



# MINISTER to MINISTER

**June 5, 2026**

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## 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 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](#)*

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## WORKER UPDATES // BE IN PRAYER

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

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## 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**

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## Installation

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

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## 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*

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## RESOURCE TOOLBOX // BE EQUIPPED

**Site Savvy // Your Constitution Probably Needs Updating:** When was the last time your congregation's constitution was updated? It may seem daunting, but we have broken down the process for you, and our Constitution Committee is ready to assist! [Read more](#)

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# 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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