



MINISTER to MINISTER

May 15, 2026

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ATTENTION CONGREGATIONAL PRESIDENTS

Congregational Statistics Due June 1 (Final FINAL deadline): The LCMS Office of Rosters and Statistics has, for the last time, extended the deadline for submitting your congregation's statistical reports. Please ensure your congregation has submitted your report at lc.lcms.org. [Learn more](#)

DISTRICT NEWS // BE INFORMED

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 Mr. David Goeke, (Em., San Antonio) //** passing of David
 - **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

Declined

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

Undecided

Jason Phelps // DCE, Gloria Dei, Houston to DCE, St. John, Vancouver, WA

Ordained

Declined

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

Undecided

Rev. Dr. Keith Aschenbeck // Sole, Grace, Victoria to Sole, Grace, Bradford, PA

Rev. John Dehne // Sr., St. Andrew, Cape Girardeau, MO to Sole, Family of Faith, Houston

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

Rev. Mark Harris // Cand., New Braunfels to Sole, Zion, Schulenburg

Installation

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

Rev. Mike Ramey // June 7, 3:00 p.m. // Sole, Grace, Paris

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

Worker Care // Who Am I? "Roles, responsibilities, and relationships are fluid, even chaotic. They are context for living out identity, but cannot give it. We've read God's Biblical promise, "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine." (Isaiah 43.1) We've rehearsed the catechism's declaration of our Baptismal identity. YES! But how can such a promise enter into our reality?" [Read more](#)

EVENTS & LINKS // BE CONNECTED

Upcoming Events

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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