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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 25, 2026



Summer Bible Camp

Join us for our Summer Bible Camp! June 22-26 from 9 am- 1 pm each day. Come learn, that when we keep our eyes on Jesus, we win the race!

[More Info](#)



Lutherhill Ministries 20th Annual S'mores & Champagne Gala

SAVE THE DATE! 🥂 We're celebrating something BIG - Lutherhill's 20th Annual S'mores & Champagne Gala! For two decades, this special night has brought together friends, families, and alumni to support the mission of Lutherhill - providing meaningful outdoor ministry experiences for all ages.

Join us as we honor 20 years of this gala tradition and celebrate Lutherhill's legacy of outdoor ministry since 1954. It's a night you won't want to miss featuring auctions, a raffle, great food, music, dancing, and more!

As our largest fundraiser of the year, your support makes a lasting impact on camp ministry. Interested in underwriting or sponsoring the event? Visit our

camp ministry. Interested in underwriting or sponsoring the event? Visit our website for more details about sponsorship & underwriting opportunities, or reach out to Kristi Jastram at kristi@lutherhill.org, if you or your business are interested in getting involved.

Ticket sales open in June so mark your calendars for the BEST. NIGHT. EVER.!

Wanting to stay the night? A room block is available at the hotel for gala guests. Be sure to [reserve your stay](#) by August 14.

More Info

Book a Room

SAVE THE DATE
BOUNDARIES: GENDER INCLUSION

Striving for Gender & Disability Awareness

Join others from across Region 4


We will . . .

- Do some advance homework.
- Hear from expert panelists from the ELCA & Disability Ministry

Thursday, November 12
9am - noon
\$25

The poster features a background image of an open book on a desk with a coffee cup. The text is overlaid on various colored circles.

Reconcilingworks.
• Participate in affinity group discussions.



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Region 4

Save-the-Date for Boundaries: Gender Inclusion

Join others from across Region 4 on **Thursday, November 12, from 9am-12noon** for a boundaries training on gender inclusion, “Striving for Gender & Disability Awareness.” We will:

- Do some homework in advance.
- Hear from expert panelists from the ELCA & ReconcilingWorks.
- Participate in affinity group discussions.

Cost is \$25. More information coming soon!



Need Seed Money for a New Project or Congregational Ministry?

- **Deadline:** June 15

Do you remember hearing about the Live On Fund's "Seed Money for New Ministry" at the Synod Assembly? Do you have a start-up ministry that needs a little extra cash to "seed" the start-up? There is grant money available! The deadline for grant requests is less than a month away -- **midnight on June 15**. Grants will be awarded in August. Approved grants are normally in the \$1000-1500 range.

Make a Request



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.

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



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.

View the season brochure, explore events, and reserve free tickets at LSMacademy.org/2026season



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Upcoming Events

May 30, 2026

[Lutherhill Open Camp Day](#)

July 1, 2026

[LSM Choral Gathering](#)

June 4-6, 2026

[Godly Play Core Training](#)

September 12, 2026

[Lutherhill Ministries 20th Annual
S'mores & Champagne Gala](#)

June 6, 2026

[Pride Parade, Houston](#)

September 19-20, 2026

[Faith Lutheran Church Celebration](#)

June 22-26, 2026

[St. Martin's Summer Bible Camp](#)

November 12, 2026

[Boundaries: Gender Inclusion](#)

June 27, 2026

[Mahjong Fundraiser](#)

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.



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



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](#).

Building men for Christ

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



Creation Care
For more information on [Creation Care](#), contact [Lisa Brenskelle](#).



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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