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Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast Synod Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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Communities for the Sake of the World*

Weekly News & Announcements

August 3, 2026

SPIRITUAL Care 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 **NOW OPEN**

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

The CaSTLE Project

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 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 1, 2026 and is free. Lunch will be provided. *Registration closes on September 15.*

Register Online

Contact Deacon
Aimee Elles

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Job Description

Have you ever wanted to work in a position that combines hands-on-work caring for the upkeep and beauty of a camp with administrative and hospitality leadership? This is your opportunity to live in the Texas Hill Country and be an integral part of providing the setting for the summer camp and retreat experiences at Lutheran Camp Chrysalis and Ebert Ranch Camp! The **Cross Trails Operations Director** ensures quality building maintenance and improvements, grounds care and hospitality services. They will work with and oversee maintenance help and volunteers, coordinate site cleaning, and supervise the Food Services Director. Join our camp leadership with a small team dedicated to providing faith experiences for all ages, year-round!



On **Sunday, August 9**, Willie Langdji, ELCA Regional Representative for West and Central Africa, will speak during the **9:30 am** worship service at Faith Lutheran in Bellaire (4600 Bellaire Blvd, Bellaire, TX 77401) and will



lead a presentation with a Q&A session from 10:30 am. He will visit St. Paul Lutheran Church, 201 Veterans Dr., Columbus, TX 78934, on **Wednesday, Aug. 12**, afternoon and evening. On **August 13**, he will visit Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, 1001 Woodcreek Dr., College Station, TX 77845. On **Sunday, August 16 at 9:45 a.m.**, he will give a companion synod presentation at Christ the King, 2353 Rice Blvd, Houston, TX 77005.



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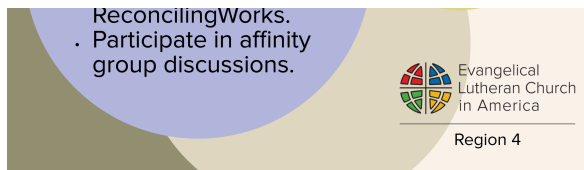
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Join others from across Region 4 on **Thursday, November 12, from 9am-12noon** for a boundaries training on gender inclusion, "Striving for Gender & Disability Awareness." We will:

- 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

August 8, 2026

[Ordination of Angela Fleege](#)

August 9, 2026

[Willie Langdji \(CAR\) Worship & Q&A](#)

August 13, 2026

[Intentional Interim Ministry Discernment Event](#)

August 16, 2026

[Willie Langdji \(CAR\) Presentation](#)

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](#).



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
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