy
- Rev. Bryan Wolfmueller (St. Paul, Austin) - at the passing of his father, Chuck

New Calls

Commissioned

Undecided

Dr. Levi Bringold, Teacher, St. John, Fraser, MI to Head of School, Our Redeemer, Dallas

Ordained

Undecided

Rev. Troy Schmidt, Sr., Gethsemane, Tempe, AZ to Sr., Water's Edge, Frisco

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, Gethsemane, Houston
Rev. Tom Obersat // April 27, 3:00 p.m. // Sole, Trinity, Eden

Funeral

Mrs. Catherine Stoppenhagen, wife of Rev. Norman Stoppenhagen (Em., Austin) was called to her Savior's side Tuesday, April 22, 2025. Visitation will be Friday, May 2 at Beck Funeral Home (1700 E Whitestone Blvd, Cedar Park) 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. The funeral will be the following day, May 3, 10:30 a.m. at Good Shepherd, Cedar Park (700 W Whitestone Blvd.). Memorial gifts may be given to the Good Shepherd building fund for their new nursery or to a charity of your choice. Please keep Pastor Stoppenhagen and Cathy's family and friends in your prayers.

Ordination Anniversaries // May

55 years

Rev. Richard Kurth (5/17) - Em., Dallas

45 years

Rev. Bob Cheney (5/25) - Em., Tomball

40 years

Rev. Ricky Adams (5/26) - Em., Richmond

30 years

Rev. Scott Herbert (5/28) - Zion, Tomball

20 years

Rev. Karim Baidoui (5/15) - Cand., Dallas

Rev. George Masih (5/15) - Grace Community, Rowlett

15 years

Rev. Kurt Ulmer (5/22) - Faith, Wylie

10 years

Rev. Barrett Grebing (5/31) - St. Paul, Ft. Worth

Rev. Mark Pulliam (5/17) - Lazarus, Spring

DISTRICT NEWS // BE INFORMED

LAST CALL FOR CONGREGATIONAL STATISTICS: The synodical convention is next year, and your congregation's input this year is crucial. Please submit your statistics **BY MAY 2, 2025**. The following link explains how to do this online and provides a link to a PDF form. If you experience issues accessing the online form or have questions, please call the Office of the President at (512) 926-4272, x224. [Learn more](#)

Rio Grande Valley Flood Recovery: The RGV has had 22 inches of rain in 25 hours leading to extensive flooding and damage. In an effort to support their recoveries, we

have created a form for volunteer interest (see following link). Once the assessments are complete and they are ready to receive volunteers, you will be notified. Please do **NOT** self deploy. [Sign up for volunteer updates](#)

CSL Call Day: Concordia Seminary's service for vicarage assignments will take place Wednesday, April 30 at 3:00 p.m. The service for calls will be the same day at 7:00 p.m. Services will be available via livestream. [Learn more](#)

CTSFW Assignment & Call Services: CTSFW's vicarage and deaconess internship assignment service will take place Monday, April 28 at 7:00 p.m. The candidate placement service will take place Tuesday, April 29 at 7:00 p.m. Services will be available via livestream. [Learn more](#)

Legacy Deo Executive Search: Rev. Dr. Gerald Kieschnick is retiring as CEO of Legacy Deo, and we thank and praise God for his leadership and efficacy for God's kingdom. Legacy Deo is looking for the next CEO to lead the organization into the future. If you or someone you know may be a fit, applications are being received. [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](#)

Convention Workbook Available to View: The Convention Workbook is now available to view. [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 // Texas Partners in Mission: "In partnership with God's people in LCMS congregations across the state, the Texas District has started 158 new faith communities since 2004! Together, we have facilitated the start of one new congregation every six weeks for the past 18 years..." [Learn more](#)

EVENTS & LINKS // BE CONNECTED

Upcoming Events

MAY 2, 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](#)

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