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DISTRICT NEWS // BE INFORMED

Fall Pastors Conference: Register now to secure Super 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](#)

Catalyst Innovation Lab 2027: Do you have an innovative mission idea? Apply 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. **Applications open August 1.** [Learn more](#)

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](#)

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. Dr. Bill Dasch (Em., Mansfield)** // recovering from heart attack
- **Rev. Bob & Sigrid Kobler (Em., Waco)** // Bob's recovery after successful heart surgery
- **Rev. Aaron & Sara Lytle (Oikos, Houston)** // passing of Aaron's father, Leray
- **Rev. Curt Schneider (Em., Brownwood)** // recovering from knee replacement surgery

- **Mrs. Kathie Schneider, wife of Rev. Curt Schneider (Em., Brownwood) //** suffered stroke, recovering
- **Staff and families of Messiah Preschool, Boerne //** sudden death of Gage Dufresne, son of assistant preschool director Cyndi Dufresne
- **Central Texas congregations //** under threat from flooding

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

Declined

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

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

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

Installation

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

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

5 years

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

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

RESOURCE TOOLBOX // BE EQUIPPED



2026 LCMS Convention Recap // The 69th Regular Convention of The Lutheran Church —Missouri Synod (LCMS) concluded on July 23, 2026. Highlights of the week include the recognition of fellowship with the Evangelical Lutheran Christian Church of Bolivia and Lutheran Mission—Australia, the decision to keep the current process for the election of the LCMS president, and the reconstitution of the Commission on Worship. For full coverage of the convention, visit reporter.lcms.org. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xJbB5ZOBX8w>

EVENTS & LINKS // BE CONNECTED

Upcoming Events

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](#)

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

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