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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

April 27, 2026

**TEXAS-LOUISIANA GULF COAST SYNOD ASSEMBLY**  
**May 15-16, 2026**  
**St. Martin's Lutheran Church • Sugar Land, Texas**  
*How Can We Keep From Singing?*

**Late Registration for Synod Assembly 2026**

# Starts Today!

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 1, 2026.*

Register

Book a Room



## APRIL 2026 Mission Support Memo

### STORYTELLING ENGAGEMENT

#### Palm Sunday Path

A story from our [Northwest Synod of Wisconsin](#)

**As you read this story, what inspires you?**

**Where have you been sharing Jesus' call for justice and love?**

Across our country, Palm Sunday includes morning palm-waving processions in our churches and through our neighborhoods, but this year, these processions continued into the afternoon with journeys through downtown areas, around state buildings, in amphitheatres and in parking lots, as we and our denominational partners cried out for justice, peace and love. This is the [Palm Sunday Path](#).

The grounding for the Palm Sunday Path is Matthew 25:31-46, which calls us to feed the hungry, heal the sick and welcome the stranger. In 2025, religious leaders, including ELCA bishops, decided to create an advocacy event that would provide a counterbalance to rising oppression, anti-immigrant rhetoric and

white Christian nationalism.

## April Mission Support Memo: Post-its Create Shared Encounters

Our [April 2026 Mission Support memo](#) takes us back to Palm Sunday where this year many palm waving processions continued into the afternoon with journeys through downtown areas, around state buildings, in amphitheaters and in parking lots, as we and our denominational partners cried out for justice, peace and love, during the [Palm Sunday Path](#). Our story focuses on activities in Wisconsin and specifically Northwest Synod of Wisconsin ~ learn about the day with dance, prayer, and calls to action. Also check out how to participate in the May 18 in the evening for a webinar on *The Stewardship of AI: Benefits and Concerns*. We continue to be grateful for partners and individuals who advocate for education, justice, peace and love.



**PRIDE 2026**  
JUNE 6, 2026 ~ 5P-10P  
DOWNTOWN HOUSTON

**2 WAYS TO GET INVOLVED**

**SHARE FINANCIAL SUPPORT**

USE QR CODE TO DONATE. FUNDS RAISED WILL HELP OFFSET PARADE FEES



Questions?  
Contact Pr. Sue Schneider:  
[pastor@livingmosaic.org](mailto:pastor@livingmosaic.org)

**COME WALK WITH US**

USE QR CODE TO JOIN WHAT'S APP GROUP FOR LATEST INFO & UPDATES

Q-Coalition-Grp - TX/LA Gulf Coast Synod WhatsApp group



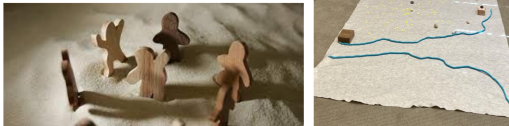
## Pride Parade 2026, Houston

Join us for Pride 2026 on June 6 from 5pm-10pm. [Support us financially](#) or walk with us ([join the WhatsApp group](#) for latest info and updates). **Questions?** Contact Pr. Sue Schneider at [pastor@livingmosaic.org](mailto:pastor@livingmosaic.org).

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Core Training  
Houston  
June 4-6, 2026



Hosted by Godly Play Houston Network with  
Licensed Trainers Courtney Webb & Cynthia Hill

Thursday, June 4<sup>th</sup> 12:30 – 7 PM

Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup> 8:30 AM – 5 PM

Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup> 8:30 AM – 5 PM

Hosted at Christ Church Cathedral - 1117 Texas Ave, Houston, TX 77002

\$325 Early Bird Registration until May 8th / \$375 Registration until June 1<sup>st</sup>

Register online here: <https://forms.gle/REPLUUCab6Wo8hgG>

\*Partial scholarships may be available from Houston Network

Apply here: <https://forms.gle/HKqmt1Gavt3GaavZ7>

Email questions to [courtneymartinwebb@gmail.com](mailto:courtneymartinwebb@gmail.com) &  
[godlyplayhouston@gmail.com](mailto:godlyplayhouston@gmail.com)

Join us for our upcoming Godly Play Core Training from **June 4-6, 2026** in Houston at Christ Church Cathedral. **Early bird registration ends May 8!** See flyer for more details. Email [courtneymartinwebb@gmail.com](mailto:courtneymartinwebb@gmail.com) with any questions.

Register

Flyer

**LSM Choral Gathering**  
A Day of Singing in Community

LSM LUTHERAN SUMMER MUSIC at St. Olaf College

**Wednesday, July 1, 2026**  
St. Olaf College • Northfield, MN

Featuring **Dr. David Cherwien**  
*Lutheran Summer Music, faculty*  
*National Lutheran Choir, former Artistic Director*

Sing works by Abbington • Cherwien  
Krentz Organ • Palestrina • Rizza

Learn More & Register  
[LSMacademy.org/choral-gathering](https://LSMacademy.org/choral-gathering)

You are invited to join fellow singers for a day of inspiring, community-centered music-making at the LSM Choral Gathering. Led by Dr. David Cherwien, LSM faculty member and former Artistic Director of the National Lutheran Choir, this event offers a welcoming introduction to the music, people, and artistic life of Lutheran Summer Music at St. Olaf College. Invite your choir members and join us!

Register



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## Upcoming Events

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**May 1-3**

[Explore Retreat at Lutherhill](#)

**June 6, 2026**

[Pride Parade, Houston](#)

**May 7**

[Youth Ministry Network Meeting](#)

**July 1, 2026**

[LSM Choral Gathering](#)

**May 15-16**

[Synod Assembly](#)

**September 19-20, 2026**

[Faith Lutheran Church Celebration](#)

**June 4-6, 2026**

[Godly Play Core Training](#)

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## Synod Partners

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LEAD: Living Every Day As Disciples  
LEAD is a Christian leadership



Lutheran Men In Mission

[LEAD](#) is a Christian leadership development organization that is nurtured by this synod to be a gift to the whole church.

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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