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DISTRICT NEWS // BE INFORMED

ATTENTION CONGREGATIONAL PRESIDENTS

Congregational Statistics Due May 1 (FINAL deadline): Calling all congregational leaders! It's time to update your congregation's statistics online. [Learn more](#)

Concordia Seminary St. Louis Call Day 2026: Call Day this year is April 28, 2026. Assignments and calls will be announced and celebrated during two worship services in the Chapel of St. Timothy and St. Titus: Assignment of Vicarages and Deaconess Internships at 3 p.m. (CDT) and Assignment of Calls at 7 p.m. (CDT). You can join us in-person, via [livestream](#) or on [Facebook](#) or [YouTube](#). [Learn more](#)

Concordia Theological Seminary Fort Wayne Call Day 2026: Call Day 2026 will celebrate students' placement into their respective fields of service: Tuesday, April 28, at 7:00 p.m. ET. Second-year students receive their vicarage and deaconess internship assignments, marking a significant step in their formation: Wednesday, April 29, at 7:00 p.m. ET. Both services will be livestreamed on CTSFW's [Chapel page](#), on [YouTube](#), and on [Facebook](#). [Learn more](#)

LCMS Pastoral Formation Committee Listening Session: Have questions about how the LCMS is forming faithful pastors to meet the current and future demands of the holy ministry? Come and talk to the LCMS Pastoral Formation Committee, which includes the two seminary presidents, at the Listening Session hosted at Christ the King, Kingwood on Monday, June 15, 9:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. [Learn more](#)

MRR (Marketing, Recruitment, and Retention) Leaders Day: June 3, 2026 at Concordia High School, Tomball, keynote speaker Jay Tickle will help your school sharpen your marketing, clarify your message, and grow enrollment. Jay is the owner of Hourglass, a Christian School Marketing consultancy, founder of Banner 61, and a Herzog Foundation Marketing and Enrollment Coach. [Learn more & register](#)

2026 School Administrators Conference: The Administrators Conference will be held July 20-22 at the Drury Plaza in San Antonio (823 N Loop 64). The conference theme is "Far More Abundantly", based on Ephesians 3:19-20, and keynote speakers are Ted Neitzke and Laura Colangelo. [Learn more & register](#)

2026 Pastors' Wives Retreat: The Texas District Pastors' Wives Retreat will be held September 25-27, 2026 at Camp Lone Star in La Grange. Women will hear helpful speakers, address the issues pastors' wives face, rejuvenate, connect, and worship with others who serve in this unique role. [Learn more](#)

Missional Youth Retreat 2026: In the spirit of our synod's "Set Apart to Serve" efforts to recruit new church workers, the Texas District invites young people to consider registering for Missional Youth Retreat (MYR) 2026. May 31-June 4, at Concordia University Texas, rostered LCMS church workers will present ministry options and mission opportunities to young people. [Learn more](#)

WORKER UPDATES // BE IN PRAYER

Pray for those in need of guidance, affirmation, healing, relief, and assurance.

Prayer Requests

- **Family of Mrs. Patricia Biar, former Texas District LWML President //** passing of Patricia
 - **Rev. Larry Knobloch (Trinity, Riesel) //** diagnosed with atrial fibrillation
 - **Mrs. Teri Poole, wife of Rev. Don Poole (Em., Clifton) //** recovering from open-heart surgery
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New Calls

Commissioned

Undecided

Miguel Ruiz // Director of Parish Music, Messiah, Keller to Director of Parish Music, Our Redeemer, Dallas

Tetsuya Sugita // Director of Parish Music, Bethel, Bryan to Director of Parish Music, Trinity, Crown Point, IN

Ordained

Accepted

Rev. George Ruwisch // Sr., Grace, Nashua, NH to Sole, Our Savior, Rockwall

Undecided

Rev. Noah Burgdorf // Sole, Salem, Salisbury, MO to Sole, Redeemer, Fredericksburg

Rev. Ryan Cramer // Sole, St. Paul, Foley, AL to Sole, Trinity Our Savior, Corpus Christi

Rev. Mark Harris // Cand., New Braunfels to Sole, Zion, Mission Valley (Victoria)

Rev. Carl Roth // Sole, Grace, Elgin to Sole, Zion, Tomball

Installation

Rev. Tom Zucconi // May 3, 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. // Assoc., Prince of Peace, Carrollton

Rev. Jonathan D. Meyer // May 23, 3:00 p.m. // Sole, Grace, Midland

Ordination Anniversaries // May

60 years

Rev. Dr. Jim Haner (5/29) - Em., Dallas

50 years

Rev. Max Biesenthal (5/23) - Em., Denton

30 years

Rev. Robert Hemsath (5/17) - Faith, Huntsville

Rev. Gilberto Flores (5/30) - Em., Corpus Christi

20 years

Rev. Vijay Gurralla (5/21) - Telugu Church of Houston (Our Redeemer), Houston

RESOURCE TOOLBOX // BE EQUIPPED

Mission Insight // Face to Face--Summary of the 2026 Theological Convocation:

"Across several sessions, speakers returned to one deep concern: the church's visible arguments sit on top of a more hidden crisis. Pastors and church workers may share confessions, vocabulary, and office, yet still fail to understand each other because fear, social sorting, weak relationships, and thin communication have degraded the ground on which real conversation should stand." [Read more](#)

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Upcoming Events

APRIL 28, 2026 // CSL Call Day Services // [Learn more](#)

APRIL 28-29, 2026 // CTSFW Call Day Services // [Learn more](#)

JUNE 3, 2026 // MRR (Marketing, Recruitment, & Retention) Leaders' Day // [Learn more](#)

JUNE 11-13, 2026 // Texas LWML Convention // [Learn more](#)

JUNE 15, 2026 // LCMS Pastoral Formation Committee Listening Session // [Learn more](#)

JULY 20-22, 2026 // School Administrators Conference // [Learn more](#)

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

SEPTEMBER 25-27, 2026 // Pastors' Wives Retreat // [Learn more](#)

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