



## Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

### Pastor, teacher, and staff minister call report

**1/16/2018 - 1/22/2018**

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**

<b>Pastors</b>	<b>Current call</b>	<b>New call</b>	<b>Date issued</b>
Rev Matthew Westra	Living Promise LC Morristown TN	Grace LC Vail AZ & Benson AZ 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 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 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
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
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; Retirement Call	1/8/2018
Rev Matthew Vogt	Water of Life LC Las Vegas NV	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 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 Jeremy Mattek	Garden Homes LC Milwaukee WI	Immanuel LC Greenville WI Associate Pastor	1/14/2018
Rev Kirk Lahmann	St John LC Burlington WI	St Paul's LC Stevensville MI Associate Pastor	1/14/2018
Rev Andrew Lindke	St Bartholomew LC Kawkawlin MI	St Mark LC Normal IL 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
Rev Kirk Lahmann	St John LC Burlington WI	Resurrection LC Verona WI Associate Pastor	1/14/2018
Rev Aaron Nitz	St Mark LC Bemidji MN	St Luke LC Oakfield WI Pastor	1/14/2018
Rev Aaron Nitz	St Mark LC Bemidji MN	Good Shepherd LC Cheyenne WY Pastor	1/14/2018
Rev James Tauscher	CRM	Our Savior LC Longmont CO Pastor; One-Year, Retirement Call	1/14/2018
Rev Timothy Westendorf	Abiding Word LC Highlands Ranch CO	Crown of Life LC Corona CA Pastor	1/14/2018

Rev Frederick Guldberg	Star of Bethlehem LC Winston Salem NC	Good Shepherd LC Omaha NE Pastor	1/15/2018
Rev Joel Schwartz	Peace LC Trinity FL	Shining Mountains LC Bozeman MT Pastor	1/15/2018
Rev Jason Baldwin	Hope LC Saint Charles MI	Lakeside Lutheran High School Lake Mills WI Teacher	1/16/2018
Rev Gary Pufahl	Christ LC Big Bend WI	St John LC Watertown WI Associate Pastor	1/17/2018
Rev Daniel Bondow	Grace LC Milwaukee WI	St Luke LC Watertown WI Associate Pastor	1/17/2018
Rev Philip Kieselhorst	Shepherd of the Valley LC Westminster CO	St Croix Lutheran Academy West Saint Paul MN Teacher; Religion	1/18/2018
Rev Mark Schroeder	Luther Preparatory School Watertown WI	Mt Calvary LC Redding CA Pastor	1/18/2018
Rev Kenneth Jahnke	Zoar LC & Paul the Apostle LC Detroit MI	Holy Cross LC Standish MI Pastor	1/21/2018

<b>Teachers</b>	<b>Current call</b>	<b>New call</b>	<b>Date issued</b>
Mrs Ruth Lee	Trinity LS Belle Plaine MN	Trinity LS Belle Plaine MN Teacher; Grades 1-2	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
Mr Joshua Metzger	Wisconsin Lutheran High School Milwaukee WI	St Marcus LS Milwaukee WI Teacher; Lead Religion & Catechism	12/21/2017

Ms Bethany Ehler	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
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
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 Jared Brennan	St Stephen LS Beaver Dam WI	Grace LS Oshkosh WI Teacher; Grade 5	1/14/2018

Mrs Cheryl Root		St Paul LS Green Bay WI Teacher; Grades 7-8, Part-Time Call	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 Jeffry Sell	Prince of Peace LS Taylorsville UT	Bay Pines LS Seminole FL Principal & Upper Grades	1/14/2018
Mrs Sarah Sell	Prince of Peace LS Taylorsville UT	Bay Pines LS Seminole FL Teacher; Kindergarten	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
Miss Sarah Krajewski	Lambs of Grace Child Development Center Charlotte NC	Grace LC Oshkosh WI ECM Teacher	1/14/2018
Miss Rebecca Gervais	Cornerstone Early Learning Center Hugo MN	St James Lutheran Preschool Portage MI ECM Director	1/14/2018
Mrs Heidi Leibl	Grace LS Oshkosh WI	Grace LS Oshkosh WI Teacher; Grade 6	1/14/2018
Mr Eric Paulsen	St Matthew's LS Oconomowoc WI	Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School New Ulm MN Teacher; Science	1/15/2018
Mrs Erin Laabs	Martin Luther College New Ulm MN	Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School New Ulm MN Teacher; English	1/15/2018
Mr Karl Schwerin	Fox Valley Lutheran High School Appleton WI	Lakeside Lutheran High School Lake Mills WI Teacher; Science	1/16/2018
Miss Rebecca Balge	Divine Savior Lutheran Academy Doral FL	Christ-St Peter LS-West Campus Milwaukee WI Teacher; English as a Second Language	1/16/2018
Mr Nate P Sievert	Grace LS Saint Joseph MI	Lakeside Lutheran High School Lake Mills WI Teacher; Math & Physical Education	1/16/2018
Mr Ryan Friske	Trinity LS Bay City MI	Zion LS Columbus WI Teacher; Grades 5-6	1/16/2018

Mrs Joanne Mattes	First German LS Manitowoc WI	First German LS Manitowoc WI Teacher; Grades 1-2	1/16/2018
Mr Peter Micheel	St Mark LS Eau Claire WI	First German LS Manitowoc WI Principal & Grades 7-8	1/16/2018
Mr Jon Engelbrecht	St Paul LS Wisconsin Rapids WI	Luther High School Onalaska WI Teacher; Dean of Students	1/16/2018
Mrs Sarah Roloff	Siloah LS Milwaukee WI	St Jacobi LS Greenfield WI Teacher; Grade 4	1/16/2018
Mr Richard Muchka	Morrison Zion LS Greenleaf WI	St Jacobi LS Greenfield WI Principal & Upper Grades; Departmentalized	1/16/2018
Mrs Jaime Drewitz	St John LS Libertyville IL	St Jacobi LS Greenfield WI Teacher; Grade 1	1/16/2018
Mrs Katherine Bravo	Christ-St Peter LS-West Campus Milwaukee WI	Christ-St Peter LS-West Campus Milwaukee WI Teacher; Grade 4	1/16/2018
Mr Samuel Hunter	Shoreland Lutheran High School Somers WI	Divine Savior Lutheran Academy Doral FL Teacher; High School English	1/17/2018
Mrs Marlee Hill	St Paul LS North Fond du Lac WI	St Matthew's LS Oconomowoc WI Teacher; Grade 5	1/17/2018
Miss Emily Gorzalski	Loving Shepherd LS Milwaukee WI	Divine Savior Lutheran Academy Doral FL Teacher; Grade 1	1/17/2018
Miss Catharyn Waggoner	Our Savior's LS Zion IL	Divine Savior Lutheran Academy Doral FL ECM Teacher	1/17/2018
Mr Justin Walz	St Paul LS Muskego WI	Wisconsin Lutheran High School Milwaukee WI Teacher; Theology	1/18/2018
Mrs Kayla Fry	Good Shepherd LS Burnsville MN	Faith LS Anchorage AK Teacher; Kindergarten	1/21/2018
Mr Daniel Hosbach	Emanuel First LS Lansing MI	Trinity LS Marinette WI Principal & Grades 5-8	1/21/2018
Mrs Jill Wolf	St John's LS Jefferson WI	Grace LS Portland OR Teacher; Lower Grades	1/21/2018



Mr Eric Wolf	Westside Christian School Middleton WI	Grace LS Portland OR Teacher; Middle Grades	1/21/2018
Mrs Sharon Anderson	Trinity Lutheran Preschool Belle Plaine MN	Trinity LC Belle Plaine MN Teacher; Kindergarten	1/21/2018
Mr Chad Grambsch	Zion LS Columbus WI	Trinity LS Belle Plaine MN Teacher; Grades 5-6	1/21/2018
Mrs Julie Stegman		St Paul LS South Haven MI Teacher; Kindergarten & Grade 1	1/21/2018
Mr Mark Thiesfeldt	Northdale LS Tampa FL	Risen Savior Christian Academy Pooler GA Principal & Grades 5-6	1/21/2018
Mrs Janell Brown	St Martin's LS Watertown SD	Christ the King School Palm Coast FL Teacher; Grade 1	1/21/2018
Mr Eric Brown	Great Plains Lutheran High School Watertown SD	Christ the King School Palm Coast FL Principal	1/21/2018
Mrs Ruth Vogt	East Fork LS Whiteriver AZ	Emmaus LC Phoenix AZ Teacher; Grades 1-2	1/21/2018
Mr Darren Vogt	East Fork LS Whiteriver AZ	Emmaus LC Phoenix AZ Teacher; Grades 5-6	1/21/2018
Mrs Katherine Alderman	St Matthew's LS Stoddard WI	St Matthew's LS Stoddard WI Teacher; Kindergarten- Grade 1	1/21/2018
Mrs Melissa Romberg	Riverview LS Appleton WI	Riverview LS Appleton WI ECM Teacher; Half-Time Call	1/21/2018
Mrs Melissa Brown	Riverview LS Appleton WI	Riverview LS Appleton WI ECM Teacher; One-Year, Half-Time Call	1/21/2018

<b>Staff Ministers</b>	<b>Current call</b>	<b>New call</b>	<b>Date issued</b>
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Mr Timothy Babler	Divine Savior Lutheran Academy Doral FL	St Mark LC De Pere WI Staff Minister	1/7/2018
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## **CALLS ACCEPTED**

<b>Pastors</b>	<b>Current call</b>	<b>New call</b>	<b>Date accepted</b>
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Rev Ronald Waterstradt	St Andrew LC Sacramento CA	St Andrew LC Sacramento CA Pastor; Retirement call	12/15/2017
Rev Aaron West	Asia Lutheran Seminary Board	St Matthew LC Spokane WA Pastor	1/15/2018
Rev Scott Miller	Immanuel LC South Lyon MI	Light of Life LC Greenwood IN Pastor	1/20/2018
Rev Stuart Turner	Northwestern Publishing House Milwaukee WI CRM	King of Kings LC Frankenmuth MI Pastor	1/20/2018

<b>Teachers</b>	<b>Current call</b>	<b>New call</b>	<b>Date accepted</b>
Mr Kurt Nielsen	Zion LS Monroe MI	Zion LS Monroe MI Teacher; Grades 3-5	1/14/2018
Mrs Nicole Hintz		Christ the King LS Bremerton WA ECM Teacher; One-Year, Half-Time Call	1/16/2018
Miss Karin Tiarks	Christ LS North Saint Paul MN	Mount Olive LS Appleton WI Teacher; Grade 3	1/18/2018
Ms Maria Gines	Zion LS Monroe MI	Zion LS Monroe MI ECM Director & Teacher	1/19/2018

<b>Staff Ministers</b>	<b>Current call</b>	<b>New call</b>	<b>Date accepted</b>
Mr James Schroeder	St Peter LC Modesto CA	Bay Pines LC Seminole FL Staff Minister & Upper Grade Teacher	1/19/2018

## **CALLS DECLINED**

<b>Pastors</b>	<b>Current call</b>	<b>New call</b>	<b>Date declined</b>
Rev Mark Parsons	Faith LC Fond du Lac WI	St Paul LC Grant Park IL Pastor	1/16/2018
Rev Thomas Meissner	Manitowoc Lutheran High School Manitowoc WI	Michigan Lutheran Seminary Saginaw MI Professor; German	1/17/2018
Rev John Koelpin	Calvary LC Dallas TX	St Paul LC Saginaw MI Associate Pastor	1/20/2018

Rev Kevin Westra	Beautiful Savior LC Grove City OH	St Paul LC Wisconsin Rapids WI Associate Pastor	1/21/2018
<b>Teachers</b>	<b>Current call</b>	<b>New call</b>	<b>Date declined</b>
Mrs Erin LaPointe	Zion LS Monroe MI	Zion LS Monroe MI Teacher; Grades 1-2	1/3/2018
Mr Timothy Mielke	Shoreland Lutheran High School Somers WI	Wisconsin Lutheran High School Milwaukee WI Teacher; Theology	1/16/2018
Ms Marla Ohrmundt		St John LS Montello WI ECM Director; Limited Duration Call	1/18/2018
Miss Rachel Kramer	St John LS Redwood Falls MN	St Paul LS Rapid City SD Teacher; Kindergarten	1/19/2018
Miss Sarah Seelow	St John's LS Burlington WI	Christ Our Savior Lutheran Preschool Rockford MI ECM Teacher	1/20/2018

## RESIGNED

<b>Teachers</b>	<b>Current call</b>	<b>Date resigned</b>
Mr David Snyder	Grace LS Saint Joseph MI	6/30/2018

## CALLED TO ETERNAL GLORY

<b>Pastors</b>	<b>Home church</b>	<b>Death date</b>
Rev Wernor Wagner	St John LC Milton WI	1/22/2018

<b>Teachers</b>	<b>Home church</b>	<b>Death date</b>
Mrs Rita Piepenbrink	Zion LC Crete IL	1/13/2018
Mrs Janet Seiltz	Crown of Life LC Hubertus WI	1/16/2018

## RETIREMENT

<b>Pastors</b>	<b>Current call</b>	<b>Date retired</b>
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Rev Dennis Valleau

Our Redeemer LC  
Wabasha MN  
Grace LC  
Nelson WI

1/28/2018

**Teachers**

**Current call**

**Date retired**

Ms Marcia Wendt

Trinity LS  
Brillion WI

6/30/2018

**LIMITED LENGTH CALL EXPIRED**

**Teachers**

**Current call**

**Date effective**

Mrs Jill Sarro

Christ the King LS  
Bremerton WA

6/30/2018