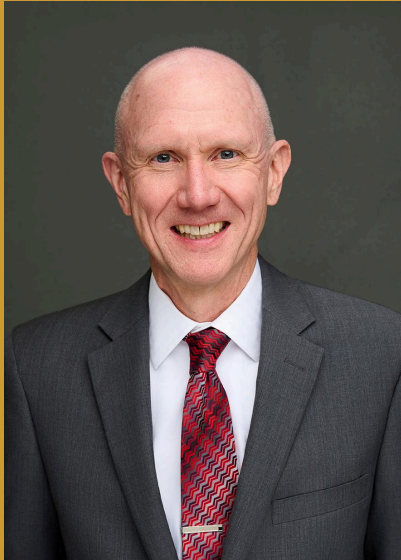




# Ministry Snapshot

*To reach. To disciple. To care.*

TEXAS DISTRICT OF THE LUTHERAN CHURCH — MISSOURI SYNOD



Rev. Jon Braundersreuther, D. Min.  
President

## President's Message

What a joy it is to serve alongside you in the Texas District!

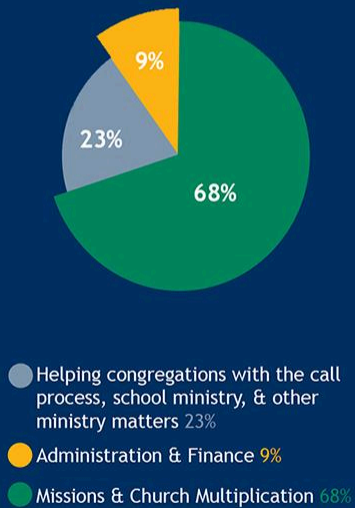
The community we share as brothers and sisters in Christ is a genuine gift. Since my election in June 2025, your words of encouragement, your prayers, and your partnership in ministry remind me why the work we do together matters so deeply. We are not simply a collection of congregations. We are a family of believers bound together by something far greater—by the Gospel of Jesus Christ and a promise of eternal life.

The Gospel is not merely the foundation of what we believe. It is the compelling force behind our mission. Christ's love compels us (2 Corinthians 5:14). We, who have been taken off the road to condemnation and placed on the road to eternal life, cannot keep that news to ourselves. Every person in every community across our great state needs what we have been freely given—paradise forever.

We have the best message in the world! Our Biblical convictions about the saving work of Jesus naturally and joyfully lead us outward to our neighbors, to new communities, to anyone who has not yet heard that forgiveness and eternal life are theirs in Christ. And that outward movement is strengthened when we pursue it together. The fellowship we share helps us hold our convictions firmly, encourage one another faithfully, and engage our common mission with greater boldness.

Looking ahead, I am filled with hope. We are praying and seeing the fruits of a mission movement being catalyzed across Texas, strengthening congregations to plant new churches, raise up church workers, and train evangelists. In 2025, there were 7 Word and Sacrament Ministry starts and 337 evangelists

2026 Budget Summary  
Total Annual Budget:  
**\$7,944,305**



trained. The momentum continues in 2026! We are seeing the ministries of local faith communities flourish as they reach their neighbors with the Good News.

Our prayer is that by the 125th anniversary of the Texas District in 2031, we will have sent 500 new servant-leaders to reach 500 new communities with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. With your prayers and support, we can achieve this together!

Privileged to serve alongside you.

Jon Braunersreuther, D. Min.

## School Ministry in The Texas District An Exciting Year - Filled with Opportunities

Our Lutheran school ministries are outreach ministries for congregations as they are involved in reaching into their communities. It is both a privilege and a blessing to serve over 15,897 students in our 114 Lutheran elementary and high schools and early childhood programs as we share the Gospel of Jesus each day.

History was made this school year as the Texas Education Freedom Account (TEFA) [school choice/voucher program] was passed in Texas. SB 2 was passed on Maundy Thursday, 2025, to establish this program. With over 274,183 student applications received, a total of 95,935 students were awarded participation in the program, with \$1 billion appropriated for it. Those families that were awarded TEFA funds have been able to select the private school of their choice beginning with the coming 2026-27 school year.



Dr. Bill Hinz  
Director of School Ministry

Another significant opportunity for our Lutheran schools is the new Federal Scholarship Tax Credit, beginning January 1, 2027. This will allow our schools to provide increased financial assistance to our families. For individuals to participate they must give the designated amount of \$1,700 (individual) or \$3,400 (couple) to an SGO (Scholarship Granting Organization). They select the school that they want this Tax Credit to go to, rather than simply sending all your money to Washington. We are blessed in Texas to be able to partner with Legacy Deo, a registered SGO.

Along with exciting new funding opportunities for our Lutheran schools and their families, physical growth continues with additional classrooms, various building projects and

program grade expansions. On April 15, 2026, Westlake Lutheran Academy broke ground on their new education building designed to support the addition of their high school program (which began this school year), and overall growth, marking an exciting new chapter in the life of the school located in the Katy/Richmond area. Our Lutheran schools are given the opportunity and responsibility to prepare our students to be future leaders, equipped for today's world, grounded and rooted in God's Word, by caring and loving teachers. We are blessed that through these new financial opportunities our schools will be able to bring more students and their families to hear about Jesus and the forgiveness that HE grants to believers through His death and resurrection.

Our schools have seen continued growth. Additional classrooms are being added, new buildings are being erected, and we are seeing an increase in our early childhood programs making the bold commitment to expand into elementary programs, St. John Academy, Hamilton; and St. Peter, Northlake; and elementary programs to high school with Westlake Lutheran Academy in Katy.



*Mrs. Stacey Walters, Head of School at Westlake Lutheran Academy, participates in the groundbreaking ceremony with the trailblazing Wildcat 9th graders, Class of 2030. L to R Makaylen, Addison, Ainslie, Ryder, Nixon and Luke.*

## In Memoriam

+ Mr. Rollin C. Cattau (1933-2025)  
Trinity Downtown, Houston

+ Rev. Mark B. Anderson (1958-2025)

+ Rev. Robert W. Hill (1935-2025)  
Faith, Plano

+ Rev. Joseph M. Ardy (1951-2025)  
St. John, Mansfield

+ Rev. Edward L. Boineau (1963-2025)  
St. Luke, Sweeny

+ Mr. Jonathan M. Fischer (1936-2025)

+ Mrs. Elisabeth A. Bennett (1942-2025)  
Zion, Dallas

+ Rev. Claudio Perez, Sr. (1931-2025)  
Immanuel, Houston

+ Mrs. Helen R. Wenthe (1938-2025)  
Zion Lutheran, Walburg

+ Mr. Albert C. Schlichting (1928-2025)  
Trinity-Klein, Spring

+ Rev. Thomas L. Wagstaff (1945-2026)  
St. Paul, Waco

Holy Cross, Dallas

+ Rev. Edward L. Schneider (1924-2025)  
Concordia, San Antonio

+ Rev. Dr. Ronald S. Luedemann (1938-2025)  
Crown of Life, Colleyville

+ Dr. Robert W. Malzahn (1949-2025)  
Crown of Life, Colleyville

+ Rev. Richard F. Wagner (1929-2025)  
Trinity-Klein, Spring

+ Rev. John F. Stelling (1939-2026)  
Grace, Smithville

+ Rev. Clarence L. Symmank (1928-2026)  
Gloria Dei, Houston

+ Mrs. Janet C. Meyer (1947-2026)  
Zion, Georgetown (Walburg)

+ Rev. Robert E. Cheney (1936-2026)  
Salem, Tomball

+ Mr. David L. Goeke (1948-2026)  
Concordia, San Antonio

## Texas Partners in Mission Memorial Gifts

Memorial Gifts for Mr. Edward Gallmeier:

+ Mrs. Suzanne Kurth  
+ Ms. Helen Leverkus

## Texas District Church Extension Fund

Ministry Focused. Financially Responsible.



Becca Jones  
Treasurer, Texas District and  
Executive Director, Texas Church  
Extension Fund

Through investments from Texas District LCMS congregations and their members, Church Extension Fund will be the preferred financial resources partner for district ministries focused on multiplying followers of Jesus.

Our mission statement above reflects our continued commitment to catalyzing a mission movement across the Texas District LCMS. We offer a variety of financial solutions designed to meet the needs of both our investors and ministries engaged in Gospel work.

With \$224 million in assets, we continue to respond to the unique needs of our Texas District ministry partners. We are committed to remaining open to the many possibilities provided by God, and to continuing our mission of catalyzing an exponential movement for the sake of the Gospel.

Individuals and congregations have entrusted us with over \$172 million, which has allowed us to provide over \$101 million in loans to 108 borrowers. This remarkable achievement is a testament to the faithfulness of our investors and partners in ministry. To God be the glory!



**\$557,458**

returned to ministry



**90**

**NEW  
INVESTORS**  
in the Texas  
District Church  
Extension Fund  
ministry!



**\$64,750**

in matching gifts to  
Texas Partners in Mission

## Evangelist Development Ministry — Annual Highlights



**THE EVANGELIST**  
*Training Series*



Deaconess Noemi Guerra  
Districtwide Evangelist  
Development Ministry Leader

By God's grace, through Evangelist Training, Christ is still meeting the thirsty at the wells of everyday life. Across the Texas District, the ministry reports 252 active evangelists and 69 people currently in training, with evangelists serving through 105 faith communities in ordinary places where people live, work, learn, and gather.

Alma was disconnected and not attending any church when she arrived at Evangelist Kensy's home simply to deliver food during an evangelist gathering. Instead of being overlooked, she was welcomed, embraced, and asked if she needed prayer. Surrounded by evangelists, Alma received prayer with tears in her eyes and said it was exactly what she needed. Praise God, she is now connected to an LCMS congregation and attends with her daughter and husband.

In another community, an ESL ministry became a spiritual well for disconnected families. Evangelist Darla English noticed children waiting while their parents attended class and began teaching them Bible stories, crafts, and hospitality. For some of these beautiful children, this is the only time they hear about Jesus. Through Deaf ministry, Becky is also building wells through ASL, Bible study, and craft events. To God be all the glory.



The first Districtwide Multi-Asian gathering with people from **6** DIFFERENT ASIAN COUNTRIES.

**20**

NEW & EXISTING ETHNIC MISSION DEVELOPERS have been supported in the district.

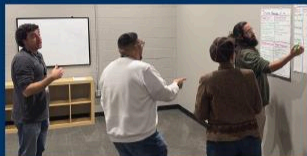


CHURCH WORKERS IN TRAINING

**25** MEN studying to be pastors at seminary

**5** WOMEN studying to be deaconesses

**31** ENROLLED in alternate seminary routes



Innovative ideas to reach the community were rewarded with **MORE THAN \$67k** IN SPECIAL GRANTS at the district's Catalyst Innovation Lab.



**2** NEW FAITH COMMUNITIES have been established in the DFW area.

**2** Through Expansion Mission Network NEW HISPANIC FAITH COMMUNITIES have been launched since January 2026. One in Forney, TX, and the other in Rockwall, TX.



A group of **75** LEADERS participated in Exponential, 50 in English and 25 in Spanish.

In the past three years, we have provided scholarships for

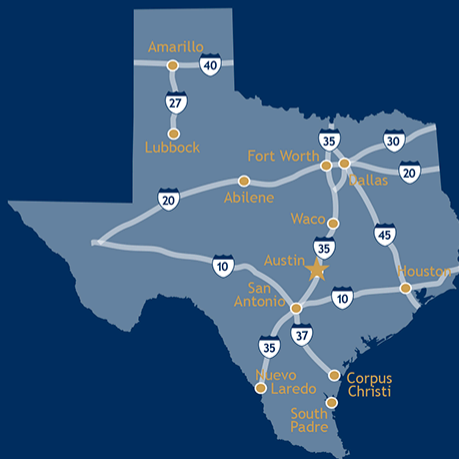
**69** FUTURE CHURCH WORKERS.

Be inspired by the ways God is transforming lives across Texas. Watch powerful stories of faith, hope and mission in action.



## EVERY DOLLAR

contributed to Texas Partners in Mission goes directly to support missions in the Texas District.



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### PRAY

It is our number one priority. Our goal is to have 10% of the Texas District, LCMS members praying regularly for the mission.



### GIFTS

No gift to Texas Partners in Mission is too small. We need gifts to reach the thousands of people in Texas with the life-saving Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ.



### PEOPLE

We need church planters from our seminaries and from local contexts. We need evangelists who can be trained and sent. With more than 400 congregations in the Texas District, much can be accomplished.

**Double Your Donation. Increase Your Investment.**

**Texas District CEF Texas Two-Step.**

For information visit [texascef.org/texastwostep/](http://texascef.org/texastwostep/).

\*Minimum \$5,000 investment required.

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**OCTOBER 12-13, 2026 // Pastors Conference // [Learn more](#)**

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