



MINISTER *to* MINISTER

June 6, 2025

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PRESIDENT'S PAUSE // BE ENCOURAGED

Mission Story // Commissioned to Go: In May, Pastor Rob Bailey of South Lake Church had the joy of commissioning a passionate team of newly trained evangelists who completed the Texas District Evangelist Training Series. Each of these individuals brings a unique gift and heart for sharing the Gospel, reflecting the diverse ways God is moving through His people in the community and beyond. [Read more](#)

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
 - 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. 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

Undecided

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

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. Ed 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 Wolfmueller (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

Thank You: Thank you to all the volunteers, who make our convention possible! Thank you to those who walked through the building praying for our delegates and proceedings and for meeting with anyone needing personal prayer. Thank you to all who are ensuring that every moment of the convention is covered in prayer. Thank you to Gloria Dei's staff and volunteers to ensure 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 unity in Christ!

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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Mission Resource // A free discipleship and disciple-making resource (value of \$6,000) and prayer resources? Yes, please. [Read more](#)

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