

**PASTORAL COUNSELOR**

Rev. Russell A. Etzel  
Concordia Lutheran, Houston  
White Oak Zone

**ZONE:** White Oak Zone Pastoral Counselor

**LOCAL GROUP:** Women's Club, Concordia, Pastoral Counselor

**CONGREGATIONAL/SYNODICAL EXPERIENCE:** Sole Pastor at Concordia Lutheran, Houston (2007-present); Our Savior Lutheran, Centerville, TX (1996-2007); Faith Mission, Vidalia, GA (1994-1996); Hope Lutheran, GA (1992-1996); Circuit Visitor, Circuit 14 and 41, Texas District; Circuit Counselor, Florida/Georgia District

**COMMUNITY:** Centerville Ministerial Fellowship, Centerville, TX; Chaplains Committee, Baldwin County Hospital, Milledgeville, GA

**EDUCATION:** Master of Divinity, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, 1992; Bachelor of Arts, Concordia Lutheran College, Austin, TX, 1988

**MISC:** Home wine making, crosswords, old movies, western novels and murder mysteries

**VISION STATEMENT:** I hope and ardently pray that the LWML Texas District remains true to its calling of spreading the Gospel near and far. The early institution of the Mite Box shows God can and does work mightily with the small, the meek, and the supposedly insignificant to save, heal, free, and grow His family.