



MINISTER to MINISTER

January 2, 2026

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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. Harold Fleischhauer (Em., Houston)** // passing of his wife, Jean
- **Rev. Randy Ledbetter (Em., McKinney)** // recovering after a fall
- **Rev. Greg Lorenz (St. Paul, McAllen)** // diagnosed with prostate cancer
- **Family of Elva Musgrove (widow of Rev. Al Musgrove, Houston)** // Elva's passing

New Calls

Ordained

Accepted

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

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. Shawn Deterding // Sole, Water of Life, Forney to Sole, St. Paul, Marshfield, MO

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. Mark Hunsaker // January 18, 4:00 p.m. // Sole, Hope, Austin
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

Funerals

Mrs. Elva Musgrove, widow of Rev. Al Musgrove (Em., Houston) joined the saints in glory on December 24, 2025. Her funeral will be held January 3, 2026 at St. John, Cypress (15235 Spring Cypress). We praise God for her life and pray for her family and friends.

Mrs. Jean Fleischhauer, wife of Rev. Harold Fleischhauer (Em., Houston) was gathered to her Savior's side on December 24, 2025. Her funeral was held December 31, 2025 at St. Andrew, Houston. We praise God for Jean's life and pray for Harold and her family and friends.

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

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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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