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

# Weekly News & Announcements

March 16, 2026

**LINDA JO DAVIES**

*Will be Ordained to the Ministry of  
Word and Sacrament*

**APRIL 18, 2026**

**Saturday at 2pm**

**Lord of Life Lutheran Church**

**3801 S Panther Creek Drive**

**The Woodlands, TX 77381**

**A Live Stream will be available**



# Ordination of Linda Davies

By the grace of God and by the call of the Church,

**Linda Davies**

will be ordained to the

Ministry of Word and Sacrament

on

**Saturday, April 18, 2026**

at 2:00 p.m.

at

Lord of Life Lutheran Church

3801 S. Panter Creek Dr.

The Woodlands, TX 77381

*Linda has been called as Pastor of All Saints Lutheran Church in Palatine, IL, in the Metropolitan Chicago Synod.*

Your prayers and presence are requested.

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

**58th Anniversary  
of the MLK Jr.  
Assassination  
Candlelight Vigil &  
Festival April 4, 2026**

**2:00–6:00 pm**

**MLK Plaza at MacGregor Park**

**5225 Calhoun Road**

**Houston, Texas 77021**



**Pathways  
to Unity**

**ROTC SHOWCASE\* TRIBUTE TO DR.  
KING AND CIVIL RIGHTS LEADER\*  
COMMUNITY STORYTELLING\* VENDORS\***



## 58th Anniversary of the MLK Jr. Assassination Candlelight Vigil & Festival

The Black Heritage Society Inc. invites you to the 58th Anniversary of the MLK Jr. Assassination Candlelight Vigil & Festival. This event will take place on **Saturday, April 4, 2026, from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.** at Martin Luther King Jr. Plaza in MacGregor Park, Houston, Texas. This year's theme is: "Build connections and pathways toward unity while safeguarding Dr. King's Legacy and Dream in a challenging and hostile environment."

58th Anniversary of MLK Jr.'s Assassination Candlelight Vigil & Festival will feature:

- ROTC Showcase
- Tribute to Dr. King and Civil Rights Leaders
- Community storytelling at the MLK Statue
- Youth and Band Director Recognition Ceremony
- Advocacy and Civic Engagement Awareness
- A Unifying Candlelight Vigil Ceremony
- Praying for our City, Nation, and World

[More Info](#)



**2026 Easter Vigil  
Overnighter  
Saturday April 4th  
for  
Ages 10-15  
5 PM Supper  
6 PM Easter Vigil**

## **Easter Vigil Overnighter (Ages 10-15)**

You and your friends are invited to Christ the King Lutheran Church, Kenner, for an Easter Vigil overnight. We'll start off the night with dinner on **April 4 at 5 PM**, join the congregation for Easter Vigil worship, bake bread for Sunday services, play games, and enjoy our time together. In the morning, **April 5**, we will make our way to the Laketown Fishing Pier where we will hold sunrise Easter Service starting at 6 AM and ending at 7 AM. Folks 10-15 years old are invited to join in the fun. Additional information can be found on our website. To register, please send us an email [ctkpastork@gmail.com](mailto:ctkpastork@gmail.com).

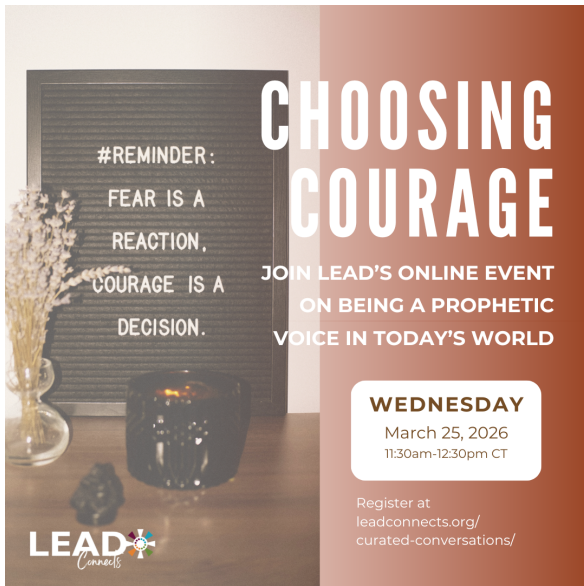
See you at the tomb!

[More Info](#)



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](#)



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



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](mailto:clcoffice@christlutheran-lj.org) or call [979-297-2013](tel:979-297-2013).



Faith Bellaire is accepting applications for Paid Staff (Small Group Leaders) and Unpaid Staff (Small Group Leaders). For more information, contact Faith Bellaire at [fbellaire@faithbellaire.org](mailto:fbellaire@faithbellaire.org) or call [979-297-2013](tel:979-297-2013).



volunteer staff (Support Staff) for 2026 Faith Camp. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Pastor Amber Harbolt at [aharbolt@faithbellaire.org](mailto:aharbolt@faithbellaire.org).

Apply Now



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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 for a room at Hilton Garden Inn Houston/Sugar Land [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.*

[Register](#)

[Book a Room](#)

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## Upcoming Events

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**March 25**

[LEAD Connects: Choosing Courage](#)

**March 30**

[Internet Safety Class](#)

**March 31**

[Chrism Mass](#)

**April 4**

[MLK Jr. Assassination Candlelight Vigil & Festival](#)

**April 4-5**

[Easter Vigil Overnight](#)

**April 18**

[Ordination of Linda Davies](#)

**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](#)

**April 9**  
Youth Ministry Network Meeting

**April 17-19**  
Spring Family Retreat at Lutherhill

[Lutherhill Retreat at Lutherhill](#)

**May 7**  
Youth Ministry Network Meeting

**May 15-16**  
Synod Assembly

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## Synod Partners

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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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