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November 20, 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 // Super Early-Bird Pricing: Register now for the 2027 Texas District Theological Convocation with super early-bird pricing. Hotel blocks are available on a first come, first served basis. The convocation will be held at Bethel, Bryan and 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

- **Rev. David Bailes (Living Word, Montgomery) //** passing of mother, Sylvia
- **Rev. Jeff Doria (St. Paul, Thorndale) //** passing of father, Joe
- **Rev. Paul Meyer (Em., Austin) //** passing of wife, Beverly

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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. Mark De Young // Cand., Schulenburg to Sole, Zion, Schulenburg

DECLINED

Rev. Dustin Beck // Sole, Holy Cross, Warda to Sole, Good Shepherd, Titusville, FL

UNDECIDED

Rev. Dr. Keith Aschenbeck // Sole, Grace, Victoria to Sole, Holy Trinity/St. James, Fedor/Lexington
Rev. Mauricio Franco // Assoc., St. Paul, Harlingen to Sole, Trinity Our Savior, Corpus Christi
Rev. Bill Lowrey // Sole, Immanuel, Redondo Beach, CA to Sole, Genesis, Buchanan Dam
Rev. Aaron Lytle // Sr., Oikos, Houston to Sr., Good Shepherd, Gretna, NE

Installations

Rev. Mark De Young // December 5, 1:00 p.m. // Sole, Zion, Schulenburg
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

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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

Mr. Joe Doria, father of Rev. Jeff Doria (St. Paul, Thorndale) was called to glory on November 20, 2026. His funeral arrangements are pending. Please keep Jeff and Joe's family and friends in your prayers.

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.

Mrs. Sylvia Bailes, mother of Rev. David Bailes (Living Word, Montgomery) was called to glory on November 17, 2026. Her visitation will be held November 21, 10:00 a.m., followed by her funeral at 11:00 a.m. and luncheon at 12:00 p.m. at Trinity-Klein, Spring (5201 Spring Cypress Rd). Please keep David and Sylvia's family and friends in your prayers.

RESOURCE TOOLBOX // BE EQUIPPED

Tech Tip // Security: AI Is Changing Things Recent headlines have been jarring: major cloud services going offline, flights grounded by cascading system failures, and reports of malware on trusted websites inadvertently exposing user data due to compromised third-party scripts. It is easy to feel overwhelmed, especially with AI accelerating the volume and sophistication of attacks.... What can you do right now? 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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