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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

June 15, 2026

SPIRITUAL
Care
TRAINING

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Spiritual Care Training

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[Contact Deacon Aimee Elles](#)



Campus Ministry Mahjong Fundraiser

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

Purchase Tickets

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ZION Love Lives Here
LIVING MOSAIC
Grace Place GOOD FRIENDS. BETTER.

Pride Film Series

Sabbath Queen
Directed by Sandi Simcha DuBowski

SABBATH QUEEN
"AWE-INSPIRING, ENTHRALLING." *Hollywood*
"PROVOCATIVE." *VARIETY*
"A FASCINATING LOOK AT THE ACT OF QUESTIONING YOURSELF AND YOUR FAMILY. OUR SURVIVORS, AND YOUR PRENSORS." *The New York Times* @CriticsPick
"THE MOST VITAL DOCUMENTARY OF THE YEAR." *NBP*
"SHEWORLD ASKS HARD QUESTIONS ABOUT WHAT IT MEANS TO BE JEWISH IN THE 21ST CENTURY." *IndieVibe*
"ONE TO WATCH FOR AWARDS SEASON."

June 28th - 2pm
2515 Waugh Dr.
Houston, TX 77006

Admission is donation-based.
All are welcome!

SCAN TO RSVP

Pride Film Series at Living Mosaic

Join us at Living Mosaic this **Saturday, June 28 at 2 p.m.** for the final movie night in our Pride Movie Series!

We are excited to host a screening of "Sabbath Queen". This powerful film is a beautiful way to celebrate Pride Month through storytelling, faith, community, and connection.

If you can, please RSVP using the link below! We hope to see you there!

[RSVP](#)



2026 Confirmation Visit with Our Jewish Neighbors For Ages 8-108

Visiting our Jewish Neighbors

You are invited to come enjoy a Kosher Meal, walk a docent led tour of the Museum of the Southern Jewish Experience, talk with Rabbi Gerber and worship with Congregation Gates of Prayer in Metairie. Everyone is invited to learn more about our neighbors!

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**Where is God
leading me?**

Continue settled call?

**Do I have gifts for
intentional interim**

Do You Have Gifts for Intentional Interim Ministry?

LuTMA (Lutheran Transitional Ministry Association) is sponsoring online Discernment Events for Intentional Interim Ministry:

- Thursday, August 13, 2026, 12:00 P.M. Central Time
- Tuesday, September 15, 2026, 12:00 P.M. Central Time

Please share these events with your judicatory office and/or colleagues who may be discerning a call to the Intentional Interim Ministry.

Register



**Difficult Conversations
in Church and Life**

Saturday June 27, 2026
10:00 AM -- 1:00 PM
Kinsmen Lutheran Church
12100 Champion Forest Dr.
Houston, TX 77066
(281) 444-3126
Lunch Provided
Register with QR Code



SCAN ME



Kinsmen
LUTHERAN
CHURCH

The graphic features a dark blue background with a photograph of a diverse group of people sitting around a table, engaged in conversation. The text is in white and gold, and the QR code is in black and white.

The Synod Compassion Team invites all rostered leaders to a workshop on Difficult Conversations in Church and Life. We encourage all rostered leaders across the synod to attend and learn valuable strategies to maintain relationships when difficult conversations arise. For more information, please contact Margaret Hale or Pastor Arthur Murphy at amurphy@kinsmenlutheran.org.

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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 & ReconcilingWorks.
- Participate in affinity group discussions.

Thursday, November 12
9am - noon
\$25

 Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Region 4

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!

Upcoming Events

June 19, 2026
[Visiting our Jewish Neighbors](#)

June 22-26, 2026
[St. Martin's Summer Bible Camp](#)

June 27, 2026
[Mahjong Fundraiser](#)

June 27, 2026
[Difficult Conversations in Church
and Life](#)

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

August 13, 2026
[Intentional Interim Ministry
Discernment Event](#)

September 12, 2026
[Lutherhill Ministries 20th Annual
S'mores & Champagne Gala](#)

September 15, 2026
[Intentional Interim Ministry
Discernment Event](#)

September 19, 2026
[Spiritual Care Training begins](#)

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

November 12, 2026
[Boundaries: Gender Inclusion](#)

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)



Restoring Creation

Cultivating Hope & Healing for All

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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