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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 22, 2026



Watch LSM 2026 Live This July

Join us online through Live from LSM and enjoy more than 30 free concerts, recitals, and worship services streamed live from Lutheran Summer Music at

St. Olaf College.

Highlights include a special guest performance by Cantus, Bach's *St. Matthew Passion*, the *Bach Cantata Eucharist*, the Festival of Hymns, and joyful performances by the Festival Band, Choir, and Orchestra.

View the full schedule and watch live at LSMacademy.org/calendar.



Prayer Service for Queer Youth of Faith

- June 27, 9:30 AM
- [New Hope Lutheran Church](#)
1424 FM 1092 Rd.
Missouri City, TX 77459
- Outdoor Chapel

You belong here. On June 27, New Hope is hosting a prayer service just for queer youth of faith - part of the national #qyfdays celebration. Come pray, come breathe, come be seen. The light is shining, and it has your name on it.





DISCOVER. GROW. LIVE.



YOUR FAITH IN COMMUNITY GOD'S MISSION

281-358-6500 (CHURCH) | 281-358-9337 (SCHOOL)



Minister of Worship and Music, Holy Comforter Lutheran Church

- [Job Description](#)

Holy Comforter Lutheran Church in Kingwood, Texas is seeking a gifted and faith-filled Minister of Worship & Music to help shape vibrant, Christ-centered worship rooted in Word and Sacrament. We are a welcoming and growing congregation of approximately 400 members whose mission is to Go and Make Disciples by helping people Discover their Faith, develop relationships as they Grow in Community, and Live God's Mission in service to the world. Worship stands at the heart of our congregational life, and we seek a collaborative leader who understands that music serves the Gospel, congregational singing is central to worship, and the gathered assembly is the primary choir of the church.

The Minister of Worship & Music will work closely with the Senior Pastor to plan and lead worship that is theologically grounded, musically engaging, and deeply participatory. This individual will cultivate congregational song, support and develop musicians of all ages, and help create worship experiences that are both deeply rooted in the Lutheran tradition and meaningfully connected to people today. Full-time or part-time arrangements will be considered based on the gifts of the candidate and the needs of the congregation. We invite candidates who are passionate about worship, discipleship, collaboration, and helping God's people go deeper with Christ.

SPIRITUAL

Care

Join this three-session cohort in spiritual care, equipping lay leaders to accompany others with Christ's compassion and presence.

TRAINING

Join this three-session cohort in spiritual care, equipping lay leaders to accompany others with Christ's compassion and presence. Grounded in our shared baptismal call, we will grow together over three sessions—participants are asked to be present for each one.

SATURDAY
SEPT 19TH, OCT 24TH, NOV 21ST

Martin Luther Lutheran Church,
 Carmine, TX
9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

FREE | Lunch provided

Registration Opens August 2026

For more Information contact
DEACON AIMEE ELLES
 Bishop's Associate for Candidacy & Education



Grounded in our shared baptismal call, we will grow together over three sessions—participants are asked to be present for each one on **Saturday, September 19, October 24, and November 21, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM** at Martin Luther Lutheran Church, Carmine, TX. Registration opens August 2026 and is free. Lunch will be provided.

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Contact Deacon Aimee Elles



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 HOUSTON LUTHERAN
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TICKETS
 \$80/SINGLE
 \$200/TABLE

MAHJONG FUNDRAISER

Gameplay facilitated by the experts at 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

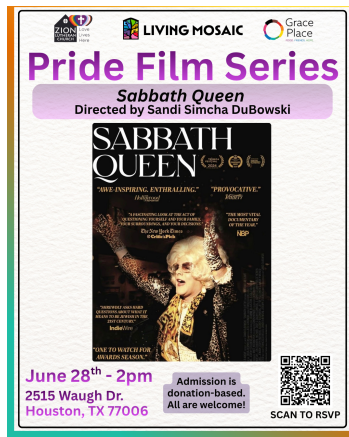
Buy a ticket, support the community, and stand a chance to win exciting prizes! All proceeds will go towards Houston Area Campus Ministry - ELCA!

REGISTER HERE > www.wearehoumin.org/tickets

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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RSVP

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!



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

You are invited to join our confirmation class for an educational opportunity to better understand our Jewish Neighbors experience in the South. Every person is invited. This year the Confirmation class is studying the Hebrew Bible and have the opportunity to have a field trip to visit our neighbors.

Begins Friday, June 19, Noon with lunch

- * Meet at Museum of the Southern Jewish Experience at Noon for a shared Kosher Lunch, 818 Howard Ave. New Orleans, LA 70113.
- * Enjoy a docent led visit to the Museum at 1 PM
- * Light snacks
- * Visit with Rabbi Gerber before Friday night worship at 4:45 PM
- * Worship God with our Jewish Neighbors at Congregation Gates of Prayer (Reformed) at 6:15 PM, located at 4000 W. Esplanade Ave., Metairie, LA.
- * Debrief with others after our field trip

Ends June 19th at Christ the King at 8PM

RSVP by June 18th via email to: ctkpastork@gmail.com or ctkno@hotmail.com

Christ the King Lutheran Church
 1001 W. Esplanade, Kenner, LA
 504-469-4740 ctk-nola.org

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

ministry?

Register

- **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.



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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



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.



[Register](#)

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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 22-26, 2026

[St. Martin’s Summer Bible Camp](#)

June 27, 2026

[Mahjong Fundraiser](#)

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[St. Martin’s Summer Bible Camp](#)

September 12, 2026

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

September 15, 2026

[Intentional Interim Ministry Discernment Event](#)

Difficult Conversations in Church
and Life

June 27, 2026

Prayer Service for Queer Youth of
Faith

July 1, 2026

LSM Choral Gathering

August 13, 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)



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
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