



MINISTER *to* MINISTER

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DISTRICT NEWS // BE INFORMED

NOW HIRING: The Texas District and Texas CEF are now hiring for 2 open positions: Accounting Specialist and Accounting Administrative Assistant. Both positions are important to the work we do and provide an opportunity for someone with strong financial skills, attention to detail, organization, and a heart for ministry to serve alongside these amazing teams. Please share these postings with the members of your congregation. [Learn more](#)

Register for the Fall Pastors Conference: Ministry can take everything out of you. Often pastors pour out for everyone else while running on empty themselves. October 12-13, 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](#)

Back to the Bible Summit: On September 30, from 10am to 1pm, gather with other pastors, educators, and ministry leaders online or in person at the Texas District Mission Support Center. Watch the Summit livestream together, connect and build relationships with other local ministry leaders, then stay for a guided conversation and time to reflect on how the ideas from the Summit can take shape in your own ministry context. Cost is **FREE**, but registration is required. [Learn more](#)

WORKER UPDATES // BE IN PRAYER

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

Prayer Requests

- **Rev. Scott Heitshusen (LifeBridge, Sealy) //** recovery from nasal surgery
 - **Rev. Randy Ledbetter (Em., McKinney) //** being monitored for threat of stroke
 - **DCE Jay Musfeldt (Em., Leander) //** recovery from severe infection
 - **Rev. Jon Salminen (Epiphany, Pearland) //** heart problems, anticipating bypass surgery
 - **Rev. Tom Thierfelder (St. Paul, Bishop / St. Paul, Kingsville) //** recovery from back surgery
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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.)

Ordained

Accepted

Rev. David Reedy // Sole, Trinity, Copperas Cove / Immanuel, Copperas Cove to Sole, Peace, Cherokee Village, AR

Undecided

Rev. Dr. John Cotner // SMP, Messiah, Corpus Christi to SMP, Zion, Victoria (Mission Valley)

Rev. Michael Knippa // Assoc., Redeemer, Austin to Sr., Redeemer, Austin

Rev. Sean McMaughan // Sole, Grace, Ennis to Sole, Zion, Guthrie, OK

Rev. David Murillo // Sr., St. Paul, San Antonio to Sr., St. Luke, Dix Hills, NY

Rev. Paul Terral // Sole, Faith, Gainesville to Sole, Our Redeemer, Albuquerque, NM

Funeral

Rev. Terrance S. Adamson (Em., Lake Jackson) was called to glory on September 15, 2026. His funeral will be held at St. Mark, Lake Jackson (501 Willow Dr), time and date pending. Please keep Terrance's wife, Claudia, and his family and friends in your prayers.

Ordination Anniversaries // September

70 years

Rev. Thomas Petersen (9/2) - Em., Austin

35 years

Rev. Dr. Jerry Johnson (9/1) - Em., Cibolo

Rev. Michael Dorn (9/8) - Trinity, Houston

30 years

Rev. Steven Roth (9/15) - Grace, Arlington

20 years

Rev. Ken Bunge (9/17) - *First, Lufkin*

15 years

Rev. Steve Brummett (9/4) - *Zion, Vernon*

5 years

Rev. Micah Drengler (9/12) - *Redeemer, Beaumont*

RESOURCE TOOLBOX // BE EQUIPPED



100 Years of Hispanic Ministry // Happy Hispanic Heritage Month! Earlier this year marked 100 years of Hispanic Ministry in the LCMS, begun here in the Texas District. We praise and thank God for his faithfulness. https://youtu.be/aYuFEglmjEQ?si=yoLZmc70uz5rQBV_

UPCOMING EVENTS // BE CONNECTED

2026

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

SEPTEMBER 30 // Lutheran Bible Translators' Back to the Bible Summit // [Learn more](#)

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

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

OCTOBER 12-13 // Educators Conference @ Prince of Peace, Carrollton // **More info coming soon**

2027

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

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