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Weekly News & Announcements

March 2, 2026

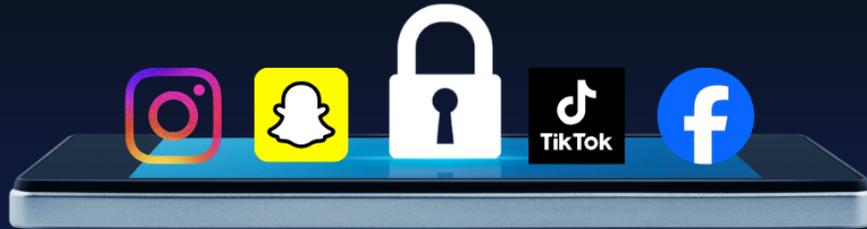


**Spring Festive
and
Blood Drive**

Augustana Lutheran Church
Saturday, March 14, 2026

Spring Festive & Blood Drive

Join Augustana Lutheran Church for Spring Festive and a blood drive on Saturday, March 14, from 9am-12pm. Enjoy music with DJ Zo Tha Affiliate, food, vendors, and more.



INTERNET SAFETY CLASS

Free internet safety class for parents and youth ages 11-18.
Learn about online risks & practical tips to stay safe online.
Led by Texas Center for the Missing

MARCH 30, 2026 6:00 - 7:30 PM

Internet Safety Class

The digital world is constantly changing—and so are the risks our kids face online. Join us for a FREE Internet Safety Class designed specifically for youth (ages 11–18) and their parents.

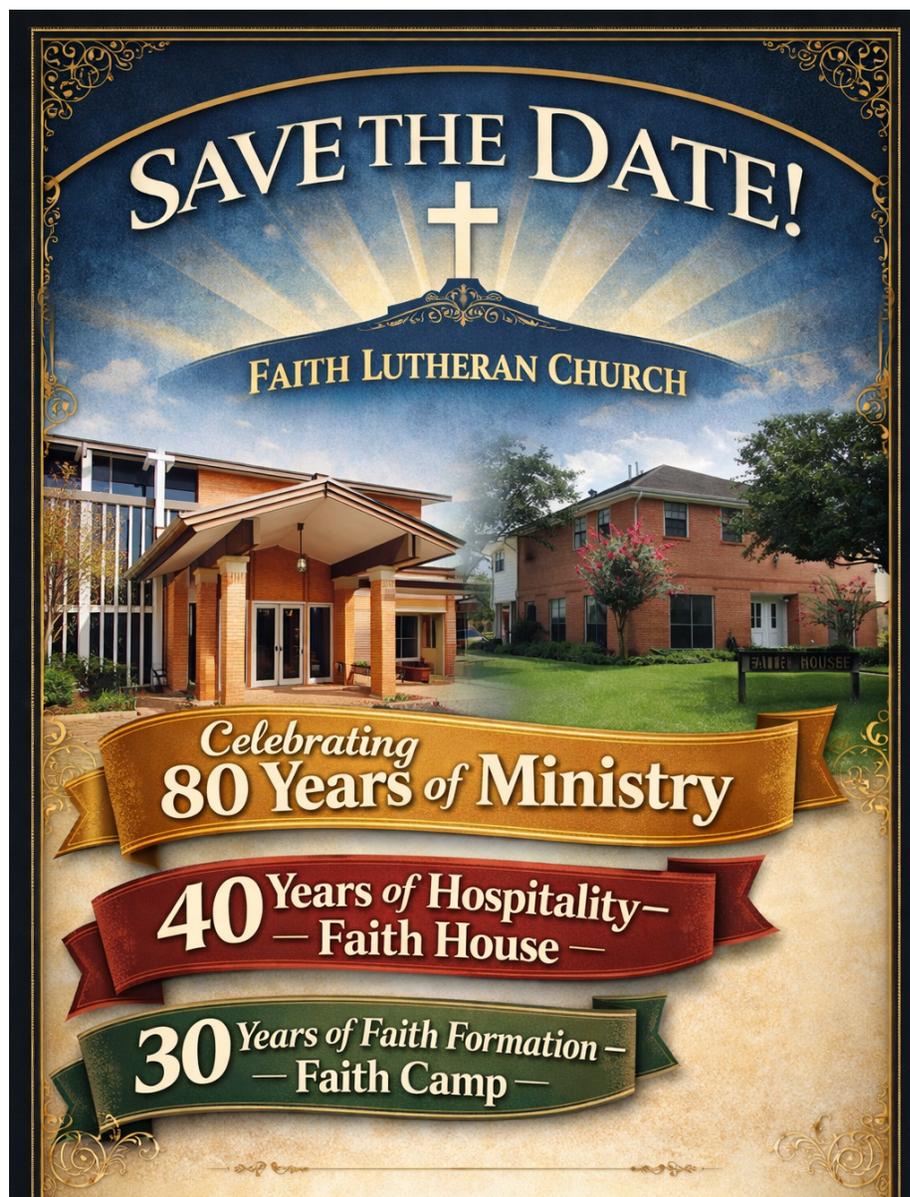
- March 30, 2026
- 6:00 – 7:30 PM
- St. Martin’s Lutheran Church, 1123 Burney Rd, Sugar Land, TX 77498

This class will be led by professionals from the Texas Center for the Missing and will cover:

- Current online trends
- Social media & app risks
- Online exploitation awareness
- Practical tools to help families stay safe

Whether you're a parent, grandparent, youth leader, or teen—this is information everyone needs.

[More Info](#)



SEPTEMBER 19-20, 2026

Save the Date - Faith Lutheran Church

Set aside September 19-20 in your calendars to come and celebrate 30 years of ministry, 40 years of hospitality, and 30 years of faith formation with Faith Lutheran Church in Bellaire.

Stewardship
for All Seasons

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Stewardship for All Seasons provides a year-long cohort experience that helps congregations lead a healthier annual stewardship appeal—one rooted in mission, gratitude, and trust rather than shame or obligation. Learn more at a free, virtual information session on **Thursday, March 5 at 1 p.m.** Contact Rev. Pete Reuss at reuss@gsbfr.com for the meeting link.



Gather Space City: First Launch

March 8 @ 5:00 PM

Synod Office:

12211 Memorial Drive
Houston, TX 77024

Young Adults (Ages 18-35)

For more information, contact
gatherspacecity@gmail.com

Gather Space City will be hosting its first event on **March 8 at 5 PM** at 12211 Memorial Drive Houston, TX 77024

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ALL ARE INVITED to Christ the Servant Lutheran Church in Houston on **March 31 at 10:30am** to join for prayer, reflection, anointing, Eucharist, and the reaffirmation of vows for clergy and all the baptized.

We will bless and distribute the oils used for baptism, the sick, and the dying. Bring your congregation's cruet to receive oil.

Light refreshments to follow.



Early bird [registration](#) for Synod Assembly 2026 is open! Join us on **May 15-16, 2026** at St. Martin's Lutheran Church, 1123 Burney Rd, Sugar Land, TX 77498

Register



Nominate

LAST CALL for LSM 2026!

- St. Olaf College, Minnesota
- **June 21-July 19**
- Grades 8-12

Enrollment for this summer is over 80% full, but there's still time for young musicians to [apply](#), and for you to [nominate students](#).



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You should have received a [letter](#) in mid-January that provides details on how to [submit](#) your Annual Congregation Report by **March 1**. Should you need assistance regarding your password, please contact your synod office or reach out to ELCA Research and Evaluation at research@elca.org. Online submission is preferred.

Upcoming Events

March 5

[Youth Ministry Network Meeting](#)

March 13-15

[Pacific Lutheran Theological Seminary \(PLTS\) Discernment Weekend](#)

March 14

[Spring Festive & Blood Drive](#)

March 20-22

[Wartburg's Considering Your Call Weekend](#)

March 22

April 4-5

[Easter Vigil Overnight](#)

April 9

[Youth Ministry Network Meeting](#)

April 17-19

[Spring Family Retreat at Lutherhill](#)

April 19

[Installation of Deacon Michelle Mote](#)

May 1-3

[Explore Retreat at Lutherhill](#)

Installation of The Rev. Tim V. Marquez

March 30
Internet Safety Class

March 31
Chrism Mass

May 7
Youth Ministry Network Meeting

May 15-16
Synod Assembly

Synod Partners



LEAD: Living Every Day As Disciples
LEAD is a Christian leadership development organization that is nurtured by this synod to be a gift to the whole church.



Lutheran Men In Mission Opportunities
For more information on LMM, contact Randy Bratsven, Ambassador-Grams (right side)



Lutherans Restoring Creation
For more information on LRC, contact the Lisa Brenskelle. The team is seeking additional members.



Creation Care
For more information on Creation Care, contact Lisa Brenskelle.





Lutherhill Ministries
Lutherhill Ministries is a Summer
Camp and year-round Retreat
Center at two locations – [Lutherhill
in La Grange, TX](#) and [Lutherhill in
Galveston, TX](#).



Live On
[Live On](#) is the endowment fund of
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the synod, we are developing
Lutheran leadership through a
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