

Rev. Dr. Walt Waiser

Born and Raised in Houston, Texas...45+ years of Ministry in Fort Worth, Texas. The first 38 years were spent at Peace Lutheran Church in Fort Worth, and then an Intentional Interim began at Lamb of God in Flower Mound Holy Week of 2015, where I am now Emeritus. Has led over 40 Mens Retreats and for 30 years has led Prayer Retreats, for PLI for 10 years and in eight other LCMS Districts. Happily married to Vonnie, two married daughters and Gramps to five grandchildren with three in college and two in high school.

Mrs. Brenda Jank

As a catalyst for personal and organizational change, Brenda is high energy and story driven, equipping God's people to explore transformative rhythms of work and rest for themselves and those they lead, love, and serve. Founder of Run Hard. Rest Well., Brenda speaks from coast to coast and is a thought leader in the arena of Restorative Wellness. She is also the mother of five of the finest, feistiest children ever assembled under one roof. Brenda and her family live in Indiana where her husband, Tim, has been the Executive Director of Camp Lutherhaven for 29 years. Brenda is a 1990 DCE graduate from Concordia-Nebraska. Learn more at www.RunHardRestWell.org

Rev. Dr. Rick Armstrong

He is a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist in the State of Florida, a Florida Approved Clinical Supervisor and a Certified Pastoral Counselor. Rick served for over 25 years in the parish ministry of the LC-MS in three different congregations. He chaired the original steering committee and the Board of Directors at LCS for 8 years. Since 2004 he has served at LCS as Associate Director, Operations Coordinator and then Executive Director until 2019. Now in retirement he serves part time as Ministry Care Coordinator. Rick is Co-author and trainer of "God's Care in Times of Crisis", "God's Care For Congregations in Times of Crisis" manuals for selecting and training crisis teams in Christian Schools and Churches to prepare for, respond to and provide aftercare in crisis situations.

Mrs. Kelly Menke

Kelly is new to Concordia Plans; beginning her role in mid-May of this year. With over a decade of experience in the field of health promotion, including emphasis on diabetes prevention and management and health coaching, she also holds a Bachelor of Arts in Health Education and a Master of Science in Public Health. She is also a Certified Health Education Specialist and former personal trainer. Her husband recently retired from the US Marine Corps, and now they reside in MO with their three children and two dogs.

Mrs. Megan Miessler

Megan is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and currently serves as the Executive Director at Lutheran Counseling Services in Winter Park, FL. Megan began working with children and youth as a DCE in the Lutheran Church. She received her MSW from University of Central Florida and her DCE from Concordia St. Paul. Megan works with children and families and focuses on play therapy, depression, Anxiety, Crisis Intervention, School Counseling and Marriage Therapy. Megan seeks to encourage self-awareness, through authenticity, so that all feel equipped to use their God-given gifts and talents.

Mrs. Becca Schermbeck

Becca Schermbeck is a registered dietitian with master's degrees in Nutrition and Public Health. In her professional life, Becca works remotely for the University of Illinois in Chicago on federally and privately funded grants to promote and improve nutrition through policy for children. In her personal life, she has been, for better or worse, a pastor's wife for the last 13 years thanks to Andy. They have four children, one dog, and six chickens. She enjoys volunteering at her children's school doing nutrition, health and gardening presentations/clubs, and coaching athletics. In her spare time, Becca enjoys running and gardening.

Mr. Paul Snyder

Paul is a Financial Educator with Concordia Plans. He comes from a long line of Church workers, including growing up in a pastor's family. He is a 1981 graduate of Concordia - River Forest (*now C U. Chicago*) and has been with the plans for 39 1/2 years. He also serves as the part-time Director of Worship at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Olivette, MO. When he's not working Paul enjoys spending time with family and friends, travel, skiing, reading and attending Cardinal baseball games.

Rev. Paul vonWerder

Paul vonWerder has been serving in FL-GA since 1994 when he started at Woodlands Lutheran church and camp. After enjoying leadership in youth ministry around the district during that first decade, he eventually transitioned to a discipleship focus while serving at Hope Lutheran in Orlando -- now described as a discipleship-oriented and disciple-sending church. He and wife Juli are also enjoying the fruits of their family labors -- children starting careers and families -- and grandkids starting to grow up.

Rev. Dr. David Kruger

Dr. David F. Kruger is a 1972 graduate of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, and works parttime in retirement as a pastor, a teacher, and a middle school golf coach. Having earned a D. Min. in Pastoral Counseling from The Lutheran School of Theology in Chicago, he served parishes in Florida, Colorado, Louisiana, California, and Minnesota before moving to Atlanta in retirement. From 1998-2003 David was the Director of Consultation to Clergy, a joint ministry of the Northwest District of the LC-MS and Region One of the ELCA. While Director he served as a consultant for district presidents, synod bishops, churches, and schools, while offering pastoral counseling personally and supervising counselors in Washington, Oregon, Idaho, and Alaska. He was sought after to speak at conferences and judicatory gatherings for professional church workers, although his major role at all conferences and judicatory gatherings was to be available for pastoral counseling. Dr. Kruger lives in Roswell, GA, with his wife Cindy, their two young adult children, JaVontae and Cassie, two cats (Taco and Belle), and three dogs (Munchkin, Magnolia, and Whiskey).