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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

May 18, 2026



### OPEN CAMP DAY FUN!

**10:00am**  
Camp Opens

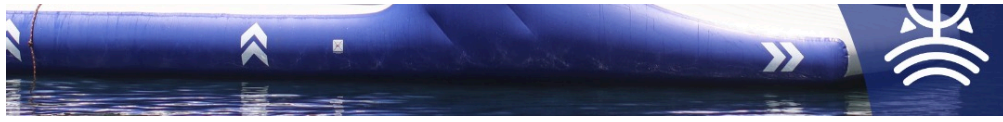
**11:00am**  
Camp-Style Worship

**12:00pm**  
Hamburger Lunch

**1:00pm-4:00pm**  
CAMP ACTIVITIES  
OPEN!  
*Ropes Course, Pool, Pond, Arts &  
Crafts, Range Sports and MORE!*

SATURDAY  
MAY 30TH





## Lutherhill Open Camp Day

Grab your family & friends and spend a day at Lutherhill! Open Camp Day is your chance to experience all the fun of camp - from worship and a delicious hamburger lunch to climbing the ropes course, making a splash in the pool, creating in arts & crafts, and so much more.

Whether you're a longtime camper or new to Lutherhill, this is the perfect way to kick off summer and dive into all the excitement camp has to offer. We can't wait to welcome you!

🕒 10am - Camp Opens

🙏 11am - Camp-style Worship

🍔 12pm - Hamburger Lunch

🎨 1pm-4pm - Camp Activities Open: Ropes Course, Pool, Pond, Arts & Crafts, Range Sports and more!

RSVP to [office@lutherhill.org](mailto:office@lutherhill.org), call us at [\(979\) 217-1954](tel:9792171954), or on our [Facebook Event page](#)! (RSVPs are appreciated but not required.)

*To ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for everyone, we kindly ask that all minors be accompanied by an adult for the duration of Open Camp Day.*





## Lutheran Summer Music: Season Announcement

Get Ready for LSM 2026!

Lutheran Summer Music returns to St. Olaf College for its 2026 season, **June 21–July 19**, featuring more than 40 free concerts, recitals, worship services, and special events free and open to the public.

Highlights include the inaugural LSM Choral Gathering, guest performance by Cantus, Bach’s St. Matthew Passion, the Bach Cantata Eucharist, and Festival Week concerts featuring LSM’s Festival Band, Choir, and Orchestra. Most [events](#) will also be available online via Live from LSM.

View the season brochure, explore events, and reserve free tickets at [LSMacademy.org/2026season](https://LSMacademy.org/2026season).

HouMin  
HOUSTON LUTHERAN  
CAMPUS MINISTRY

**TICKETS**  
\$80/SINGLE  
\$200/TABLE

**MAHJONG  
FUNDRAISER**

Gameplay facilitated  
by the experts at  
Mocha Mahj!

MOCHA MAHJ

Join us for a fun-filled  
afternoon of mahjong to  
raise support for HouMin  
Campus Ministry!

**FAITH LUTHERAN  
CHURCH**  
4600 BELLAIRE BLVD.  
BELLAIRE, TX 77401

**27 JUNE**  
2:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Buy a ticket, support the community, and stand a chance

Join HouMin Campus Ministry at Faith Lutheran - Bellaire on **Saturday, June 27 from 2-6 PM** for an afternoon of Mahjong, fellowship, and fun! Tickets pricing and purchasing information can be found on HouMin's Website: [www.wearehoumin.org/tickets](https://www.wearehoumin.org/tickets).

Get Tickets

to win exciting prizes! All proceeds will go towards  
Houston Area Campus Ministry - ELCA!  
[REGISTER HERE](#) [www.wearhoumin.org/tickets](http://www.wearhoumin.org/tickets)



**LMM Ambassador-Gram** Spring 2026

**Information and Events**  
Hallelujah!  
You can now access LMM's website by entering: **LMM.MEN** instead of [lutheranmeninmission.org](http://lutheranmeninmission.org)

**Announcing!**  
The **2026 LMM Spring** video is also available on the **LMM.MEN** homepage for Synod Assemblies and other gatherings.

**2026 LMM Annual Meeting**  
June 2, 2026 @ 7:00pm Central Time  
Election of Officers & Update Reports from Board Members  
You are All Invited!  
(Consider hosting a watch party with your men's group??)  
A Zoom Link will become available on **LMM Website**

**Virtual Opportunities for Study, Fellowship and Learning**

- Weekly Virtual Book Discussion!** Meets every Tuesday 7:00 pm (Central)
- Online Bible Study** Every Thursday Evening 8:00pm Central
- Estate Gift Planning Overview** sponsored by LMM via Zoom **May 12, 2026 7:00pm Central**

**Additional Resources**

- Foundations Spring Newsletter** available at [LMM Website](http://LMM Website) Resources/Newsletters
- LMM App has launched!** [Google Play](#) [App Store](#)
- Two More Resources for your Men's Ministry!**
  - Revised! Men's Ministry Leaders Guide**  
The renowned "how to" guide at the beginning of the Master Builders "Men of Men" has just been updated. Look for it in a couple weeks in the "Men's Tools" on the LMM webpage.
  - By request: 2 X 4 Mini Retreat**  
An outline for a men's retreat that can easily fit into a partial day session. Also will soon be available in the "Men's Tools" on the LMM webpage.

Contact [dave\\_newman@lutheranmeninmission.org](mailto:dave_newman@lutheranmeninmission.org) for more information, or if interested in being a LMM Congregational Contact.

View the [Spring 2026 edition](#) of the Lutheran Men in Mission quarterly newsletter, Ambassador-Gram. You can also read through the [archive of previous newsletters](#).

**Read the Ambassador-Gram**



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**Upcoming Events**

**May 30, 2026**  
[Lutherhill Open Camp Day](#)

**June 4-6, 2026**  
[Godly Play Core Training](#)

June 6, 2026  
[Pride Parade, Houston](#)

June 27, 2026  
[Mahjong Fundraiser](#)

July 1, 2026  
[LSM Choral Gathering](#)

September 19-20, 2026  
[Faith Lutheran Church Celebration](#)

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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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