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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

September 14, 2026

*You are
Cordially
Invite
to
Celebrate
with us!*

80
YEARS OF
MINISTRY

*Honoring eight
decades of God's
faithfulness.*

40
YEARS OF
FAITH HOUSE
HOSPITALITY

*Celebrating four
decades of welcoming
and serving others.*

30
YEARS OF
FAITH CAMP

*Inspiring thirty
years of faith,
growth, and adventure.*



SATURDAY,
SEPTEMBER 19, 2026
Gala
5:30 PM



SUNDAY,
SEPTEMBER 20, 2026
Sunday Worship
9:30 AM

RSVP: info@faithbellaire.org

Faith Lutheran Church - Faith Center
Saturday, September 19, 2026
5:30 - 7:30 PM
Attire - Sophisticated cocktail

Formal Invitation to Our Gala

You are cordially invited to celebrate with Faith Lutheran Church at our Gala on **Saturday September 19 at 5:30pm** and in worship on **Sunday September**

Saturday, September 19 at 8:00pm and in worship on Sunday, September 20 at 9:30am.

RSVP



Children & Youth Ministry Network Meetings

All children, youth, and family ministers (and volunteers) are invited to come together for a time of fellowship, devotion, and networking every **first**

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Thursday at 10:30 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. We will meet at the synod office at 10:30 a.m. for light fellowship and at 11 a.m. will begin our time together of checking in and discussion. Bring your lunch, but we will have light snacks.

If you are not able to join us in-person, please feel free to zoom in here:

- **Meeting Link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84196414393?pwd=Y9681yYpcGDY2rgcQgm5P4cc5aJSji.1>
- **Meeting ID:** 841 9641 4393
- **Passcode:** 807291

Not able to make it? We will also offer evening gathering times on the **first Thursday at 7 p.m.** The link for this meeting is below:

- **Meeting Link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85786493419?pwd=oJxJJyl4GvppBn3fhZWbUb7rPcenv5.1>
- **Meeting ID:** 857 8649 3419
- **Passcode:** 918780

More questions, please contact Deacon Ben Remmert at benremmert@ctkelc.org.

Daytime Zoom

Evening Zoom

**VOTER
ENGAGEMENT
NIGHT**
with Living Mosaic

**Voter Registration +
Film Screening of**



Suff: The Musical!

Voter Registration starts at 5 pm
Film Viewing starts at 6 pm

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH
2515 Waugh Dr, Houston, TX 77006

FREE ENTRY
Food available for donations to
Kindred Kitchen!

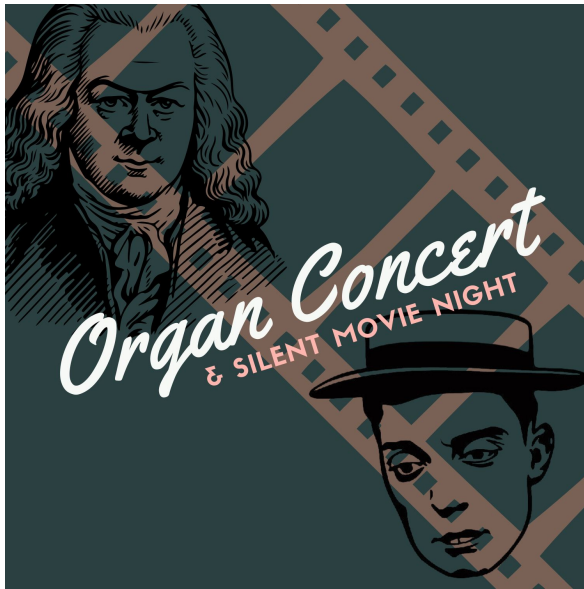


Voter Engagement Event at Living Mosaic

Living Mosaic will host a nonpartisan voter engagement event and film screening designed to help community members participate confidently in the democratic process. The event will include voter registration assistance, practical information about voting and upcoming elections, and a film screening of Suff: The Musical. The gathering will create an accessible, welcoming space for participants to learn, ask questions, and reflect together on civic participation and the importance of having every community member's voice represented. The event will be held on **9/25/26** at Living Mosaic (2515 Waugh Dr, Houston, TX 77006). Voter registration will begin at 5 pm, and the film screening will begin at 6 pm. **FREE ENTRY**. Food available for donations to Kindred Kitchen!



On Saturday, August 29, 2026, after an open interview process for which six candidates were initially considered, **Pastor Darnell Fennell** accepted the bishop's offer to become Bishop's Associate for Mission (Director of Evangelical Mission) for the Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast Synod!



Event Information

2026-2027 Concert Series

FREE TO THE PUBLIC! Invite Your Friends & Neighbors!

The 6th Annual Silent Movie Night

Join organist Dan Fenn as he brings the silver screen to life, masterfully blending classical mastery with the comedic brilliance of silent film.

This year's event will feature 3 short silent films featuring the 4 greatest actors of that era with organ accompaniment by Dan Fenn.

Sunday, September 27, 2026 @ 5:00 p.m. at Lord of Life in The Woodlands. 3801 S. Panther Creek Dr.



Gather Space City: Fall Relaunch

September 26 @ 7:30 PM

Hopdoddy Burger:

4444 Westheimer Rd.

Houston, TX 77027

Young Adults (Ages 18-35)

For more information contact
youthdirector@stmartinslc.org or benremmert@ctkelc.org

Calling all young adults (ages 18-35 yrs old) for a time of fellowship and networking with other young adults in Houston. We will meet at Hopdoddy Burger at 4444 Westheimer Rd. We will take the time to dream and hear your needs. For more information, please contact Susan Woodson at youthdirector@stmartinslc.org or Deacon Ben Remmert at benremmert@ctkelc.org.



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Join us in Carmine, TX for 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**

Join this Bayou Conference two-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 two sessions—participants are asked to be present for each one on **Thursday, September 24, 6-8:30pm (online)**

November 21, 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM at Martin Luther Lutheran Church, Carmine, TX. Lunch will be provided. *Registration closes on **September 15.***

Register

and Saturday, October 10, 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM at Grace Lutheran, New Orleans (lunch provided). *Registration closes on **September 17.***

Register

Contact Deacon Aimee Elles

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

September 14, 2026

September 25, 2026

[Engaging the Future Faithful Generation](#)

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

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

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[Faith Lutheran Church's Gala](#)

September 24, 2026
[Bayou Conference Spiritual Care Training begins](#)

[Voter Engagement Event at Living Mosaic](#)

September 26, 2026
[Gather Space City: Fall Relaunch](#)

September 27, 2026
[Lord of Life Concert Series Kickoff](#)

October 1, 2026
Children & Youth Ministry Network Meetings - [Daytime](#) & [Evening](#)

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](#), or read their [Ambassador-Grams](#).



Lutherans Restoring Creation



Creation Care

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

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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