



MINISTER *to* MINISTER

May 30, 2025

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PRESIDENT'S PAUSE // BE ENCOURAGED



President Newman Gives a Farewell // Listen to President Newman's farewell message prior to the 2025 Texas District Convention. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wE--VB-qH3s>

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. Michael Kesar (Hope, Friendswood) - kidney removal & transplant surgeries
 - Rev. Kevin Lentz (Trinity at Badger Ranch, Woodway) - passing of his father, David, and mother, Juanita
 - DCE Richard Leslie (Em., Houston) - passing of wife, Rebecca
 - Rev. Dr. Jim Marriott (Faith, Georgetown) - passing of his father, Thomas
 - Rev. Norman Stoppenhagen (Em., Austin) - at the passing of his wife, Cathy
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New Calls

Commissioned

Accepted

Dr. Kara Tobaben, Administrator, Prince of Peace, Carrollton to Head of School, Our Redeemer, Dallas

Ordained

Undecided

Rev. James Bretthauer, SMP, Prince of Peace, Medina, OH to SMP, Trinity-Klein, Spring
Rev. Brennick Christiansen, Cand., Menomonee Falls, WI to Asst., Messiah, Keller
Rev. Jonathan F. Meyer, Sole, Zion, Victoria to Sole, St. Paul, Enid, OK
Rev. Kelly Smith, Sole, St. Matthew, White Lake, WI to Sole, Beautiful Savior, Arlington

Ordination Anniversaries // May

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

50 Hours of Prayer: Fifty days after Jesus' resurrection—Pentecost—the disciples were sent into the world equipped by the Spirit. Fifty hours after Convention opens, attendees will be sent back to their mission fields, equipped and empowered in the Gospel. The next day, we celebrate Pentecost. Help us cover all 50 hours of the Convention with prayer for attendees, leaders, and next steps for the advancement of God's kingdom in Texas. Sign up for a 30-minute time slot today. [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](#)

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RESOURCE TOOLBOX // BE EQUIPPED

Tech Tip // How often does any technological information stay relevant for more than a few minutes? Well Grace Hopper's advice for security practices has stayed relevant for over 40 years. [Read more](#)

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Upcoming Events

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JUNE 5-7, 2025 // 50 Hours of Prayer // [Learn more](#)

JULY 18-23, 2026 // LCMS National Convention // [Learn more](#)

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