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DISTRICT NEWS // BE INFORMED

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](#)

Camp Lone Star BBQ & Auction Fundraiser: Friends of Camp Lone Star, you are invited to our annual BBQ and Auction Fundraiser to support Camp and all that this ministry does to transform lives and grow God's kingdom! [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

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

Prayer Requests

- **Rev. Dr. Bill Dasch (Em., Mansfield)** // recovering from heart attack
- **Rev. Tim Dinger (Em., Bridge City)** // cancer returned
- **Rev. Harold Fleischhauer (Em., Houston)** // in ICU due to smoke inhalation from house fire

- **Rev. Aaron & Sara Lytle (Oikos, Houston)** // passing of Aaron's father, Leray
 - **Rev. Dr. Sagar Pilli, (Memorial, Houston)** // health issues and testing
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New Calls

(Note: Revisions to this list may be delayed so that calling congregations may announce updates to their members prior to districtwide publication.)

Commissioned

Accepted

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

Undecided

DCE Ron DuPree // DCE, St. Paul, Denton to DCE, Zion, Dallas

Mr. Zachary Zieschang // Kantor, Emmanuel, Dearborn, MI to Dir. of Parish Music, Messiah, Keller

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Ordained

Accepted

Rev. Jeffrey Reuter // Assoc., Hope, Rochester, NY to Assoc., St. Mark, Houston

Declined

Rev. Jason Kaspar // Sole, Mt. Calvary, La Grange to Sole, Hope, Winnie

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

Undecided

Rev. Patrick Baldwin // Sole, Christ, Rawlins, WY to Sole, First, Lufkin

Rev. Leif Hasskarl // Sole, Immanuel/Immanuel, Butte/Atkinson, NE to Sole, Faith/St. Paul, Woodville/Jasper

Rev. Eric Hiner // Sr., Hope, Lubbock to Sole, Trinity, Auburn, NE

Rev. Steve Wiechman // Sole, Trinity, Rosenberg to Staff, Southeastern District, LCMS

Installation

Rev. Mark Harris // **July 18, time TBD** // Sole, Trinity, Weatherford

Rev. George Ruwisch // **August 2, 4:00 p.m.** // Sole, Our Savior, Rockwall

Ordination Anniversaries // July

65 years

Rev. Dr. Roger Grummer (7/9) - Em., Colleyville

60 years

Rev. Daniel Canion (7/25) - Em., New Braunfels

55 years

Rev. Gary Pohl (7/25) - Em., Round Rock

50 years

Rev. Todd Dittloff (7/11) - Em., Kerrville

45 years

Rev. David Leeland (7/5) - *Epiphany, Houston*
Rev. Steve Henze (7/13) - *Em., Spring*
Rev. Michael Gruhn (7/15) - *Em., Lubbock*
Rev. Chris Johnson (7/21) - *Em., Hewitt*
Rev. Ralph Sackschewsky (7/26) - *Em., Tomball*

40 years

Rev. Dr. Daniel Molyneux (7/6) - *Em., Cypress*
Rev. John Moore (7/6) - *Our Shepherd, Huffman*
Rev. Randy Ledbetter (7/15) - *Em., McKinney*
Rev. Patrick Erickson (7/27) - *Em., Garland*

35 years

Rev. Maynard Schulz (7/1) - *Em., Magnolia*
Rev. Dr. Yohannes Mengsteab (7/7) - *Em., Fort Worth*
Rev. Delton Weiser (7/7) - *Point of Grace, Pflugerville*

30 years

Rev. Byron Williams (7/7) - *St. Paul, Dallas*
Rev. Richard Lamb (7/21) - *Zion, Anderson*
Rev. David Truenow (7/21) - *Evangelists, Kingsbury*

25 years

Rev. Dr. Brian Hesse (7/1) - *St. Paul, Waco*

20 years

Rev. Rance Settle (7/9) - *Lamb of God, Flower Mound*
Rev. Randall Smith (7/9) - *Bethlehem, North Zulch*
Rev. David Schatte (7/16) - *Our Savior, Granbury*
Rev. Dennis Keyes (7/23) - *Em., Bowie*

15 years

Rev. Grayson Albers (7/17) - *Immanuel, Temple*
Rev. Ryan Ogradowicz (7/30) - *Grace, Brenham*

5 years

Rev. Jeff Tucker (7/5) - *Concordia, San Antonio*
Rev. Andrew Johnson (7/11) - *Shepherd of the Hills, San Antonio*
Rev. Luis Martinez (7/11) - *Trinity, Spring*
Rev. Andrew Perry (7/18) - *Em., Burnet*

RESOURCE TOOLBOX // BE EQUIPPED

2026 Ministry Snapshot // LISN for Church Workers: What have your prayers and support produced in the Texas District over the last 12 months? [Learn more](#)

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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