



Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

Pastor, teacher, and staff minister call report

12/19/2017 - 1/8/2018

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 Steven Wagenknecht	Abiding Savior LC Weslaco TX	Bethel LC Menasha WI Associate Pastor	11/20/2017
Rev Abram Degner	Christ the Lord LC-Sienna Plantation Missouri City TX & Houston TX	St Matthew's LC Niles IL Pastor	12/3/2017
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 Marcus Schulz	Emanuel LC New London WI	Mt Calvary LC Redding CA 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 Nathan Kassulke	Grace LC Tucson AZ	Grace LC Saint Joseph MI Associate Pastor	12/11/2017

Rev David Peters	Epiphany LC Racine WI	Our Redeemer LC Wabasha MN Grace LC Nelson WI Pastor	12/11/2017
Rev John Maasch	Peace LC Bradenton FL	Redeemer LC Maple Grove MN Pastor	12/11/2017
Rev Benjamin Radtke	St Martin's LC Watertown SD	St John LC Bay City MI Associate Pastor	12/13/2017
Mr Aaron Winkelman	CRM	Bethany LC Fort Atkinson WI Associate Pastor	12/13/2017
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; German	12/14/2017
Rev Norman Burger Jr	Shepherd of the Hills LC Lansing MI	Commission on Evangelism Director	12/19/2017
Rev Duane Rodewald	Abiding Peace LC Simpsonville SC	Michigan Lutheran Seminary Saginaw MI President	1/6/2018
Rev Luke Thompson	St Paul LC Ottawa ON Canada	Cross of Life LC Mississauga ON Canada Pastor	1/7/2018
Mr Stuart Turner	CRM	King of Kings LC Frankenmuth MI Pastor	1/7/2018

Teachers	Current call	New call	Date issued
Miss Lindsay Sandwith	Redeemer Learning Center Tomahawk WI	Zion Lutheran Preschool Valentine NE ECM Director	11/30/2017
Miss Tonya Wolff	Apostles LS San Jose CA	Huron Valley Lutheran High School Westland MI Teacher; English	12/3/2017
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 Craig Breitzkreutz	St John LS Baraboo WI	Samuel LS Marshall MN Principal & Grades 6-8	12/10/2017
Mr Scott Stevenson	St Lucas LS Kewaskum WI	Pilgrim LS Mesa AZ Teacher; Grades 5-6	12/10/2017
Mr Benjamin Schramm	First LS Elkhorn WI	Risen Savior Christian Academy Pooler GA Principal & 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
Mr Eric Kaesermann	St Paul LS Arlington MN	St Jacobi LS Greenfield WI Principal & Upper Grades; Departmentalized	12/12/2017
Mrs Lesley Kaesermann	St Paul LS Arlington MN	St Jacobi LS Greenfield WI Teacher; Grade 1	12/12/2017
Mr Jason Gibson	Trinity LS Neenah WI	Holy Trinity LS Des Moines WA Principal & Grades 5-8; Departmentalized	12/13/2017
Mr Shawn Riesop	Star of Bethlehem LS New Berlin WI	Immanuel LS Greenville WI Teacher; Grade 6	12/13/2017
Mrs Elise Opper mann	Bay Pines LS Seminole FL	Crown of Life Christian Academy Fort Atkinson WI ECM Teacher; Half-Time Call	12/13/2017
Mr David Dodge	Garden Homes LS Milwaukee WI	Luther Preparatory School Watertown WI Professor; Social Studies	12/14/2017
Mr Mark Renner	St Martin's LS Watertown SD	Resurrection LS Rochester MN Principal & Upper Grades	12/14/2017

Miss Emily Hunt	Christ Our Savior Academy Columbia TN	St Paul LS South Haven MI Teacher; Kindergarten & Grade 1	12/17/2017
Mrs Amy Pearson		Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School New Ulm MN Teacher; English	12/18/2017
Miss Laura Dietrich	Prince of Peace LS Taylorsville UT	Loving Shepherd LS Milwaukee WI Teacher; Grades 3-4	12/18/2017
Mrs Andrea Jost	Trinity LS Kaukauna WI	Bethany LS Manitowoc WI Teacher; Kindergarten	12/18/2017
Mrs Emily Seeber	Good Shepherd LS Cedar Rapids IA	Salem LS Milwaukee WI Teacher; Grade 6	12/18/2017
Miss Sarah Seelow	St John's LS Burlington WI	Christ Our Savior Lutheran Preschool Rockford MI ECM Teacher	12/19/2017
Mr Mark Moldenhauer	St Philip LS Milwaukee WI	Wisconsin Lutheran High School Milwaukee WI Teacher; English	12/19/2017
Mrs Lisa Uttech	Christ the Lord LC Brookfield WI	Wisconsin Lutheran High School Milwaukee WI Teacher; Fine Arts	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
Mr Jeffrey Wetzel	St Paul LS Muskego WI	Lamb of God LS West Allis WI Principal & Grades 7-8	1/7/2018
Mr Mark Ross	Luther High School Onalaska WI	Nebraska Evangelical Lutheran High School Waco NE Teacher; Math	1/7/2018
Mr Kyle Swogger	Trinity LS Brillion WI	Trinity LS Waco NE Principal & Grades 4-8	1/7/2018

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

CALLS ACCEPTED

Pastors	Current call	New call	Date accepted
Rev Jonathan Leach	St Croix Lutheran Academy West Saint Paul MN	Truth In Love Ministry Nampa ID Pastor	12/21/2017
Rev Benjamin Kuerth	Victory of the Lamb LC Franklin WI	Divine Savior LC-Doral Doral FL Pastor	12/29/2017
Rev Daniel Berg	Sola Fide LC Lawrenceville GA	Our Savior LC Harrisonville MO Pastor	12/30/2017
Rev Nathanael Bourman	Abiding Faith LC Fort Worth TX	Mt Lebanon LC Milwaukee WI Associate Pastor	1/7/2018

Teachers	Current call	New call	Date accepted
Mrs Joanne Mattes	First German LS Manitowoc WI	First German LS Manitowoc WI Teacher; Grades 1-2, Limited-Duration Call	12/21/2017
Mrs Karen Schultz	Trinity LS Waukesha WI	Trinity LS Waukesha WI Teacher; Kindergarten	12/22/2017
Miss Rebecca Hagglund	Christ LS North Saint Paul MN	Christ LS North Saint Paul MN	1/1/2018

Teacher; Grade 3, One-Year Call

Mrs Monica Uhlenbrauck	Illinois Lutheran High School Crete IL	Fox Valley Lutheran High School Appleton WI Teacher; International Student Program Director	1/2/2018
Mrs Hannah Laitinen		Hannah's World Austin TX ECM Director	1/3/2018
Ms Katrina Buchholz	Risen Savior LS Milwaukee WI	Mt Lebanon LS Milwaukee WI Teacher; Grade 5	1/4/2018
Mr Alan Uher	Mt Calvary LS Waukesha WI	Martin Luther College New Ulm MN Professor; Education & student teaching supervisor	1/6/2018
Mrs Michelle Roth	Zion LS Monroe MI	Zion LS Monroe MI Teacher; Kindergarten, Half-Time Call	1/6/2018
Mr Jordan Schmitzer	Grace LS Oshkosh WI	Michigan Lutheran Seminary Saginaw MI Professor; Science (biology)	1/6/2018
Mrs Jill Bartelt	St John LS Lannon WI	St John LS Lannon WI Teacher; One-Year Call	1/7/2018
Mrs Susan Saatkamp		St Jacobi LS Greenfield WI Teacher; Kindergarten, Half-Time Call	1/7/2018
Mrs Lisa Finkbeiner		Mt Lebanon LS Milwaukee WI ECM Teacher	1/7/2018
Mr Jeffrey Loberger	Christ the King School Palm Coast FL	Fox Valley Lutheran High School Appleton WI Development Director/Mission Advancement	1/7/2018
Mrs Kirsten Duin	Cross of Christ LS Coon Rapids MN	Peace LS Sun Prairie WI ECM Director	1/7/2018

CALLS DECLINED

Pastors	Current call	New call	Date declined
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Rev Carl Otto	St Paul LC Saginaw MI	Holy Cross LC Standish MI Pastor; Retirement call	12/13/2017
Rev Steven Bode	Zion LC Allenton WI	Nebraska Evangelical Lutheran High School Waco NE Pastor	12/17/2017
Rev Benjamin Kratz	Our Savior LC Birmingham AL	St Luke LC Oakfield WI Pastor	12/18/2017
Rev John Hartmann	Zambia Mission	St Paul LC Grant Park IL Pastor	12/19/2017
Rev Paul Schupmann	St John's LC Juneau WI	Emanuel First LC Lansing MI Associate Pastor	12/23/2017
Rev Thomas Jeske	Living Hope LC Omaha NE	Trinity LC Belle Plaine MN Associate Pastor	12/25/2017
Rev Daniel Sargent	Zambia Mission	Christ LC Juneau AK Pastor	12/27/2017
Rev Jay Bickelhaupt	Apostles LC Billings MT	St Luke LC Watertown WI Associate Pastor	12/27/2017
Rev Clayton Welch	Faith LC River Falls WI	Trinity LC El Paso TX Pastor	12/27/2017
Rev Mark Schutz	Hope LC Spearfish SD	Shining Mountains LC Bozeman MT Pastor	12/28/2017
Rev Joseph Berg	Nain LC West Allis WI	Good Shepherd LC Omaha NE Pastor	12/28/2017
Rev Jonathan Bourman	Peace LC Aiken SC	St Mark LC Normal IL Pastor	12/29/2017
Rev Aaron Steinbrenner	Peace LC Hartford WI	St Paul LC Howards Grove WI Associate Pastor	12/30/2017
Rev Benjamin Schaefer	First German LC Manitowoc WI	St Paul's LC Stevensville MI Associate Pastor	12/30/2017
Rev Caleb Bassett	St Stephen LC Fallbrook CA	King of Kings LC Frankenmuth MI Pastor	12/30/2017
Rev John Moll	St Paul LC Algoma WI	Zion LC Olivia MN Pastor	1/6/2018

Rev Aaron Bublitz	Mt Lebanon LC Milwaukee WI	Zion LC Toledo OH Pastor	1/6/2018
Rev Joshua Free	Abiding Peace LC Elgin IL	Crown of Life LC Corona CA Pastor	1/7/2018
Teachers	Current call	New call	Date declined
Mrs Laura Otto	Salem LS Milwaukee WI	Crown of Life LS Hubertus WI ECM Director	12/19/2017
Ms Elizabeth Henke		St Paul LS Columbus OH Teacher; Grades 3-4	12/19/2017
Miss Lynelle Schleusener	Apostles LS San Jose CA	Christ-St Peter LS-West Campus Milwaukee WI Teacher; English as a Second Language	12/21/2017
Miss Jennifer Hunt	Gethsemane LS Omaha NE	St Matthew's LS Oconomowoc WI Teacher; Grade 5	12/26/2017
Mr Brian Gottschalk	Wisconsin Lutheran High School Milwaukee WI	Lakeside Lutheran High School Lake Mills WI Teacher; Math/Physical Education	12/28/2017
Mr Adam Wiechmann	West Lutheran High School Plymouth MN	Shoreland Lutheran High School Somers WI Teacher; STEM	12/30/2017
Mr Andrew Van Weele	Lord of Life LS Friendswood TX	Crown of Life LS Hubertus WI Principal & Grades 6-8	12/30/2017
Mr Stephen Kamps	First LS Lake Geneva WI	Trinity LS Belle Plaine MN Teacher; Grades 5-6	12/30/2017
Mr Brian Papenfuss	St John LS Lomira WI	Shepherd of the Valley LS Menasha WI Teacher; Grades 5-6	12/30/2017
Miss Kathleen Siverly	Roots to Wings Learning Center Lake City MN	St James Lutheran Preschool Portage MI ECM Director	12/30/2017
Mr Brad Schaper	Luther High School Onalaska WI	Luther High School Onalaska WI Teacher; Dean of Students	1/1/2018
Mr Nathan Livingston	St John LS Caledonia MN	Faith LS Antioch IL Principal & Upper Grades; Departmentalized	1/1/2018

Dr Mark Murphy	Wisconsin Lutheran College Milwaukee WI	Martin Luther College New Ulm MN Professor; Special education	1/2/2018
Mr Lucas Boehm	St Croix Lutheran Academy West Saint Paul MN	Martin Luther College New Ulm MN Professor; Art education	1/2/2018
Miss Katherine Szczepaniak	St Mark LS Green Bay WI	Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School New Ulm MN Teacher; Science	1/2/2018
Mr Seth Fitzsimmons	St Paul LS Muskego WI	Luther Preparatory School Watertown WI Professor; Science	1/4/2018
Mrs Katelyn Essig	Resurrection LS Aurora IL	Bay Pines LS Seminole FL Teacher; Kindergarten	1/4/2018
Mr Bradley Essig	Resurrection LS Aurora IL	Bay Pines LS Seminole FL Principal & Upper Grades	1/4/2018
Mr Benjamin Washburn	Peace LS Hartford WI	Trinity LS Caledonia WI Principal	1/5/2018
Mr Corey Marohn	St John-St James LS Reedsville WI	Redeemer LS Fond du Lac WI Principal & Grades 7-8	1/6/2018
Mrs Alana Enger	St Paul LS Lake Mills WI	Manitowoc Lutheran High School Manitowoc WI Teacher; Math	1/6/2018
Mr Daniel Unke	Divine Savior Lutheran Academy Doral FL	Manitowoc Lutheran High School Manitowoc WI Administrator; Assistant Principal	1/6/2018
Mr Jordan Schmitzer	Grace LS Oshkosh WI	Bethany LS Manitowoc WI Teacher; Upper Grades, Departmentalized	1/6/2018
Mr Adam Igl	St John's LS Newburg WI	St John LS Mukwonago WI Teacher; Grades 3-4	1/7/2018

RESIGNED

Teachers	Current call	Date resigned
Ms Silvelin Sullivan	Water of Life LS Las Vegas NV	12/31/2017
Ms Katherine Currah	Water of Life LS Las Vegas NV	12/31/2017

Mrs Elizabeth Loberger	Christ the King School Palm Coast FL	6/30/2018
Mrs MacCartney Durkee	St Paul LS Howards Grove WI	6/30/2018

CALLED TO ETERNAL GLORY

Pastors	Home church	Death date
Rev Robert Oswald	Christ Alone LC Thiensville WI	12/14/2017
Rev Dayton Fritz	Grace Yorba Linda CA	1/6/2018
Teachers	Home church	Death date
Mrs Louise Wilde	Emanuel New London WI	5/2/2017
Mrs Sharlene Petri	St John LC Maribel WI	1/4/2018

RETIREMENT

Pastors	Current call	Date retired
Rev Carl Leyrer	Divine Savior LC-Doral Doral FL	1/1/2018
Rev Philip Krieger	Grace LC Tecumseh MI	6/24/2018
Teachers	Current call	Date retired
Mrs Linda Kiecker	St John LS Fremont WI	5/25/2018
Prof Carl Weihrauch	Michigan Lutheran Seminary Saginaw MI	6/30/2018
Miss Shirleen Maertz	Zion LS 3K-8th Grade Hartland WI	6/30/2018
Mrs Julianne Cison	Cross of Christ LS Coon Rapids MN	6/30/2018
Mrs Christine Krieger	St Stephen LS Adrian MI	6/30/2018
Prof Joanne Kohler	Michigan Lutheran Seminary Saginaw MI	6/30/2018