

Diocese of Texas Daughters of the King – Fall Assembly 2026 – Speakers

Tricia Harwell is a Speech-Language Pathologist, Lutheran leader, and founder of The G.E.M.S. District, a Christian nonprofit dedicated to empowering adults with disabilities through meaningful vocational opportunities, creativity, and community.



For more than 20 years, Tricia has served individuals and families as a Speech-Language Pathologist with Burleson-Milam Special Services, helping students develop communication skills that enable them to reach their full potential. Her passion for serving others extends beyond the classroom and into ministry, where she seeks to help people discover their God-given gifts and purpose.

In 2025, Tricia founded The G.E.M.S. District (Gateway to Empowerment and Meaningful Service), a faith-based nonprofit that provides adults with disabilities opportunities to learn vocational skills, create handcrafted products, build confidence, and experience the joy of meaningful work. Through this ministry, she combines her professional expertise, Christian faith, and love for serving others to create an environment where every individual is valued, encouraged, and empowered.

Tricia holds a Bachelor of Arts in Multidisciplinary Studies from Texas Lutheran University and a Master of Science in Communication Sciences and Disorders from Baylor University. She also completed the Harvest Workers pastoral formation program through Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ (LCMC), equipping her for congregational leadership and ministry.

Tricia enjoys encouraging others to see God's hand at work in everyday life and to embrace the calling to serve with compassion, humility, and hope. Her desire is to inspire others to recognize that every person is uniquely created by God and has gifts that can bless the world.

Tricia enjoys crafting alongside the designers of The G.E.M.S. District, serving in Via de Cristo, and spending time with family and friends.

Vicki Terrell lives with her husband of 30 years, Josh in League City, Texas. Vicki and her husband love to travel when they are able and have so far been able to visit Scotland, Israel, Italy and Turkey. She is an avid reader and loves to crochet. One of her favorite prayer activities is Bible Journaling which she was introduced to through her participation in the annual JDOK Diocese of Texas Retreat held at Camp Allen in Navasota.



Vicki has been a member of Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Dickinson, Texas for over 25 years. Vicki was introduced to her church's DOK chapter over ten years ago and has officially been a member of The Order since 2012. She is the current secretary for her Chapter at Holy Trinity. Vicki has participated in the Daughters Going Deeper program in 2016. She is also a trainer for the Planning a More Effective, Functional Chapter Meeting program developed by Father Mike Gemignani.

Vicki is currently Junior Directress for the Diocese of Texas and is always excited to hear of new Chapters forming in the Diocese. If you are interested in learning more about how to start a Junior Chapter at your church, or would like to help with the annual JDOK Retreat at Camp Allen, you can reach out to Vicki at vicki.terrell@hotmail.com or on her cell at 281-235-9890.

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Chelsea Waschek-Gaukin - Chelsea is a school teacher in a large suburb of northwest Houston. Raised a devout Catholic, received into the Episcopal Church as an adult, and inducted as a Daughter of the King, she has served her parishes and diocese in different capacities over the years.



A hobby of hers is exploring spiritual practices, learning and sharing with others about ways to become closer to God. Through her continuing education and pursuit of opportunities for personal well-being, she became certified in facilitating Wellness Workshops.

These workshops offer mindfulness exercises that increase our self awareness, and can provide ways to draw closer to God. Being mindful causes ripple effects that impact your relationships and communities. Ultimately, we can help spread the joy of God's kingdom by starting with ourselves!

Gratitude- in all things.

We can experience gratitude beyond the giving and receiving of sentiments. In this workshop we will be guided through practices you can use at home in your quiet time to evoke gratitude, even when it seems difficult.

Pastor Tami Wolfson serves Abiding Savior Lutheran Church in Cameron, Texas, and is in her final classes in completing her Master of Divinity through Luther Seminary. She enjoys sharing God's Word in practical, encouraging ways that help people experience Christ's peace in the middle of everyday life. Tami and her husband, David, are blessed with a 26-year-old son, Parker and a 13-year-old, non-verbal, autistic daughter, Emily, who continually reminds them of God's faithfulness and joy.



What's in Your Backpack?

Every one of us carries an invisible backpack filled with worries, fears, regrets, and responsibilities. But Jesus never intended for us to live weighed down. Through a memorable visual illustration and the promises of Scripture, Pastor Tami Wolfson will invite us to lay down our burdens and discover the peace, joy, and rest that only Christ can give. Come prepared for a meaningful morning that will leave your heart—and your backpack—a little lighter.