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November 13, 2026
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DISTRICT NEWS // BE INFORMED

NOW HIRING: Texas CEF is now hiring an Accounting Administrative Assistant. This 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 this position with the members of your congregation. Learn more

2027 Theological Convocation // Save the Date: Mark May 3-4 on your calendar for the 2027 Texas District Theological Convocation, which will be held at Bethel, Bryan. The convocation is themed "Conformed to Christ: Doctrine and Practice Working Together". Scheduled presenters are Rev. Dr. Joel Biermann and Rev. Dr. Richard Serina, Jr. Learn more

Encouraged & Equipped Conference: On December 5, 2026, Memorial, Houston will host "Encouraged & Equipped", a conference of DOXOLOGY: The Lutheran Center for Spiritual Care and Counsel in partnership with The LCMS. The conference will focus lay leaders and church workers on our Lord's design for congregations as distributors of the means of grace. Attendance is free. Registration deadline: November 20. Learn more

Y4Life & YA for Life Conference & March for Life: Registration is open for the FREE Y4Life and YA For Life Conference and March for Life in Washington, D.C., happening January 21st-23rd, 2027! Meet other students and life leaders from across the nation at this mountaintop event! Not only will participants learn more about life issues and take part in the March, but by registering through Lutherans For Life, leaders also receive a discount on hotel rooms and guided opportunities at the March. 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. Paul Meyer (Em., Austin) //** passing of wife, Beverly
- **Mrs. Lorena Torea, wife of Rev. Eduardo Torea (Cand., Plano) //** passing of husband, Eddie

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

UNDECIDED

Rev. Dr. Keith Aschenbeck // Sole, Grace, Victoria to Sole, Holy Trinity/St. James, Fedor/Lexington
Rev. Dustin Beck // Sole, Holy Cross, Warda to Sole, Good Shepherd, Titusville, FL
Rev. Mark De Young // Cand., Schulenburg to Sole, Zion, Schulenburg
Rev. Mauricio Franco // Assoc., St. Paul, Harlingen to Sole, Trinity Our Savior, Corpus Christi
Rev. Aaron Lytle // Sr., Oikos, Houston to Sr., Good Shepherd, Gretna, NE

Installations

Rev. John Cotner // November 15, 3:00 p.m. // SMP, Zion, Victoria (Mission Valley)
Rev. Andrew Nelson // November 15, 3:00 p.m. (ordination & installation) // Assoc., Crown of Life, Colleyville
Rev. Ben Prohl // December 6, 4:00 p.m. // Assoc., Lamb of God, Humble
Rev. Richard Turner // November 22, 3:00 p.m. // Sole, St. John's, Wharton
Rev. William Zacharias // November 15, 2:00 p.m. (ordination & installation) // SMP, Our Savior, McKinney

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November Ordination Anniversaries

55 years
Rev. Ken Sinclair (11/1) - *Em., Rosenberg*

35 years
Rev. Thomas Obersat (11/24) - *Trinity, Eden*

25 years
Rev. Tom Baden (11/11) - *Bethel, Ballinger*

Funerals

Mrs. Beverly Meyer, wife of Rev. Paul Meyer (Em., Austin) was called to glory on November 8, 2026. Her funeral will be held November 21, 10:00 a.m. at Bethany, Austin (3701 West Slaughter Ln). Please keep Paul and Beverly's family and friends in your prayers.

Rev. Eduardo J. Torea (Cand., Plano) was called to glory on October 20, 2026. His Celebration of Life will be held November 16, 5:30 p.m. at St. Paul, Plano (6565 Independence Pkwy). There will be a lite reception at St. Paul following the service. Clergy are invited to vest and wear red stoles. Please keep Eddie's wife, Lorena, sons, Joshua and Alan, and his family and friends in your prayers.

RESOURCE TOOLBOX // BE EQUIPPED

Texas Messenger: November // Read the latest from the leaders of the Texas District what's happening around Texas, through faithful congregations, mission efforts, and individuals. Learn more

UPCOMING EVENTS // BE CONNECTED

JANUARY 13, 2027 // Catalyst Innovation Lab **//** **Learn more**
MAY 3-4, 2027 // Texas District Theological Convocation **//** **Learn more**

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