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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 21, 2026



**FRIDAY
SEPTEMBER 25**

10:00 AM – 3:00 PM

MINI MARKET

FINANCIAL WORKSHOP

FOOD

WELLNESS & HEALTH WORKSHOP

BAZAR

*Come, support, shop
and be part of this amazing community!*

Long Live Mexico!

RESERVE YOUR SPACE & MORE INFO:

Karina Esparza
832-665-1643
We'll be happy to help you! ♥

EVENT LOCATION:

St. Joseph the Worker Church
1135 Jocelyn St.
Houston, TX 77023

EVERYONE IS WELCOME ♥

Mexican Loteria

San Jose Obrero will be hosting a Mexican Loteria this **Friday, September 25, from 10am-3pm** in the Fellowship Hall as part of our Hispanic Heritage Month celebrations. It will be a wonderful opportunity for fellowship, culture, and community. All are welcome to attend!

**GOOD
GRIEF
RETREAT**



Good Grief Retreat | Learning to Breathe Again

A new retreat at Lutherhill for anyone whose life is laced with grief.

Whether you're grieving a recent loss, a changed relationship, an unexpected diagnosis, infertility, a dream that didn't come true, or a life you never expected to be living....you don't have to carry it alone.

Join us for a weekend of worship, honest conversation, creative ways to process loss, rest, reflection, laughter through the tears, and space to simply breathe. We are honored to welcome Pastor Tammy Sharp as the speaker for our inaugural Good Grief Retreat.

Come as you are. Bring your whole, complicated, grieving self. For the sighers, eye rollers, tear shedders, and reluctant hope holders among us. Come breathe with us **October 2-4, 2026**.

[More Info & Register](#)



Iglesia San José Obrero Grand Opening

The service on **October 11** will begin with a procession at 9:45am with the image of San José Obrero, followed by a bilingual Mass. After the service, we will gather for a brunch with music in the church Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to attend.





Fall Family Retreat at Lutherhill

A gathering for your family to rest, play and reconnect!

Need a little time set apart for rest and play? Retreat to the Hill for a fun-filled family weekend. Make space to rest as you relax in a hammock, sneak in an afternoon nap or take in the epic Lutherhill sunset. Make space to play as you tackle the ropes course, take aim at the sling shot range or sing silly songs around the campfire. Make space to reconnect with the ones you love and our loving God on **October 16-18, 2026**.

**Upgrade your stay to stay in the Retreat Center!*

[More Info & Register](#)

*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

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 20 at 9:30am**.

RSVP



10:30am Daytime Zoom

7pm Evening Zoom

All children, youth, and family ministers (and volunteers) are invited to come together for a time of fellowship, devotion, and networking every **first 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. More questions, please contact Deacon Ben Remmert at benremmert@ctkelc.org.



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 event will be held on 9/25/22 at Living Mosaic.

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!



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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!

SAVE THE DATE

BOUNDARIES: GENDER INCLUSION

Striving for
Gender &
Disability
Awareness



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 24, 2026

[Bayou Conference Spiritual Care Training begins](#)

September 25, 2026

[Voter Engagement Event at Living Mosaic](#)

September 25, 2026

[Mexican Loteria](#)

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](#)

October 2-4, 2026

[Good Grief Retreat](#)

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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
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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