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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

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

Prayer Requests

- **Rev. Tim Dinger (Em., Bridge City)** // cancer returned
- **Rev. Harold Fleischhauer (Em., Houston)** // in ICU due to smoke inhalation from house fire

- **Leray & Doris Lytle, parents of Rev. Aaron Lytle (Oikos, Houston) //** Leray entered hospice and Doris is caregiving
 - **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 Ron DuPree // DCE, St. Paul, Denton to DCE, Zion, Dallas

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

Undecided

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

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

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

Ordained

Accepted

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

Declined

Rev. Neil Carlson // Sole, Trinity/Zion, Sidney/Chappell, WY to Sole, St. Paul, Wilson

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

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

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

Undecided

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

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

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

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, time TBD // 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., Lubbock

50 years

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

45 years

Rev. David Leeland (7/5) - *Epiphany, Pearland*

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

Site Savvy // LISN for Church Workers: Have you moved, had a child, or updated your contact information recently? Have you listed it on your Information Form (PIF/CMIF)? Pastor, when was the last time you read and updated your responses in the Self-Evaluation Tool (SET)? Update your synodical documents quickly and easily on the LISN for Church Workers website: lcw.lcms.org. If you have trouble logging in, please call (314) 996-1366 or email lcms.rsrs@lcms.org. [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](#)

OCTOBER 3, 2026 // Treasurers Workshop // [Learn more](#)

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