



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.

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

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

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

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 Borcherding (1/17) - *Zion, Walburg*

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

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

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](#)

RESOURCE TOOLBOX // BE EQUIPPED



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

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**

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