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Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

*A Network of Christ-Centered, Outwardly-Focused, Faith-Growing
Communities for the Sake of the World*

Weekly News & Announcements

March 16, 2026



2026 Synod Assembly Hotel Reservations

- Hilton Garden Inn Houston/Sugar Land
722 Bonaventure Way

Sugar Land, TX 77479

Register [online](#) or call the hotel for reservations at 281-491-7777 or 1-866-577-1278 and mention the group name or group code TXLA26.

All reservations must be completed by May 01, 2026.

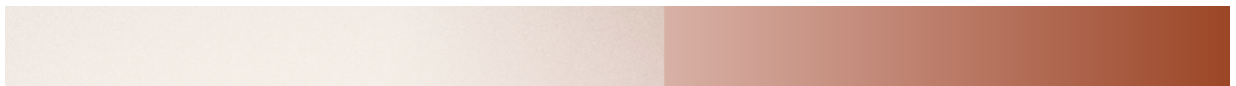
[Book a Room](#)



Happy Easter from Lutheran Summer Music!

Please enjoy this joyful musical offering of “O Clap Your Hands” by Ralph Vaughan Williams, performed by the LSM 2025 Festival Choir, conducted by Dr. Shannon Gravelle, with Dr. Catherine Rodland, organ.

[Watch Now](#)



#REMINDER:
FEAR IS A
REACTION,
COURAGE IS A
DECISION.

CHOOSING COURAGE

JOIN LEAD'S ONLINE EVENT
ON BEING A PROPHETIC
VOICE IN TODAY'S WORLD

WEDNESDAY
March 25, 2026
11:30am-12:30pm CT

Register at
[leadconnects.org/
curated-conversations/](https://leadconnects.org/curated-conversations/)

LEAD
Connects

Choosing Courage, An Online Panel Discussion

In our listening to church leaders across the country, it is clear – we are struggling to share the prophetic voice of Jesus' expansive openness, love, and welcome.

Pastors, priests, deacons, bishops, lay preachers - you are invited to Choosing Courage on **Wednesday, March 25 from 11:30am-12:30pm CT**, a FREE online panel discussion with ELCA Bishops on being prophetic voice in today's world.

Register



Christ Lutheran Church 75th Anniversary

Mark your calendars for April 18 & 19 to come and celebrate 75 years with us at Christ Lutheran Church in Lake Jackson. Please RSVP to clcoffice@christlutheran-lj.org or call [979-297-2013](tel:979-297-2013).





Now Accepting Small Group Leader & Support Staff Applications for 2026 Faith Camp

Faith Bellaire is accepting applications for small group leaders and support staff for 2026 Faith Camp.

There are two ways to serve at Faith Camp:

Paid Staff (Small Group Leaders): A limited number of people between the ages of 15 and 22 will serve as small group leaders. We cannot guarantee hire all of the talented people who are qualified for these positions, so please be sure to submit your application in a timely manner. Applications will be considered in the order in which they are received.

Unpaid Volunteer Staff (Support Staff): Starting at age 13, students are invited to serve in volunteer leadership positions that require orientation and specific time commitments. Please let us know if you'd like your time as support staff to contribute to volunteer hours for another organization.

The following dates are very important and attendance for all will be mandatory:

- Faith Camp Training: July 1-2, 2025
- Faith Camp Set-Up Afternoon: July 2, 2025
- Faith Camp Worship at services: July 5, 2026

Faith Camp 2026 will take place on the following weeks:

- Week 1: July 6-11, 2026
- Week 2: July 13-17, 2026

- Week 3: July 20-24, 2026

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Pastor Amber Harbolt at aharbolt@faithbellaire.org.

Apply Now



Installation of The Rev. Tim V. Marquez

You are invited to worship and celebrate with St. Martin's Lutheran Church as

The Rev. Tim V. Marquez is installed to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament

Sunday, March 22, 2026

at 4:00 p.m.

1123 Burney Rd.

Sugar Land, TX 77498

Reception to follow.

Clergy are invited to vest and process. The liturgical color of the day is purple.

SAVE THE DATE

St. James Lutheran Church & Family Life Center
Annual

Silent Auction Fundraiser

Saturday, April 25, 2026
6 - 8 pm

1602 W. 43rd. Street
Houston, TX 77018

Please Join Us

Join St. James Lutheran Church & Family Life Center's for its annual silent auction fundraiser being held on **Saturday, April 25, 2026 from 6-8pm** at 1602 W. 43rd Street, Houston, TX 77018.



Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast Synod Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



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

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Incoming Events

Opening Events

March 20-22

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

March 22

[Installation of The Rev. Tim V.
Marquez](#)

March 25

[LEAD Connects: Choosing Courage](#)

March 30

[Internet Safety Class](#)

March 31

[Chrism Mass](#)

April 4-5

[Easter Vigil Overnight](#)

April 9

[Youth Ministry Network Meeting](#)

April 17-19

[Spring Family Retreat at Lutherhill](#)

April 18-19

[Christ Lutheran Church 75th
Anniversary](#)

April 19

[Installation of Deacon Michelle
Mote](#)

April 25

[St. James Houston Silent Auction](#)

May 1-3

[Explore Retreat at Lutherhill](#)

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
the Gulf Coast Synod. Together with
the synod, we are developing
Lutheran leadership through a
culture of generosity.

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