



MINISTER *to* MINISTER

May 16, 2025

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PRESIDENT'S PAUSE // BE ENCOURAGED

Let's Pray // Seventy years ago, a moving paragraph that expresses our life and purpose as the church was penned by LCMS pastor, Rev. Harry Fricke. May these words shape who we are to one another and to the world:

"In fervent gratitude for the Savior's dying love and His blood-bought gift of redemption we dedicate ourselves to Him with all that we are and have; and in obedience to His call for workers in the harvest fields, we pledge Him our willing service wherever and whenever He has need of us. We consecrate to our Savior our hands to work for Him, our feet to go on His errands, our voice to sing His praises, our lips to proclaim His redeeming love, our silver and our gold to extend His Kingdom, our will to do His will, and every power of our life to the great task of bringing the lost and the erring into eternal fellowship with Him. Amen."

(Known today as the LWML Pledge)

WORKER UPDATES // BE IN PRAYER

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

Prayer Requests

- Rev. Joe Ardy (Em., Midlothian) - low blood cell count, further medical testing
- Rev. Randy Bard (Bethel, Bryan) - passing of his mother, Kathy
- Rev. Mauricio Franco (St. Paul, Harlingen) - passing of his mother, Marlene
- Mrs. Caitlin Howard, wife of DCE Ryan Howard (Lamb of God, Humble) - passing of her father, Don
- Mr. Timothy Kerkman, son of DCE Randy Kerkman (Em., Austin) - praise for having received a new kidney
- Mr. Michael Kesar (Hope, Friendswood) - kidney removal & transplant surgeries
- Rev. Kevin Lentz (Trinity at Badger Ranch, Woodway) - passing of his father, David, and mother, Juanita
- Rev. Dr. Jim Marriott (Faith, Georgetown) - passing of his father, Thomas
- Rev. Norman Stoppenhagen (Em., Austin) - at the passing of his wife, Cathy

New Calls

Commissioned

Declined

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

Ordained

Accepted

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

Undecided

Rev. James Bretthauer, SMP, Prince of Peace, Medina, OH to SMP, Trinity-Klein, Spring

Rev. Jonathan F. Meyer, Sole, Zion, Victoria to Sole, St. Paul, Enid, OK

Installation

Rev. James Jennings // May 10, 4:00 p.m. //SMP, Gethsemane, Houston

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 Baidaoui (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

Biometric Screening at Convention: Biometric screenings will be available at the Texas District Convention on June 5 for participants in Concordia Health Plans. However, for this service to be available, a minimum of thirty people must be signed up by May 22, so sign up today! [Learn more](#)

50 Hours of Prayer: The District Convention is a critical opportunity for fellowship, prayer, praise, and encouragement. And it's not limited only to those in attendance! That we all would honor God in our conduct, bear fruit in our discipleship, and return to our mission fields more knowledgeable, equipped, and eager, we are saturating our entire convention with prayer—all 50 hours—and we need you to help make this goal a reality! [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

Prayer Models // Rev. Ben Gonzales presents a wealth of prayer resources to expand the boundaries of your prayer habits. Check them out. [Read more](#)

EVENTS & LINKS // BE CONNECTED

Upcoming Events

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

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

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