



MINISTER *to* MINISTER

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DISTRICT NEWS // BE INFORMED

NOW HIRING: Texas CEF is now hiring for 2 open positions: an Accounting Administrative Assistant and a Loan Associate. Each position is important to the work we do and provides an opportunity for someone with strong financial skills, attention to detail, organization, and a heart for ministry to serve alongside our amazing teams. Please share these positions with the members of your congregation. [Learn more](#)

The Next Season of School Ministry in Texas: We are excited to announce that Corey Moss has accepted the call as Director of School Ministry at the Texas District. We thank God for the amazing work of Dr. Hinz and look forward to Corey joining the district team. You can read the formal announcement on the Texas District website: [Learn more](#)

WORKER UPDATES // BE IN PRAYER

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

Prayer Requests

- **Mrs. Wanda Gruhn, widow of Rev. Michael Gruhn (Em., Lubbock)** // passing of husband, Mike
- **Rev. Dr. Robert Preece (Em., Dallas)** // passing of wife, Linda
- **Mrs. Dacia Reinke, wife of Rev. Dr. John Reinke (Texas District BMA, Round Rock)** // recovering from leg surgery, following a cycling accident
- **Rev. Tom Thierfelder (St. Paul, Bishop / St. Paul, Kingsville)** // recovery from back surgery

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

Declined

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

Rev. Daniel Pezzica // Sole, Our Savior, Chelsea, MI to Sr., Concordia, Garland

Undecided

Rev. Jared Melius // Sr., Mt. Zion, Denver, CO to Assoc., St. Paul, Austin

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

Rev. Ben Prohl // Assoc., Trinity, Tyler to Assoc., Lamb of God, Humble

Rev. Richard Turner // Em., El Campo to Sole, St. John's, Wharton

Funerals

Rev. Michael V. Gruhn (Em., Lubbock) was called to glory on October 7, 2026. His funeral will be held 11:00 a.m., October 17 at St. Paul, Plainview (901 Oakland St.). Please keep Michael's wife, Wanda, his daughters, Stephanie (Rev. Travis) Pittock and Allison (Rev. Mark) Moldenhauer, and his family and friends in your prayers.

Mrs. Linda J. Preece, wife of Rev. Dr. Robert Preece (Em., Dallas), was called to glory on September 18, 2026. Her memorial service will be held October 31, 10:00 a.m. at Zion, Dallas (6121 E Lovers Ln). Her burial rite will be November 2, 10:00 a.m. at Austin Memorial Park Cemetery (Hancock Cemetery) in Austin. Please keep Pastor Preece and Linda's family and friends in your prayers.

Ordination Anniversary // October

10 years

Rev. Eddie Torea (10/23) - *Cand., Plano*

RESOURCE TOOLBOX // BE EQUIPPED

Mission Insight: By the Numbers // "While numbers are far from the only thing that matter in and to our congregations, they matter insofar as they represent people who are important to God, who wants 'all men to be saved and come to a knowledge of the truth.' (1 Timothy 2:4 NIV84) Our church body, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod has made a census of its congregations since nearly its inception. Here are some numbers that matter to our congregations and to each of us as individual Christians..." [Read more](#)

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