



MINISTER to MINISTER

June 12, 2026

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LCMS President Runoff Election

After the first round of voting, no candidate received a majority of votes for president of the LCMS. A runoff election is scheduled to begin this **Saturday, June 13, and continue through June 16**.... If you are registered to vote, please vote. If you know of someone who is registered to vote who may not be aware that there is a runoff, please let them know and encourage them to vote. [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](#)

National Hispanic Convention LCMS 2026: The National Hispanic Convention will be held July 28-31, 2026 in Irvine, California. Fully bilingual, the convention is not just for voting delegates. It is for families and everyone active or interested in Hispanic Ministry in the LCMS. [Learn more](#)

La Convención Nacional Hispana LCMS 2026: La Convención Nacional Hispana se celebrará del 28 al 31 de julio de 2026 en Irvine, California. La convención, que se desarrollará íntegramente en dos idiomas, no está dirigida únicamente a los delegados

WORKER UPDATES // BE IN PRAYER

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

Prayer Requests

- **Rev. Tim Dinger (Em., Bridge City) //** cancer returned
 - **Rev. Dr. Sagar Pilli, (Memorial, Houston) //** health issues and testing
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New Calls

Commissioned

Undecided

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

Dcs. Alma Zamora // Dcs., Our Redeemer, Irving to Dcs., Peace, Hurst

Ordained

Declined

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

Undecided

Rev. Dr. Keith Aschenbeck // Sole, Grace, Victoria to Sole, Immanuel, Alpena, MI

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. Mark Harris // Cand., New Braunfels to Sole, Trinity, Weatherford

Rev. Jason Kaspar // Sole, Mt. Calvary, La Grange to Sole, Trinity, Guymon, OK

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

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

Rev. Jared Tanz // SMP, St. Andrew, Cape Girardeau, MO to SMP, Trinity-Klein, Spring

Ordination Anniversaries // June

65 years

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

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

60 years

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 Bortrager (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

June Messenger // Check out the June-July issue of *Texas Messenger*! [Read more](#)

EVENTS & LINKS // BE CONNECTED

Upcoming Events

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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