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LCMS President 2nd Runoff Election

As has been announced by the LCMS and reported on various social media sites, after both a first and second round of voting, no candidate received a majority of votes for President of the LCMS. **A second runoff election is scheduled to begin this Saturday, June 20, and continue through June 23.** [Learn more](#)

DISTRICT NEWS // BE INFORMED

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 con derecho a voto, sino también a las familias y a todas las personas que participan o se interesan por el ministerio hispano en la LCMS. [Más información](#)

WORKER UPDATES // BE IN PRAYER

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

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

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

Undecided

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

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, Hope, Winnie

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

Installation

Rachel Brinkman // **June 28, 4:00 p.m. (Commissioning & Installation)** // Dir. of Parish Music, Crown of Life, San Antonio

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 Borntrager (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*



Faith Story // The Outsider: In this episode, Rev. Seth Davidson shares his story of growing up outside the church and how a simple invitation led him to a faith community that would change the course of his life. Through moments of hardship, unexpected support, and God's faithfulness, Seth reflects on the people and experiences that shaped his journey into ministry. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SjYemwb2Njc>

EVENTS & LINKS // BE CONNECTED

Upcoming Events

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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