



Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

Pastor, teacher, and staff minister call report

1/9/2018 - 1/15/2018

The call report details when pastors, teachers, and staff ministers change positions within WELS. The Conference of Presidents oversees and coordinates the calling process.

NO DECISION REPORTED

Pastors	Current call	New call	Date issued
Rev John Koelpin	Calvary LC Dallas TX	St Paul LC Saginaw MI Associate Pastor	12/3/2017
Rev Matthew Westra	Living Promise LC Morristown TN	Grace LC Vail AZ & Benson AZ Associate Pastor	12/4/2017
Rev Kevin Westra	Beautiful Savior LC Grove City OH	St Paul LC Wisconsin Rapids WI Associate Pastor	12/4/2017
Rev Jeffrey Mahnke	St Peter LC Schofield WI	Our Savior's LC Port Orange FL Pastor	12/10/2017
Rev Scott Miller	Immanuel LC South Lyon MI	Light of Life LC Greenwood IN Pastor	12/10/2017
Rev Aaron West	Asia Lutheran Seminary Board	St Matthew LC Spokane WA Pastor	12/13/2017
Rev Thomas Meissner	Manitowoc Lutheran High School Manitowoc WI	Michigan Lutheran Seminary Saginaw MI Professor of German	12/14/2017
Rev Norman Burger Jr	Shepherd of the Hills LC Lansing MI	Commission on Evangelism Waukesha WI Director	12/19/2017
Rev Duane Rodewald	Abiding Peace LC Simpsonville SC	Michigan Lutheran Seminary	1/6/2018

Saginaw MI
President

Rev Luke Thompson	St Paul LC Ottawa ON Canada	Cross of Life LC Mississauga ON Canada Pastor	1/7/2018
Rev David Maertz	Great Plains Lutheran High School Watertown SD	Zion LC Rhineland WI Associate Pastor	1/7/2018
Rev Collin Vanderhoof	Good Shepherd LC Beaver Dam WI	Grace LC Oshkosh WI Associate Pastor	1/7/2018
Rev Daniel Iwinski	St Paul LC Moline IL	Immanuel LC Medford WI Associate Pastor	1/7/2018
Rev John Hering	Divine Peace LC Garland TX	Grace LC Scroggins TX Pastor	1/7/2018
Rev Mark Gabb	St Paul LC Beverly Hills FL	Bethlehem LC Menomonee Falls WI Associate Pastor	1/7/2018
Mr Stuart Turner	CRM	King of Kings LC Frankenmuth MI Pastor	1/7/2018
Rev Gary Bode	Valley View LC Helena MT	Nebraska Evangelical Lutheran High School Waco NE Pastor	1/7/2018
Rev Jacob Hanneman	Trinity LC Terry MT Salem LC Circle MT Good Shepherd LC Wolf Point MT	Shepherd of the Plains LC Fort Morgan CO Pastor	1/7/2018
Rev Thomas Zimdars	Santo Tomas LC Phoenix AZ	Grace LC Yakima WA Pastor	1/7/2018
Rev Jesse Johnston	Mt Calvary LC Menasha WI	Saving Grace LC Mobile AL Pastor	1/7/2018
Rev Aaron Schumann	Faith LC Pittsburg KS	Abiding Peace LC Simpsonville SC Associate Pastor	1/7/2018
Rev Jeffrey Weber	St John LC Dowagiac MI	Redeemer LC Big Rapids MI Pastor	1/8/2018
Rev Jesse Stern	Peace LC Boulder CO	Wisconsin Lutheran High School Milwaukee WI Teacher	1/8/2018
Rev Martin Luchterhand	Crown of Life LC Fort Myers FL	St John LC Two Rivers WI Associate Pastor	1/8/2018

Rev Marcus Manthey	St John LC Saginaw MI	Hope LC Portland MI Pastor; Semi-Retired Call	1/8/2018
Rev Matthew Vogt	Water of Life LC Las Vegas NV	Joint Mission Council Western Region Mission Counselor Pastor	1/8/2018
Rev David Rosenau	St Mark LC Leesburg FL	St John's LC New Ulm MN Associate Pastor	1/9/2018
Rev Paul Waldschmidt	Peace LC Hartford WI	Beautiful Savior LC Spooner WI Pastor	1/9/2018
Rev Timothy Shrimpton	Gloria Dei LC Belmont CA	Emanuel First LC Lansing MI Associate Pastor	1/9/2018
Rev Mark Parsons	Faith LC Fond du Lac WI	St Paul LC Grant Park IL Pastor	1/9/2018
Rev Peter Lindemann	Zion LC Egg Harbor WI Christ LC Baileys Harbor WI	St John LC Stanton NE Pastor	1/9/2018
Rev David Koelpin	Living Savior LC Littleton CO	Trinity LC El Paso TX Pastor	1/9/2018
Rev Benjamin Enstad	St John LC Sturgeon Bay WI	St Peter LC Weyauwega WI Associate Pastor	1/10/2018
Prof Stephen Geiger	Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary Mequon WI	Peace LC Santa Clara CA Pastor	1/10/2018
Rev Timothy Kemnitz	Mt Olive LC Lincoln NE	Zion LC Toledo OH Pastor	1/10/2018
Rev Scott Bergemann	Mt Zion LC Kenosha WI	Resurrection LC Maumee OH Pastor	1/11/2018
Rev Luis Acosta	Risen Savior LC Milwaukee WI	Our Savior LC Pomona CA Pastor	1/12/2018
Rev Kirk Lahmann	St John LC Burlington WI	St Paul's LC Stevensville MI Associate Pastor	1/14/2018
Rev Joel Suckow	Northland Lutheran High School Mosinee WI	St John LC Doylestown WI St Stephen LC Fall River WI Pastor	1/14/2018

Teachers	Current call	New call	Date issued
Rev Timothy Westendorf	Abiding Word LC Highlands Ranch CO	Crown of Life LC Corona CA Pastor	1/14/2018
Mrs Ruth Lee	Trinity LS Belle Plaine MN	Trinity LS Belle Plaine MN Teacher; Grades 1-2	12/3/2017
Ms Maria Gines	Zion LS Monroe MI	Zion LS Monroe MI ECM Director & Teacher	12/3/2017
Mrs Erin LaPointe	Zion LS Monroe MI	Zion LS Monroe MI Teacher; Grades 1-2	12/3/2017
Mr Kurt Nielsen	Zion LS Monroe MI	Zion LS Monroe MI Teacher; Grades 3-5	12/3/2017
Ms Emily Ostgaard	Bloomington LS Bloomington MN	Bloomington LS Bloomington MN Teacher; Grade 5, Provisional Call	12/4/2017
Mrs Kirsten Kasten	Huron Valley Lutheran High School Westland MI	Huron Valley Lutheran High School Westland MI Teacher; Choir, One- Year, Part-Time Call	12/5/2017
Mr Scott Stevenson	St Lucas LS Kewaskum WI	Pilgrim LS Mesa AZ Teacher; Grades 5-6	12/10/2017
Mr Aaron Trimmer	St Paul LS Columbus OH	Our Savior LS Grafton WI Teacher; Grades 3-5	12/10/2017
Miss Sarah Seelow	St John's LS Burlington WI	Christ Our Savior Lutheran Preschool Rockford MI ECM Teacher	12/19/2017
Mr Timothy Mielke	Shoreland Lutheran High School Somers WI	Wisconsin Lutheran High School Milwaukee WI Teacher; Theology	12/19/2017
Mr Joshua Metzger	Wisconsin Lutheran High School Milwaukee WI	St Marcus LS Milwaukee WI Teacher; Lead Religion & Catechism	12/21/2017
Miss Karin Tiarks	Christ LS North Saint Paul MN	Mount Olive LS Appleton WI Teacher; Grade 3	12/21/2017
Ms Bethany Ehlert	Trusting Hearts Preschool Manitowoc WI	Little Lambs Learning Center Danube MN ECM Director	12/21/2017

Miss Amy Biedenbender	Zion LS Toledo OH	St Paul LS Columbus OH Teacher; Grades 3-4	12/31/2017
Miss Catherine St. John	St John LS Mukwonago WI	MLC Early Childhood Learning Center New Ulm MN ECM Teacher	1/4/2018
Miss Abigail Fischer	St Paul LS Rapid City SD	Beautiful Savior LS Grove City OH Teacher; Grades 1-2	1/4/2018
Miss Jessica Seiltz	Redeemer LS Tucson AZ	St John LS Neillsville WI Teacher; Grades 3-5	1/7/2018
Prof Jennifer Mehlberg	Martin Luther College New Ulm MN	Bethlehem LS-North Germantown WI ECM Director	1/7/2018
Mrs Michelle Wachal	St John LS Libertyville IL	Zion LS Rhineland WI ECM Teacher	1/7/2018
Mr Jeffrey Wetzel	St Paul LS Muskego WI	Lamb of God LS West Allis WI Principal & Grades 7-8	1/7/2018
Miss Rachel Kramer	St John LS Redwood Falls MN	St Paul LS Rapid City SD Teacher; Kindergarten	1/7/2018
Mr Mark Ross	Luther High School Onalaska WI	Nebraska Evangelical Lutheran High School Waco NE Teacher; Math	1/7/2018
Mr Timothy Vogel	Shepherd of the Hills LS La Mesa CA	Mt Olive LS Delano MN Principal & Grades 6-8	1/7/2018
Mr Kyle Swogger	Trinity LS Brillion WI	Trinity LS Waco NE Principal & Grades 4-8	1/7/2018
Ms Marla Ohrmundt		St John LS Montello WI ECM Director; Limited- Duration Call	1/7/2018
Mr William Hinz	St Paul LS Fort Atkinson WI	St John's LS Pardeeville WI Principal & Grades 6-8	1/7/2018
Ms Susan Decker	West Lutheran High School Plymouth MN	Illinois Lutheran High School Crete IL Teacher; English	1/8/2018
Mr Seth Herrmann	Atonement LS Milwaukee WI	Illinois Lutheran High School Crete IL Teacher; Dean of Students	1/8/2018

Mr Jeffrey Falck	Shepherd of the Valley LS Westminster CO	Illinois Lutheran Elementary School Crete IL Principal & Grades 5-6	1/8/2018
Mrs Jessica Kjenstad		Illinois Lutheran Elementary School Crete IL Teacher; Grade 2	1/8/2018
Mrs Hannah Mueller	St Paul LS Wisconsin Rapids WI	Grace LC Saint Joseph MI Teacher; Kindergarten	1/8/2018
Mr David Backus	St John LS Manitowoc WI	Grace LS Saint Joseph MI Principal & Upper Grades; Departmentalized	1/8/2018
Mr David Mielke	St Croix Lutheran Academy West Saint Paul MN	Shoreland Lutheran High School Somers WI Teacher; STEM	1/8/2018
Mrs Rebecca Raabe	Bloomington LS Bloomington MN	Bloomington LS Bloomington MN Teacher; Upper Grades, Departmentalized, Provisional Call	1/8/2018
Mr Alexander Hunt	Good Shepherd LS Sioux Falls SD	Shepherd of the Valley LS Menasha WI Teacher; Grades 5-6	1/9/2018
Mr Timothy Raddatz	St John LS Wrightstown WI	St Mark LS Lincoln NE Principal & Grades 5-8	1/10/2018
Mrs Rebecca Lohrmann	St Peter's LS Plymouth MI	St Peter's LS Plymouth MI ECM Teacher; Half-Time Call	1/10/2018
Mr Andrew Retzlaff	Immanuel LS Greenville WI	Manitowoc Lutheran High School Manitowoc WI Administrator; Assistant Principal	1/13/2018
Mrs Jennifer Retzlaff	Fox Valley Lutheran High School Appleton WI	Manitowoc Lutheran High School Manitowoc WI Teacher; Math	1/13/2018
Mr Joel Walker	Apostles LS San Jose CA	Grace LS Glendale AZ Principal & Upper Grades; Departmentalized	1/14/2018
Mr David Stoltz	St Lucas LS Kewaskum WI	Crown of Life LS Hubertus WI Principal & Grades 6-8	1/14/2018
Mrs Dorothy Grivno	St Paul Little Learners Slinger WI	Crown of Life LS Hubertus WI ECM Director	1/14/2018

Mr Aaron Hartwig	St Paul LS North Fond du Lac WI	Faith LS Antioch IL Principal & Upper Grades; Departmentalized	1/14/2018
Mr Kaleb Buch	St Luke LS Oakfield WI	Lord and Savior LS Crystal Lake IL Principal & Grades 5-8	1/14/2018
Staff Ministers	Current call	New call	Date issued
Mr James Schroeder	St Peter LC Modesto CA	Bay Pines LC Seminole FL Staff Minister & Upper Grade Teacher	12/10/2017
Mr Timothy Babler	Divine Savior Lutheran Academy Doral FL	St Mark LC De Pere WI Staff Minister	1/7/2018

CALLS ACCEPTED

Pastors	Current call	New call	Date accepted
Rev David Peters	Epiphany LC Racine WI	Our Redeemer LC Wabasha MN Pastor	1/12/2018
Rev John Maasch	Peace LC Bradenton FL	Redeemer LC Maple Grove MN Pastor	1/13/2018
Rev Aaron Winkelman	CRM	Bethany LC Fort Atkinson WI Associate Pastor	1/14/2018

Teachers	Current call	New call	Date accepted
Mrs Elise Oppermann	Bay Pines LS Seminole FL	Crown of Life Christian Academy Fort Atkinson WI ECM Teacher; Half-Time Call	12/23/2017
Miss Lauren Faust	St John LS Lannon WI	St John LS Lannon WI Teacher; Grades 3-4, Provisional Call	1/7/2018
Mrs Kaila Bink	St John LS Lannon WI	St John LS Lannon WI ECM Teacher; Half-Time, Provisional Call	1/7/2018
Mr Shawn Riesop	Star of Bethlehem LS New Berlin WI	Immanuel LS Greenville WI Teacher; Grade 6	1/8/2018
Mr David Dodge	Garden Homes LS Milwaukee WI	Luther Preparatory School Watertown WI Professor; Social Studies	1/8/2018

Mrs Andrea Jost	Trinity LS Kaukauna WI	Bethany LS Manitowoc WI Teacher; Kindergarten	1/11/2018
Mrs Stephnie Marquez	Arizona Lutheran Academy Phoenix AZ	Arizona Lutheran Academy Phoenix AZ Teacher; Art, One-Year, Part-Time Call	1/11/2018
Mr Mark Renner	St Martin's LS Watertown SD	Resurrection LS Rochester MN Principal & Upper Grades	1/12/2018
Mrs Emily Seeber	Good Shepherd LS Cedar Rapids IA	Salem LS Milwaukee WI Teacher; Grade 6	1/12/2018
Mr Jason Gibson	Trinity LS Neenah WI	Holy Trinity LS Des Moines WA Principal & Grades 5-8; Departmentalized	1/13/2018
Mr Mark Moldenhauer	St Philip LS Milwaukee WI	Wisconsin Lutheran High School Milwaukee WI Teacher; English	1/14/2018

CALLS DECLINED

Pastors	Current call	New call	Date declined
Rev Abram Degner	Christ the Lord LC-Sienna Plantation Missouri City TX & Houston TX	St Matthew's LC Niles IL Pastor	1/8/2018
Rev Marcus Schulz	Emanuel LC New London WI	Mt Calvary LC Redding CA Pastor	1/9/2018
Rev Nathan Kassulke	Grace LC Tucson AZ	Grace LC Saint Joseph MI Associate Pastor	1/11/2018
Rev Benjamin Radtke	St Martin's LC Watertown SD	St John LC Bay City MI Associate Pastor	1/11/2018
Rev Steven Wagenknecht	Abiding Savior LC Weslaco TX	Bethel LC Menasha WI Associate Pastor	1/12/2018
Teachers	Current call	New call	Date declined
Miss Tonya Wolff	Apostles LS San Jose CA	Huron Valley Lutheran High School Westland MI Teacher; English	1/3/2018
Miss Emily Hunt	Christ Our Savior Academy Columbia TN	St Paul LS South Haven MI	1/8/2018

Teacher; Kindergarten &
Grade 1

Mrs Amy Pearson		Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School New Ulm MN Teacher; English	1/9/2018
Miss Lindsay Sandwith	Redeemer Learning Center Tomahawk WI	Zion Lutheran Preschool Valentine NE ECM Director	1/9/2018
Miss Laura Dietrich	Prince of Peace LS Taylorsville UT	Loving Shepherd LS Milwaukee WI Teacher; Grades 3-4	1/11/2018
Mrs Lisa Uttech	Christ the Lord LC Brookfield WI	Wisconsin Lutheran High School Milwaukee WI Teacher; Fine Arts	1/12/2018
Mrs Lesley Kaesermann	St Paul LS Arlington MN	St Jacobi LS Greenfield WI Teacher; Grade 1	1/12/2018
Mr Eric Kaesermann	St Paul LS Arlington MN	St Jacobi LS Greenfield WI Principal & Upper Grades; Departmentalized	1/12/2018
Mr Benjamin Schramm	First LS Elkhorn WI	Risen Savior Christian Academy Pooler GA Principal & Grades 5-6	1/12/2018
Mr Craig Breitzkreutz	St John LS Baraboo WI	Samuel LS Marshall MN Principal & Grades 6-8	1/15/2018

RESIGNED

Teachers	Current call	Date resigned
Mrs Jennifer Smith	Martin Luther LS Oshkosh WI	6/30/2018
Mr Andrew Bare	Holy Trinity LS New Hope MN	6/30/2018
Mrs Tanya Tomfohrde	Illinois Lutheran High School Crete IL	6/30/2018
Mrs Kayli Pesch	Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School Jackson WI	6/30/2018

CALLED TO ETERNAL GLORY

Teachers	Home church	Death date
Mr Daniel Southard		11/11/2017

RETIREMENT

Pastors	Current call	Date retired
Rev Mark Johnston	Our Savior's LC East Brunswick NJ	7/8/2018

Teachers	Current call	Date retired
Mrs Kim Brace	St Stephen LS Beaver Dam WI	6/30/2018