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DISTRICT NEWS // BE INFORMED

Fall Pastors Conference: Register now to secure **Early Bird pricing!** Ministry can take everything out of you. Often pastors pour out for everyone else while running on empty themselves. This October, join pastors from across the Texas District for two days built around one simple truth: a healthy congregation starts with a healthy pastor. [Learn more](#)

Treasurer's Workshop: New and existing congregation treasurers, bookkeepers, financial secretaries, business managers or others who have financial responsibilities should attend. This workshop provides simple, straightforward help with church financial issues and offers networking opportunities with others in similar roles. Attendees will receive instruction and resources to help serve your congregation and avoid costly mistakes. [Learn more](#)

Catalyst Innovation Lab 2027: Do you have an innovative mission idea? Apply now to present your idea at the Catalyst Innovation Lab, where you will receive feedback from experienced ministry leaders and have the opportunity to be awarded up to \$50,000 in grant funding to help bring your vision to life. [Learn more](#)

New Evangelist Training Cohort: A new Evangelist Training cohort begins September 14, 2026. This 8-week course over Zoom will help you learn and gain confidence in making disciples, strengthening your congregation, and reach your neighbors with the Gospel. [Learn more](#)

2026 Hispanic Ministry Retreat: Este año, el Retiro del Ministerio Hispano será un evento conjunto con la conferencia PALMCON en Houston, un evento dirigido por el Instituto Misionero Luterano Hispano. Únete a nosotros durante tres días de adoración, enseñanza, comunión y crecimiento espiritual bajo el tema, "Empoderados: Misión + Unidad = Legado". [Aprende más](#)

This year, the Hispanic Ministry Retreat will be a joint event with the PALCON conference in Houston, an event led by the Lutheran Hispanic Missionary Institute. Join us for three days of worship, teaching, fellowship, and spiritual growth under the theme, "Empowered: Mission + Unity = Legacy". [Learn more](#)

WORKER UPDATES // BE IN PRAYER

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

Prayer Requests

- **Mrs. Frieda Bahr, widow of Rev. Don Bahr (Em., Clifton)** // recovering from broken leg
 - **Rev. Scott Heitshusen (LifeBridge, Sealy)** // nasal surgery
 - **Rev. Bob Kobler (Em., Waco)** // Bob's recovery after successful heart surgery
 - **Rev. Curt Schneider (Em., Brownwood)** // recovering from knee replacement surgery
 - **Mrs. Kathie Schneider, wife of Rev. Curt Schneider (Em., Brownwood)** // suffered stroke, recovering
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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

Undecided

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

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Ordained

Accepted

Rev. Kevin Peterson // Sole, St. Paul, Addison, IL to Sole, Hope, Winnie

Declined

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

Undecided

Rev. Dr. Chris Ahlman // Assoc., Memorial, Houston to Assoc., Trinity, Denver, CO

Rev. Peter LeBorious // SMP, Mt. Calvary, Warner Robins, GA to SMP, Christ Memorial, Houston

Installations

Mr. Ron Dupree // August 23, 9:30 a.m. // DCE, Zion, Dallas

Rev. Jared Tanz // August 30, 3:00 p.m. // SMP, Trinity-Klein, Spring

Ordination Anniversaries // August

50 years

Rev. Ralph Hobratchk (8/8) - Em., Friendswood

45 years

Rev. Douglas Dommer (8/1) - *Living Word, The Woodlands*

Rev. Dr. Paul Meyer (8/2) - *Em., Austin*

Rev. Rudy Herbrich (8/9) - *Em., Argyle*

40 years

Rev. Michael Bailey (8/8) - *Redeemer, San Antonio*

Rev. Larry Krueger (8/10) - *Em., Salado*

30 years

Rev. David Bailes (8/11) - *Living Savior, Montgomery*

Rev. John Cain (8/18) - *Redeemer, Nacogdoches*

15 years

Rev. Stephen Sandfort (8/7) - *The Edge, Azle*

5 years

Rev. Chad Bresson (8/13) - *The Table, Los Fresnos*

Rev. Jerrell Hein (8/15) - *Grace, San Marcos*

RESOURCE TOOLBOX // BE EQUIPPED

Worker Care // How Do I Change: We often think a good way to change ourselves or someone with whom we work is getting more training. Reality is, training rarely works. TRAINING DOES NOT CHANGE PEOPLE... LEARNING CHANGES PEOPLE. [Learn more](#)

EVENTS & LINKS // BE CONNECTED

Upcoming Events

SEPTEMBER 14, 2026 // Online Evangelist Training Cohort Begins // [Learn more](#)

SEPTEMBER 14-16, 2026 // Hispanic Ministry Retreat + PALMCON // [Learn more](#)

SEPTEMBER 25-27, 2026 // Pastors' Wives Retreat // [Learn more](#)

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

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

OCTOBER 12-13, 2026 // Educators Conference @ Prince of Peace, Carrollton // [more info coming soon](#)

JANUARY 13, 2027 // Catalyst Innovation Lab // [Learn more](#)

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