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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

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

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
- **Mrs. Lorena Torea, wife of Rev. Eduardo Torea (Cand., Plano) //** passing of husband, Eddie

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. Russell Eztel // Sole, Concordia, Houston to Sole, Zion, Plainview, NE

UNDECIDED

Rev. Dustin Beck // Sole, Holy Cross, Warda to Sole, Good Shepherd, Titusville, FL
Rev. Ben Prohl // Assoc., Trinity, Tyler to Assoc., Lamb of God, Humble

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. Richard Turner // November 22, 3:00 p.m. // Sole, St. John's, Wharton
Rev. William Zacharias // November 15, 2:00 p.m. // SMP Our Savior, McKinney

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

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. Please keep Eddie's wife, Lorena, sons, Joshua and Alan, and his family and friends in your prayers.

RESOURCE TOOLBOX // BE EQUIPPED



Faith Story: Rev. Kelly Krieg // In this Faith Story, Rev. Kelly D. Krieg shares what it means to be both a cowboy and a shepherd for God's people. From herding cattle to discovering his interest in seminary while traveling abroad, Kelly reflects on how God shaped his journey and called him into ministry. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-dnpObqBKpU

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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