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PRESIDENT'S PAUSE // BE ENCOURAGED



Convention Highlights // The 63rd Regular Convention of the Texas District of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod was a great display of our unity in Christ, passion for the wellbeing of our church body, and zeal for the Gospel. Check out some of the highlights in the video above. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KuZhOhy9l7I>

WORKER UPDATES // BE IN PRAYER

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

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
 - Rev. Randy Ledbetter (Em. McKinney) - hospitalized and undergoing tests
 - 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

Declined

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

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

Accepted

Rev. Corey Christians, Sole, Salem, Whitehall to Assoc., Concordia, San Antonio

Ordinations & Installations

Rev. Dr. Robert Holaday // July 6, 3:00 p.m. // ITP, Peace, Hewitt

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

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

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*

DISTRICT NEWS // BE INFORMED

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](#)

READ MORE DISTRICT NEWS

RESOURCE TOOLBOX // BE EQUIPPED

Tech Tip // Hidden Formatting: 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](#)

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