



# MINISTER *to* MINISTER

**December 26, 2025**

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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

- **Dr. Paul Buchheimer (Em., Houston)** // passing of his wife, Peggy
  - **Rev. Randy Ledbetter (Em., McKinney)** // recovering after a fall
  - **Rev. Greg Lorenz (St. Paul, McAllen)** // diagnosed with prostate cancer
  - **Family of Rev. Claudio Perez (Immanuel, Houston)** // Claudio's passing
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### New Calls

#### Ordained

##### Accepted

**Rev. James Ebersole** // Assoc., Zion, Dallas to Sr., Zion, Dallas

##### Declined

##### Undecided

**Rev. John Berg** // Assoc., Trinity, Sheboygan, WI to Sole, St. Paul's, Jasper / Faith, Woodville

**Rev. Grant Bode** // Sole, St. Stephen's, Braham, MN/St. John's, Rush City, MN to Sole, Grace, Paris

**Rev. Ryan Cramer** // Sole, St. Paul, Foley, AL to Sole, Hope, Winnie

**Rev. Wynn Derong** // SMP, St. Andrew, Houston to Assoc., Shepherd of the Valley, West Des Moines, IA

**Rev. Mark Hunsaker** // Assoc., Christ the King, Kingwood to Sole, Hope, Austin

**Rev. Josh Knippa** // Sole, Holy Cross, Nederland to Assoc., Zion, Painesville, OH

**Rev. Craig Schinnerer** // Em., Fort Worth to Sole, Faith, Grand Prairie

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### Installations

Rev. Daniel Koyn // January 25, 4:00 p.m. // Sr., Trinity, Amarillo  
Rev. Robert LeBlanc // January 25, 4:00 p.m. // Sole (TIM), Salem, Whitehall  
Rev. Robert Lutjens // January 18, 3:00 p.m. // Sole, Prince of Peace, Amarillo

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## Ordination Anniversaries // January

### 50 years

Rev. Bob Budewig (1/11) - *Em., San Angelo*

### 15 years

Rev. Mark Couser (1/9) - *Tree of Life, Garland*

Rev. Thomas Haas (1/9) - *Em., Nederland*

### 10 years

Rev. David Thompson (1/17) - *Our Savior, McKinney*

### 5 years

Rev. Kyle Borcharding (1/17) - *Zion, Walburg*

Rev. Jason Wallingsford (1/17) - *Mt. Olive, Austin*

Rev. Mark Payne (1/24) - *Lamb of God, Flower Mound*

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## DISTRICT NEWS // BE INFORMED

**2026 DCE Retreat:** The 2026 DCE spiritual retreat will be held February 2-4, 2026 at Camp Lone Star. Leave your to-do list at the office. Pack your hammock, favorite game, or hobby. Come ready to let God re-create you through the lost art of recreation. [Learn more and register](#)

**2026 Catalyst Innovation Lab:** Join us at the Texas District Catalyst Innovation Lab, a dynamic and inspiring event where creativity and innovation collide! Discover new and unique ideas to grow ministries and multiply disciples of Jesus. [Learn more](#)

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## RESOURCE TOOLBOX // BE EQUIPPED



*A Savior Has Been Born to You*

**Christmas Message 2025 //** As we celebrate the gift of Jesus this Christmas, we invite you to watch a special video message from our district president, sharing words of hope. A beautiful musical performance by Kemper Crabb & Mysterium at NewChurch in Katy follows the message, and we are deeply grateful to them for this special gift of music.  
[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ht2zWxg\\_ARQ](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ht2zWxg_ARQ)

## EVENTS & LINKS // BE CONNECTED

### Upcoming Events

**JANUARY 21, 2026 //** Catalyst Innovation Lab // [Learn more](#)

**FEBRUARY 2-4, 2026 //** DCE Spiritual Renewal Retreat // [Learn more](#)

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

**APRIL 20-21, 2026 //** Theological Convocation @ Faith, Georgetown // **More info to come**

*View more events and submit publication requests at the following links*

**DISTRICT EVENTS**

**COMMUNITY EVENTS**

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