



# MINISTER *to* MINISTER

June 13, 2025

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## PRESIDENT'S PAUSE // BE ENCOURAGED



**A Message from the President //** Dear Friends, the mission of the Texas District is to strengthen congregations to: REACH the lost, DISCIPLE the saved, and CARE for people. Our partnership of more than 400 congregations, 125+ schools, and dozens of other ministries shares common convictions about God and his Word, the common cause articulated above, and a common and vital community—we work together for the advancement of God's kingdom... [Read more](#)

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## WORKER UPDATES // BE IN PRAYER

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

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### Prayer Requests

- Rev. Randy Bard (Bethel, Bryan) - passing of his mother, Kathy
  - Dr. Lou Jander (Em., Conroe) - success and healing from treatment for blood bacterial infection
  - Mr. Michael Kesar (Hope, Friendswood) - kidney removal & transplant surgeries
  - DCE Richard Leslie (Em., Houston) - passing of wife, Rebecca
  - Rev. Dr. Jim Marriott (Faith, Georgetown) - passing of his father, Thomas
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### New Calls

**Ordained**  
Accepted

Rev. Brennick Christiansen, Cand., Menomonee Falls, WI to Asst., Messiah, Keller

#### Undecided

Rev. Dr. Robert Holaday, ITP, St. Paul, Vernon to ITP, Peace, Hewitt

Rev. Tim Radkey, Sr., Our Savior, McKinney to Sole, Hosanna, Kerrville

Rev. Kelly Smith, Sole, St. Matthew, White Lake, WI to Sole, Beautiful Savior, Arlington

Rev. Thomas Thierfelder, Sr., St. John, Ellinwood, KS to Sole, St. Paul/St. Paul,  
Kingsville/Bishop

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## Ordinations & Installations

Timothy Douglas (Ordination & Installation) // July 5, 11:00 a.m. // SMP, Living  
Savior, Montgomery

Preus Hasselbrook (Ordination & Installation) // June 15, 3:00 p.m. // Assoc.,  
Memorial, Houston

Rev. Craig Rendahl // June 29, 4:00 p.m. // Sole, St. Paul, Vernon

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## Ordination Anniversaries // June

#### 60 years

Rev. Paul Hartman (6/6) - *Em., Denton*

Rev. Don Kaspar (6/14) - *Em., Huntsville*

Rev. Walter Schmidt (6/13) - *Em., Rockwall*

#### 55 years

Rev. Dr. Jerry Kieschnick (6/7) - *Legacy Deo, Cedar Park*

Rev. Bert Klein (6/7) - *Em., Austin*

Rev. Scott Stallings (6/28) - *Em., Katy*

#### 50 years

Rev. Dr. Dan Mueller (6/15) - *Em., Fair Oaks Ranch*

Rev. Dr. Robert Nordlie (6/1) - *Em., San Antonio*

Rev. Mark Paul (6/1) - *Em., San Antonio*

Rev. John Schleicher (6/15) - *Em., Spring*

#### 45 years

Rev. Burt Benson (6/8) - *Em., Granbury*

Rev. John Kah III (6/8) - *Em., San Antonio*

Rev. Dale Leland (6/18) - *Em., Sealy*

Rev. Jim Otte (6/1) - *Em., Arlington*

Rev. Don Porter (6/15) - *Em., Fredericksburg*

Rev. Thomas St. Jean (6/1) - *Grace, Crockett*

#### 40 years

Rev. Dr. Edmund Auger (6/23) - *Em., Fort Worth*

Rev. David Bergquist (6/16) - *Faith, Aransas Pass*

Rev. Mark Carnahan (6/16) - *Em., Corpus Christi*

Rev. John Heckmann (6/30) - *St. Paul, Gatesville*

Rev. Harvey Kelm, Jr. (6/9) - *Em., Lumberton*

Rev. Brian Runge (6/15) - *Em., Houston*

Rev. Bill Sager (6/30) - *Em., Belton*

Rev. Bernard Schey (6/16) - *Trinity, Dime Box*

#### 35 years

Rev. Ed Banarsi (6/14) - *Upbring, Austin*

Rev. Randall Glander (6/17) - *Em., Arlington*

Rev. Don Poole (6/26) - *Em., Clifton*

### 30 years

Rev. Dennis Kitzmann (6/25) - *Em., Ft. Worth*

### 25 years

Rev. Lonnie Gonzales (6/25) - *Trinity, Houston*

### 20 years

Rev. Robert Balduc (6/26) - *St. Peter, Roanoke*

Rev. Keith Bowman, Jr. (6/26) - *Our Savior, Centerville*

Rev. Paul Goeke (6/5) - *Candidate, Katy*

Rev. Dr. Brian Kachelmeier (6/25) - *Crown of Life, San Antonio*

Rev. Josh Knippa (6/18) - *Holy Cross, Nederland*

Rev. Ryan Neuhaus (6/12) - *LOMT, La Grange*

Rev. Keith Reich (6/12) - *Redeemer, Cisco*

Rev. Bryan Wolfmüller (6/26) - *St. Paul, Austin*

### 15 years

Rev. Odis Doyal, Jr. (6/20) - *Em., Llano*

Rev. Tab Ottmers (6/13) - *Immanuel, Fairview*

### 10 years

Rev. Andy Audette (6/28) - *St. Paul, Ft. Worth*

Rev. Philip Doublestein (6/14) - *Word of Life, Schertz*

Rev. Josh Duffy (6/14) - *Pilgrim, Houston*

Rev. Dr. Chris Holder (6/20) - *Bethel, Dallas*

Rev. Mark Hunsaker (6/21) - *Christ the King, Kingwood*

Rev. Mark Huston (6/28) - *Holy Cross, Canton*

Rev. James Jennings (6/28) - *Gethsemane, Houston*

Rev. Garrett Smith (6/21) - *Candidate, Hewitt*

Rev. Dr. Michael Weider (6/28) - *CrossRoad, Katy*

### 5 years

Rev. Wynn Derong (6/7) - *St. Andrew, Houston*

Rev. Dan Schuetz (6/28) - *Redeemer, Baytown*

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## DISTRICT NEWS // BE INFORMED

**Thank You:** Thank you to all the volunteers, who made our convention possible! Thank you to those who walked through the building praying for our delegates and proceedings and met with anyone needing personal prayer. Thank you to all who ensured that every moment of the convention was covered in prayer. Thank you to Gloria Dei's staff and volunteers who ensured a wonderful environment and service to our delegates and district staff. And thank you, especially, to our delegates, guests, and committee members for your faithful engagement and striving to walk together in the unity of Christ!

**District Convention Recap:** The minutes of the District Convention, along with convention highlights are now online. [Learn more](#)

**2026 LCMS National Convention:** Save the Date! The 69th Regular Convention of the Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod is being held July 18-23, 2026 in Phoenix, AZ. [Learn more](#)

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## RESOURCE TOOLBOX // BE EQUIPPED

**Mission Insight** // One Sunday, a friend shared something that stirred my heart deeply: Avery, a young, deaf man, had never been baptized. I immediately reached out to his brother and stepmother. His brother truly wanted Avery to be baptized, but didn't know how to explain baptism in a way Avery could understand. [Read more](#)

## EVENTS & LINKS // BE CONNECTED

### Upcoming Events

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