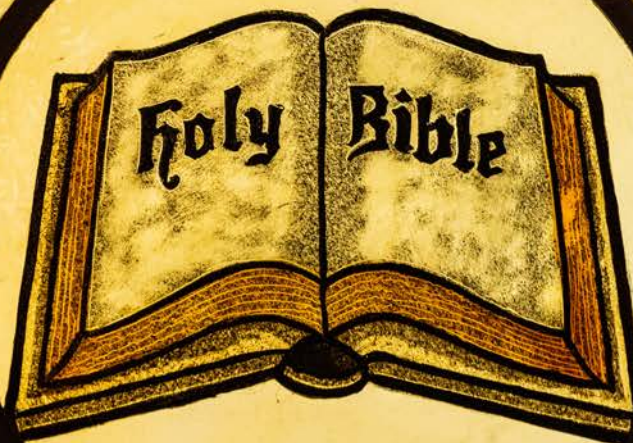


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The Texas District • The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod



Common convictions



Rev. Dr. Jon Braunersreuther
District President

Lutheran Christians in the Texas District share strong, common convictions about the truth of God's Word and the truths in God's Word.

In my column last month, I included a portion of the brief address that I gave to the Texas District convention shortly after being elected, which emphasized our common convictions, our common cause and our common and vital community. In this brief communication, I want to converse with you a bit about our common convictions.

Nowhere in Scripture is doctrine "ish." It's not, "Well, close enough is close enough." In fact, quite the opposite. St. Paul writes to Timothy:

Keep a close watch on yourself and on the teaching. Persist in this... **1 TIM. 4:16**

The NIV uses "doctrine" instead of "teaching" used by the ESV here. We should work hard to understand the truths contained in God's Word and get it right (while also remembering that we are fallible human beings, of course!).

And when we get it right, we come to realize just how wonderful and powerful the teaching of God's Word is! Take the doctrine of justification by grace through faith — the central teaching of Scripture. St. Paul, again:

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus. **ROM. 3:23-24**

Forgiveness of sins and the eternal life with God that it brings is a gift — it's free! We don't have to earn it; we don't have to deserve it; and now that we have it, we don't have to prove it! Not to God. The proof lies in the cross of Jesus. It's free for us because it cost Jesus his very life. The unmitigated Gospel is the best news in the world! Who wouldn't want to get that right?

Or how about the doctrine of Holy Baptism?

Baptism ... now saves you. **1 PETER 3:21**

It's not just a little bit of water and a nice feeling, but a Means of Grace by which the Holy Spirit effects saving faith and the forgiveness of sins. Something miraculous happens every time someone is baptized. What a marvelous blessing. Again, who wouldn't want to get that right?

What other important teachings from God's Word are now coming to your mind?

It's probably obvious, but sometimes things that go without saying still need to be said. These doctrines are not just intellectual formations that we need to get right. They have real implications for real people. They have wonderful implications for those of us who are believers. The grace of God is magnificent!

The teachings of God's Word also have implications for those who are far from God. We believe that the only way to eternal life is through Jesus. That conviction should motivate us to our common cause. Or to continue the words of St. Paul in 1 Tim. 4:16:

...for by so doing you will save both yourself and your hearers.

The purpose of our strong convictions is not simply the maintenance of pure doctrine. It is the salvation of those who hear it. More on that to come...



LCMS/Erik M. Lunsford



All I could see was failure. It's like I was in a courtroom. 'Is there anyone else in the room?' I said, no.

And when I said no, I realized that in the inner chamber of my heart, I was trying to move forward.

Theologically, I knew Jesus was supposed to be in the room. He's actually my advocate. He's actually my lawyer. He stood in my defense.

But in reality, my heart wasn't functioning like he was in the room. I was performing.

... Success for me is following Jesus every day.

- Pastor Delton Weiser,
Point of Grace Pflugerville



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No gift to Texas Partners in Mission is too small. We need gifts to reach the thousands of people in Texas with the life-saving Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Every dollar contributed to Texas Partners in Mission goes directly to bringing the Gospel to people who don't know Jesus Christ. Thank you for your dedication to the mission of our Lord Jesus Christ!

"Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation." ~ Mark 16:15



Celebrating evangelist training



Deaconess Noemi Guerra

Districtwide Evangelist
Development Ministry Leader

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace, who brings good news of happiness, who publishes salvation, who says to

Zion, "Your God reigns." Isaiah 52:7

The Texas District gives thanks to God for the evangelists who bring the Good News of Jesus to people who may not yet feel comfortable walking through church doors. Since 2017, over 230 everyday Christians have been trained and sent as evangelists to engage the disconnected, build relationships and invite people to hear the saving Gospel. These are the brave women and men of God who bring Good News, who publish peace, who bring good news of happiness, who publish salvation, who say to Zion, "Your God reigns."

They are members of congregations who respond to the voice of the Holy Spirit inviting them to reach those who are far from God. Under the care and support of their pastors, and the guidance of the Holy Spirit, they bring the Gospel into neighborhoods, workplaces, parks and homes — places where Jesus meets people through meaningful relationships and personal conversations.

The goal is simple: that more people might come to know Jesus and be connected to His body, the church. This is the heartbeat of the Great Commission:

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations... teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always." **MATT. 28:19-20**

Jesus uses evangelists to build bridges to the body of Christ. Many people today are searching for spiritual truth, but don't yet know where to find it. Jesus uses evangelists to help them take that first step by listening, loving and sharing the hope they have in Him. Their role is to prepare the way so that those



Shown is a prayer with "Papa Leo," a senior home resident who shares prayer needs from other residents and helps connect Stephen Deskin's ministry with those in need.

who are disconnected or hurting might encounter Christ and be welcomed into a church where they can be nurtured through Word and Sacrament.

At the 2025 district convention, the Texas District joyfully adopted Resolution 01-01-25 to celebrate and continue this work. In 2024 alone, 54 evangelists completed their training, and more than 80 are currently being equipped. This ministry answers the prayer of the church: "Lord, send workers into Your harvest."

And so, with joy and gratitude, the Texas District resolved to:

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Fifty-five years!



Rev. Dr. Gerald B. Kieschnick
Chief Executive Officer

On Sept. 7, exactly 65 years after Lutheran Foundation of Texas (LFOT) was formed, I will retire after 55 years of public ministry in The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Nearly 14 of those years

of service have been joyfully devoted to LFOT/Legacy Deo.

The past 55 years have been a whirlwind! My career in church work began as a fourth-grade teacher at St. Paul Lutheran School, Austin. Fresh out of Texas A&M with a degree in animal science (a long story), having no idea how to teach, earning \$200 a month, I had a great year with 30 fourth graders.

That's where Terry and I met. She was not a fourth grader. Her little brother was. Dating, engagement and one grad school semester at A&M preceded our marriage on Jan. 29, 1966, also my 23rd birthday. After another fourth-grade semester at Pilgrim Lutheran School, Houston, with Terry at my side, we were off to the seminary.

Here are the places and ministries Terry and I have served during our almost 60 years together:

- Concordia Theological Seminary, Springfield, Ill. (1966-1970), including two years of field work at Trinity Lutheran Church, Nokomis, Ill., and the third year on vicarage at Ascension, Charlotte, N.C.
- Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd, Biloxi, Miss. (pastor, 1970-73).
- Pastor of Redeemer, Beaumont (1973-1981), including the planting of Hope, Winnie.
- Georgetown (1981-1986) as a mission planter, which is now 1,000 member Faith Lutheran Church.
- Lutheran Foundation of Texas (1986-1991), as development director/executive director.
- Texas District president (1991-2001), serving

through the end of the first year of the fourth and final three-year term.

- LCMS president (2001-2010), serving three terms.
- Concordia University Texas (2011-2015) as presidential ambassador.
- Lutheran Foundation of Texas/Legacy Deo (2016-2025) as legacy giving ambassador/chief executive officer.

Throughout those years, Terry has survived 18 moves, initially as stay-at-home mother, then fine jewelry store manager, and subsequently traveling extensively with and without her husband. She supported and encouraged the wives of pastors, district presidents and international leaders, extending hospitality to literally thousands of dinner guests in our homes in Texas and St. Louis.

The past 55 years have been blessed by the grace of God and the love, acceptance, patience, forgiveness and support of my dear wife, Terry; our daughter, Angie; son, Andrew; and; subsequently, son-in-law Todd; grandson Kolby; granddaughter Kayla; and grandson-in-law Bob.

I love and thank God for all of them.

To God be the glory for 55 years of exciting, challenging and fulfilling years of mission and ministry!



Jerry and Terry Kieschnick are pictured during past-president recognition at the 2013 LCMS convention in St. Louis.

HAPPENINGS

HOUSTON



On June 8, Immanuel welcomed 20 new members. Pictured are, from left (bottom): Rev. I. S. Pacey; Kenneth and Elizabeth Linn; Irma and Francisco Briones; Kyla and Laura Rocha; Ruby Nimtz; Michael Kottong; Kathy and David Elsner; (top) Jenna Parshall; Paula Clinton; Rob and LouAnn Webber; Daniel Rocha; Jamie and Stephen Hernandez; Harris and Alice Wells, daughter Francine.

THORNDALE



Sheppard Doria, grandson of Rev. Jeff Doria, St. Paul pastor, was baptized at St. Paul on June 22. Also pictured are Sheppard's parents, Joshua and Katie Doria.

BASTROP



New members of Epiphany are pictured with Rev. E. B. Holschuh. From left, Ryan and Lindsay Robb and their children, Madeline and Harlan (July 13); and Sandra Sneck (June 29).

PLANO



On May 24, eight students graduated from Faith Lutheran School. Each graduate earned honors and accumulated college credits, preparing them well for their future endeavors. More importantly, they leave with a firm foundation in Christ and a deep commitment to living out their faith beyond the classroom. Pictured are, from left, Tom Bartel (headmaster), Tristana Tiro, Zachariah Mekonen, Miriam Kieser, Samuel Taylor, Julia Voicu, Kenneth Hoff, Madison Babisak, Eleanor Rivers Tim Merritt (high school principal) and Rev. Mark Taylor.

HOUSTON



Rev. Preus A. Hasselbrook was ordained and installed as associate pastor and teacher of Memorial Lutheran Church and School on June 15. He is a recent graduate of Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne. His father, Rev. Dr. David Hasselbrook, senior pastor of Trinity, West Allis, Wis., was the preacher. Pictured are, from left (bottom) Rev. Steven Cholak (Our Savior, Houston), Rev. Dr. David Hasselbrook, Rev. Preus A. Hasselbrook, Rev. Ned A. Moerbe (Memorial associate pastor); (top) Rev. Kory Boster (Christ, Pattison), Vicar Michael D. Hendrickson (Memorial, Houston), Rev. Robert Paul (Memorial associate pastor and headmaster) and Rev. Clayton Campbell (emeritus).

HAPPENINGS

HILLSBORO



▲ On June 1, Hagen Pederson was joyfully received into communicant membership at Christ Lutheran Church through public confession of his faith in the Rite of Confirmation. He is pictured with Rev. Michael Nemec, Christ pastor.

► On April 27, Mason Lewis was welcomed into communicant membership at Christ through the waters of Holy Baptism, followed by public confession of his faith in the Rite of Confirmation. Mason is pictured with his parents, Stephanie Shirley and Cody Lewis, and Pastor Nemec.



▲ On April 6, Cody and Tabitha Terry and their son, Eli, were received into communicant membership at Christ through the Rite of Confirmation. (Eli and his sister, Analise, were added by Baptism on Feb. 16.) The family is pictured with Pastor Nemec.



UHLAND

Rev. Ben Jore, pastor of St. John, had the blessing of extending the Rite of Confirmation to his two oldest children, Stefan and Sabina, on June 15, Father's Day. Pictured are, from left (back row are Pastor's parents, Dan and Cheryl Jore; son Stefan, wife Adela and her mother Wanda Hein; (front row) daughters Luisa, Sabina and Mara. Both Stefan and Sabina participate as readers during worship services.



HUFFMAN



The congregation of Our Shepherd Lutheran Church welcomed to its family on May 4 the Heise family, from left, Zane, father Jason, Meagan and Caleb.



Welcomed to the Our Shepherd family on April 13 were, from left, Jeremy and Lauren Jones and their children, Garsham and Hilton, who were both baptized on March 23; and David and Shelly Kasper. Rev. John Moore is pictured at right. Missing from the photo are the Kaspers' children, Wyatt and Laney.



Lynn Powell (second from left) was welcomed to the Our Shepherd family on April 27. She is pictured with Pastor Moore and friends, Cheryl and Kenneth Noack.



Pastor Moore is pictured with the 2025 confirmands of Our Shepherd on June 8, From left, Caleb Heise, Paityn Steele and Zane Heise.



Pastor Moore and family and friends of Baleigh Larson celebrate her Baptism on May 11.

AMARILLO



New members were welcomed to the Prince of Peace family on June 15. Pictured are Carlee Garrison and her two daughters, Paige and Xayla; Brenda Kelso; and Rev Paul Neuberger, visiting pastor who officiated the service as Prince of Peace is in vacancy.

EVANGELISTS

(CONTINUED FROM PAGE 4)

- Give thanks for the leaders and trainers who support this ministry;
- Celebrate the evangelists and the new faith communities forming around Christ;
- Encourage congregations to identify and send new candidates; and
- Commit to praying for those who are sharing the love of Jesus every day.

Dear friend, maybe you've felt that gentle tug on your heart —the desire to help someone connect with Jesus. He is still calling. He is still saving. He is still sending. And He promises to be with us always.

How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of pastors, evangelists, everyday disciples — the body of Christ! — who bring Good News, who publish peace, who bring Good News of happiness, who publish salvation, who say to Zion, "Your God reigns."

Visit txlcms.org/evangelisttrainingseries or scan the QR code to learn more.



CENTERVILLE



On June 29, Our Savior honored its pastor, Rev. Keith Bowman, on his 20th ordination anniversary with a reception following service. He is pictured with his wife, Juile (to his right), and children, from left, John, Abigail, and Rebekah.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Congratulations to the following couples, who are celebrating marriages of 50 years or more:

Gethsemane, Houston

Lonnie and Kathy Angst
63 years, Sept. 15
Ernie and Isabell Pali
59 years, Sept. 15
Roy and Sharon Albe
68 years, Sept. 21

St. Paul, Thorndale

Walter and Nelda Granzin
65 years, June 3
Morris and Pat Simank
62 years, June 8
Barton and Marcia Felton
50 years, June 21
Ted and Glenda Merz
55 years, June 21
Buddy and Marilyn Johnson
52 years, June 23
Larry and Janee Laffere
51 years, June 29

Redeemer, Nacogdoches

Beth and Bob Finnerud
52 years, Sept. 22

Our Shepherd, Huffman

Larry and Sandy Luedke
9 Years, Aug. 5
Ed and Andrea Heise
57 Years, Aug. 3
Leonard and Diann Denton
57 Years, May 24
Larry and Linda Stachowiak
59 Years, May 13
Ed and Elaine Lentz
51 Years, April 6

Miles and Leah Dyess
52 Years, March 10

Good Shepherd, Cleveland



Lee and Pat Lightfoot
60 years, June 26

HOUSTON



Luke Michael Hammond was baptized at Gethsemane on June 15 — Father's Day and Holy Trinity Sunday. He is pictured with his parents, Michael and Laurel Rimes Hammond, and Rev. James Jennings, Gethsemane pastor.



On June 22, Gethsemane held a luncheon to celebrate Pastor Jennings' 10th ordination anniversary. He is pictured with his wife, Krista, and their two sons, Aaron (left) and Noah.



Gethsemane wished Junelle Nittsche a happy 90th birthday on June 15. Junelle is pictured with her family, including her husband to her left, Herbert (96), and to Herbert's left is his brother Martin, who is 101.



Kylee Gonzales, a member of Gethsemane Scout Troop 1879 and daughter of proud parents Keith and Amiko Blackmon, received her Eagle Scout Rank on May 22. She is the first of the troop to earn this rank. Her Eagle project was building four mud kitchens, which can be seen on the Gethsemane playground. Pictured are, from left, Wayne Blackmon (grandfather), Keith Blackmon, Stephen Ramsey, Sam Mellott, Kylee Gonzales, Linda Blackmon (grandmother), Bryan Robinson and Jude Porter.

Summertime is a time for learning



Dr. Bill Hinz

Director, School Ministry

Our schools' administrators, along with their leadership teams, gathered July 14-16 in San Antonio for a collaboration and learning. This year's conference took on special meaning as our schools begin preparing for the historic opportunity to participate in the ESA (Education Savings Account) program.

We were challenged by our outstanding keynote presenters, including Travis Grulke, Michigan District superintendent of schools. He shared insightful leadership principals with our group. Dr. Kurt Senske, founder of CEO-Board Services, shared a presentation on board governance.

In addition to our keynote speakers, a special presentation on the ESA program was provided by Julie Ambler of the Texas Private Schools Association executive committee. Attendees also had the opportunity for individual sessions on topics such as improving student achievement, recruiting of staff, and a special presentation on crisis management.

We were blessed during our times of worship as Rev. Travis Hartjen, pastor of Crown of Life Lutheran Church, Colleyville, guided us through our conference theme of "Changing Time – Changeless God," based on Daniel 2:20-21.

The Texas District is very blessed to have another talented group of administrators and early childhood directors join our leadership team for the 2026-2027 school year: Jon Fraker, Cross, New Braunfels; Angie Schiller, Redeemer, Austin; Dr. Marianne Rader, Concordia High School, Pflugerville; Suzan Winkelman, Zion, Walburg; Jennifer Kneffler, Faith, Georgetown; Tiffany Kirkwood, St. Paul, Thorndale; Dr. Kara Tobaben, Our Redeemer, Dallas; Rev. Brandon Koble, Faith, Plano; Stephen Zehnder, Westlake Lutheran



Academy, Katy; Matthew Schleicher, Epiphany, Houston; and Amber Rowl, St. Andrew, Houston.

We know that we are experiencing changing and challenging times. We also know that our God is a "Changeless God" who promises to be there for us and walk with us. We will rely on His wisdom and discernment through our prayers and take heart that He will guide our leaders by His Word as they faithfully serve their students and their families.

We are preparing front-line missionaries as our students are equipped with the Word by caring, loving teachers. We thank God for dedicated administrators and their staffs that have been equipped by His power to daily share His love and forgiveness to students, families and each other.

We know this will be a great year! We know God will be in the midst of it all! *Soli Deo Gloria!*

Following Jesus' footsteps



By Pat Fick
CAN-DO Director

My friend Susan and I were excited to start our journey around Mount Rainier, Washington's highest point, and most famous volcano. We had our backpacks and our micro spikes ready to go, and our trekking poles in hand.

Our goal was to finish the Wonderland Loop in five days, hiking through 93 miles of lowland forests and high-alpine areas. Two hours into the journey we hit snow, so we put on our micro spikes and kept on trekking, following the visible part of the trail. Then we hit a snow-covered mountain, and the trail was nowhere to be seen. We attempted to follow the trail on GPS, but it was steep and slick.

Once I ended up sliding downhill and was only able to stop by digging my trekking poles into the snow. That option did not feel safe, so we opted to follow the tree line up the mountain, clinging to limbs and pulling ourselves up one step at a time. We were eventually successful in reaching the top of the mountain and were able to get back on the trail.

When we reached the next snow-covered mountain, Susan assessed the situation, and we decided it would not be wise to continue since the trail had disappeared again, and there were no trees to hold on to. There was too much snow and ice. We needed to head back down, so we searched for the tree line we had used to summit the mountain.



We eased our way down the tree line, but it did not lead us back to the trail, so we headed back up the tree line and tried an alternate tree line. This ended in a deep, unpassable valley, so once again we had to pull ourselves up the tree line again. When our third attempt to go down failed, we realized we would need to camp on top of the mountain.

Thankfully, we were able to get a signal and called our good friend Paul Gossman, who is an amazing mountaineer with years of climbing experience. He agreed to come up the next day and help us get back down the mountain. He would bring extra equipment, ice axes, helmets and ropes.

The next morning Paul arrived, and he led us down a "winter route," which we did not know existed. He taught us how to dig our heels into the snow and secure ourselves with our trekking poles. Then he asked if we just wanted him to make footprints so that we could follow him step by step down the hill. We were excited to accept his offer to make us a path. As we walked in his footsteps, we were safe and secure.

Wow! What a picture of what our lives should resemble. We need to let Jesus make the path and then follow Him step by step.

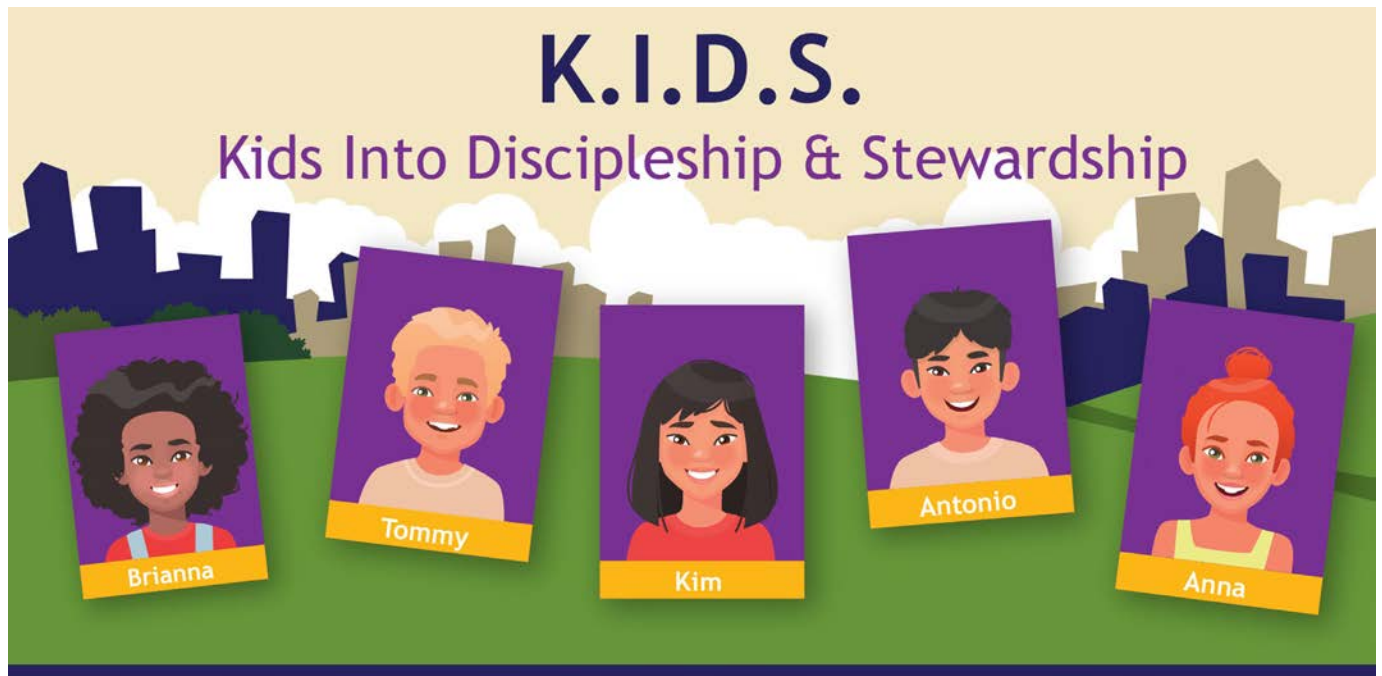
Make me to know your ways,
O LORD; teach me your paths.

PSALM 25:4

Your word is a lamp to my
feet and a light to my path.

PSALM 119:105





A fun way to save



Becca Jones

Texas CEF Executive Director

Is your child or grandchild participating in the Texas CEF's K.I.D.S. Stamp Program? This program offers a perfect opportunity for parents and grandparents to help the children in their lives learn financial responsibility and biblical stewardship skills in a captivating way.

The program provides a fun, convenient and engaging way for children to save money and allows us to help impact future generations. As the children save, they'll discover they're also playing an active role in supporting ministry efforts in Texas.

Over the years, hundreds of children have engaged in the K.I.D.S. Stamp Program, and now, many of them are parents themselves. Each \$1 stamp saved plays a vital role in advancing the Kingdom of God. Through the K.I.D.S. Stamp Program, we strive to uphold this legacy by empowering children to learn about discipleship, financial responsibility and stewardship. This program has

already made a profound impact across generations, and we are confident it will continue to benefit future ones.

How Does the K.I.D.S. Stamp Program Work?

When the child's church or school participates in the program, the CEF Stamp Rep will provide the children with a stamp booklet (map) for the child to fill out and opportunities to purchase \$1 stamps. When the child fills up their "stamp map," worth \$10, a new Flex Savings investment is either opened, or the stamps are added to their existing Flex Savings. The completed map can be mailed to Texas District Church Extension Fund. (Don't forget to fill out the information for the child and custodian).

If your church or school does not offer the K.I.D.S. Stamp Program, talk with your pastor about getting the program started. If you would like more information, please reach out to Raelyn Pracht at rpracht@texascef.org or call 512-646-1242.

Fall youth group retreats



"But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: 'Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.'" **ISAIAH 43:1**

Summer 2025 was filled with unforgettable moments and adventurous Christ-centered experiences, as hundreds of campers from across the country encountered the love and joy of Jesus at Camp Lone Star. This year's theme, "Defined," reminded us that our identity isn't something we earn through our actions, appearance or achievements — it's given to us by a God who knows us by name.

From canoeing to worship, arts and crafts to small-group Bible study, both our La Grange and Tomball campuses were full of energy, laughter and life-changing moments. We witnessed campers grow in their understanding of who they are because of who God is — their Creator, Redeemer and Father. Whether they were trying archery for the first time or singing at the top of their lungs during song time, one message echoed clearly: "You are Mine."

So now as we close the chapter on another incredible summer of ministry, we're already stepping into an amazing new season with expectant hearts for what God will do through our fall retreats.

Our upcoming youth group retreats — Embark

and Fall Blast — are designed to help students dig deeper into what it means to be defined by Christ while enjoying all the fun camp has to offer. With a mix of adventure, community, worship and teaching, these retreats support youth and their leaders in growing together in faith. Our prayer is that students leave not only refreshed and connected, but also equipped to carry their identity as God's beloved children into their everyday lives at school, church and home.

RETREAT DETAILS

Embark – Sept. 19-21 and Oct. 3-5 (La Grange Campus)

Grades 6-8

- 1 night: \$109/youth, \$50/adult
- 2 nights: \$149/youth, \$75/adult

Fall Blast – Nov. 7-9 (La Grange Campus)

Grades 3-5

- \$149/youth, \$75/adult

If you're a youth leader, pastor or parent, these weekends are an incredible opportunity for your students to grow in Christ, build lasting friendships and be reminded of their unshakable worth in Him. Let's keep discovering what it means to be defined by the One who formed us, redeemed us and calls us His own.

For more information and to register your group, visit camplonestar.org/youth-group-retreats.

Reaching the blind, visually impaired

Lutheran Braille Workers (LBW) exists to bring the Word of God to the 338 million people throughout the world who are blind or visually impaired, free of charge, in braille and specialized large print. In over 80 years of ministry, LBW has produced and distributed over 15 million volumes of Christian materials in 40 languages in 164 countries. LBW has never charged a recipient to receive these materials as they believe in freely sharing God's Word!

Lutheran Braille Workers was awarded a \$20,000 Mission Grant at the 2024 LWML Texas District Convention. These funds will allow LBW, with the help of Texas volunteers, to produce about 2,500 volumes of new Bible studies, devotions, and materials in Spanish for prison ministry.

One major factor in LBW's ability to reach thousands of people every single year is the volunteer work force dedicated to sharing the Gospel. LBW has over 3,200 volunteers engaged across the country. Through Lutheran Braille Workers' partnership with the LWML and the countless volunteers in Texas and throughout the country, many who are blind or visually impaired will be able to experience the love of Christ for themselves.



Volunteers present a braille volume to a Texas resident.

Mission Grant proposals, officer nominations due Nov. 1

Mission Grant proposals for consideration at the 2026 LWML Texas District Convention may be submitted electronically, but hard copies need to be received by Patti Samsel, vice-president of Gospel Outreach, by Nov. 1.

It is highly recommended for ministries to let Patti know of their intentions by Oct. 1 at gospeloutreach@lwmltxdist.org. Please note that the order in which the mission grant proposals are received will be the order in which they will appear on the w ballot.

Information and mission grant proposal documents are available at lwmltxdist.org/mission-grant-proposals.

Do you know someone who would make a faithful **LWML Texas District officer**? Consider nominating them for the 2026–2030 term! Nominations are requested for vice-president of Gospel Outreach, vice-president of Communication, Recording Secretary, Treasurer and the Nominating Committee .

Submit nominations by Nov. 1 to nominatingch@lwmltxdist.org. For more information, visit lwmltxdist.org/nominating-committee.

2024-26 Mite Goal:
\$403,000

Mites received through June 30: \$228,711
(\$174,289 still needed)

Mission Grants paid through June 30:
\$165,314

Send your mite offerings, along with a remittance form to:

LWML Texas District, Attn: Alissa Elley,
Financial Secretary
P.O. Box 183; Seguin, TX 78156

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