



MINISTER to MINISTER

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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. Christ the King will provide a light lunch for participants after the session. [Learn more](#)

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

Prayer Requests

- **Rev. Tim Dinger (Em., Bridge City) //** cancer returned
 - **Family of Mr. David Goeke, (Em., San Antonio) //** passing of David
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New Calls

Commissioned

Undecided

Katie Otto // DCE, Immanuel, Giddings to DCE, Faith, Eustis, FL

Ordained

Declined

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

Undecided

Rev. Mark Harris // Cand., New Braunfels to Sole, St. Paul, Denton

Rev. Mark Harris // Cand., New Braunfels to Sole, Concordia, Garland

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

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

Rev. Evandro Kopper // Sr., St. Paul, California, MO to Sole, Trinity Our Savior, Corpus Christi

Rev. Jason Mandley // Sole, St. John, Hillman, MI to Sole, St. Paul/Faith, Jasper/Woodville

Rev. Kelly Smith // Sole, St. Matthew, White Lake, WI to Sole, St. Paul, Wilson

Installation

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

Ordination Anniversaries // June

65 years

Rev. Dr. Paul Dorn (6/18) - Em., Conroe

Rev. Carl Kummer (6/18) - Em., Waxahachie

60 years

Rev. Dr. Wayne Renning (6/12) - Em., Mount Pleasant

Rev. Dr. Gary Schaper (6/16) - Em., Frisco

55 years

Rev. John Selle (6/13) - Faith, Georgetown

Rev. Richard Kessler (6/27) - Em., Cisco

50 years

Rev. Don Loeschen (6/6) - Em., Nacogdoches

Rev. Paul Teske (6/6) - Em., San Antonio

Rev. Dr. John Frahm (6/27) - Em., Pflugerville

Rev. Robert Kobler (6/27) - Em., Waco
Rev. David Quail (6/27) - Em., Conroe

45 years

Rev. Russell Tieken (6/5) - Em., Denton
Rev. Dr. Vic Kollmann (6/14) - Messiah, Plano
Rev. Dr. Alan Korinek (6/14) - Em., Lamesa
Rev. Dr. Craig DuBois (6/21) - Grace, San Marcos
Rev. David Mumm (6/28) - Christ, Loebau
Rev. David Sawhill (6/28) - Em., Houston

40 years

Rev. John Austin (6/13) - Em., Elgin

35 years

Rev. Jerry McNamara (6/8) - Cand., Houston
Rev. Dr. Richard Jones (6/16) - Em., McKinney
Rev. Eddie Scheler, Jr. (6/16) - Ascension, Cleburne
Rev. David Reese (6/30) - Em., Denison
Rev. Scott Stewart (6/30) - Cand., Pearland

30 years

Rev. Dan Schepmann (6/2) - Gloria Dei, Houston
Rev. David Cecil (6/9) - Cross of Christ, Waller
Rev. Jonathan Goeke (6/23) - Community of Hope, Tomball
Rev. Scott Heitshusen (6/23) - LifeBridge, Sealy
Rev. Michael Meissner (6/23) - LifeBridge, Cypress
Rev. Herb Keistman (6/30) - Em., Paige
Rev. Robert LeBlanc (6/30) - Salem, White Hall

25 years

Rev. Eloy González (6/3) - Em., Mission
Rev. Jeff Doria (6/10) - St. Paul, Thorndale

20 years

Rev. Manny Rodriguez (6/4) - Em., Irving
Rev. Luke Madsen (6/18) - Holy Cross, Arlington
Rev. Matt Popovits (6/18) - St. Mark, Houston
Rev. Carl Roth (6/18) - Grace, Elgin

15 years

Rev. Dustin Beck (6/12) - Holy Cross, Warda
Rev. Phillip Borntreger (6/26) - Em., Livingston
Rev. Tom Chandler (6/26) - Trinity, Albany
Rev. Daniel Hinton (6/19) - Christ, Lubbock

10 years

Rev. Mark Harris (6/25) - Cand., New Braunfels
Rev. Lee Hopf (6/26) - Trinity-Klein, Spring
Rev. Seth Kunze (6/12) - The Dwelling, New Caney

5 years

Rev. Josh LeBorious (6/27) - Hope, Friendswood

RESOURCE TOOLBOX // BE EQUIPPED

Mission Story // From Shared Space to Shared Ministry: 100 servings of pineapple water. 100 servings of horchata. 80 servings of fajitas — chicken, veggie, or beef. What do

these mouth-watering menu items have to do with church planting in Texas? Only God knows. Yet one local congregation is praying that such simple ingredients might nourish something far greater — a new intercultural expression of the Church in Austin... [Read more](#)

EVENTS & LINKS // BE CONNECTED

Upcoming Events

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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