



## Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

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

7/24/2018 - 7/30/2018

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 Jonathan Bergemann | Trinity LC<br>Woodbridge VA                              | Good Shepherd LC<br>Downers Grove IL<br>Pastor                           | 6/5/2018    |
| Rev Timothy Flunker    | National Hispanic<br>Consultant                          | St Paul LC<br>Green Bay WI<br>Associate Pastor                           | 6/24/2018   |
| Rev Daniel Waldschmidt | St John LC<br>Burlington WI                              | Riverview LC<br>Appleton WI<br>Associate Pastor                          | 6/24/2018   |
| Rev John Raasch Sr     | Salem LC<br>Milwaukee WI                                 | Bethel LC<br>Menasha WI<br>Associate Pastor                              | 7/1/2018    |
| Rev Benjamin Kratz     | Our Savior LC<br>Birmingham AL                           | Trinity LC<br>Crete IL<br>Associate Pastor                               | 7/1/2018    |
| Rev Nathaniel Buchner  | Zion LC<br>Bonesteel SD<br>St Paul LC<br>Naper NE        | Good Shepherd LC<br>Omaha NE<br>Pastor                                   | 7/1/2018    |
| Rev Kevin Stellick     | Hong Kong Mission  | Nebraska Evangelical<br>Lutheran High School<br>Waco NE<br>Campus Pastor | 7/1/2018    |
| Rev Jason Enderle      | Trinity LC<br>Ashland WI<br>Our Savior LC<br>Phillips WI | Peace LC<br>Milbank SD<br>St John LC<br>Summit SD<br>Pastor              | 7/1/2018    |

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| Rev Benjamin Schaefer      | First German LC<br>Manitowoc WI                                     | Mt Calvary LC<br>Redding CA<br>Pastor                                     | 7/5/2018  |
| Rev Nathan Buege           | Victory of the Lamb LC<br>Katy TX                                   | Garden Homes LC<br>Milwaukee WI<br>Pastor                                 | 7/8/2018  |
| Rev Glenn Schwanke         | Peace LC<br>Houghton MI   | Zion LC<br>Rhineland WI<br>Associate Pastor                               | 7/8/2018  |
| Rev Gregory Tobison        | Grace LC<br>Hutchinson MN   | Grace LC<br>Tecumseh MI<br>Pastor   | 7/8/2018  |
| Rev Charles Iles Sr        | Wisconsin Lutheran<br>Institutional Ministries Inc<br>Oconomowoc WI | Beautiful Savior LC<br>Bella Vista-Hiwassee AR<br>Pastor; Retirement Call | 7/8/2018  |
| Rev Randall Siegel         | Apostles of Christ LC<br>Wauwatosa WI                               | Shepherd of the Hills LC<br>Fredericksburg TX<br>Pastor; Retirement Call  | 7/8/2018  |
| Rev Jonathan Micheel       | Prince of Peace LC<br>Salt Lake City UT                             | Heritage LC<br>Gilbert AZ<br>Pastor                                       | 7/8/2018  |
| Rev Troy Schreiner         | Mount Olive LC<br>Appleton WI                                       | Peace LC<br>Loves Park IL<br>Pastor                                       | 7/9/2018  |
| Rev Michael Kuschel        | St Matthew LC (Flora)<br>Renville MN &<br>Danube MN                 | Immanuel LC<br>South Lyon MI<br>Pastor                                    | 7/9/2018  |
| Rev Timothy Rosenow        | St Paul LC<br>Prescott WI   | St Paul LC<br>Onalaska WI<br>Associate Pastor                             | 7/10/2018 |
| Rev Aaron Bublitz          | Mt Lebanon LC<br>Milwaukee WI                                       | New Mission<br>Joplin MO<br>Pastor  | 7/10/2018 |
| Rev Benjamin Zahn          | Amazing Grace LC<br>Myrtle Beach SC                                 | Lamb of God LC<br>Lafayette IN<br>Pastor                                  | 7/11/2018 |
| Rev Joel Voss              | St Paul LC<br>Platteville WI<br>Faith LC<br>Lancaster WI            | Emanuel First LC<br>Lansing MI<br>Associate Pastor                        | 7/12/2018 |
| Rev Nathan Wagenknecht     | Multi-Language<br>Publications<br>El Paso TX                        | Faith LC<br>Anchorage AK<br>Associate Pastor                              | 7/15/2018 |
| Rev Keegan Dowling         | Abiding Word LC<br>Orleans ON Canada                                | Apostles LC<br>San Jose CA<br>Associate Pastor                            | 7/15/2018 |
| Rev Harland Goetzinger III | Redemption LC<br>Watertown NY                                       | New Hope LC<br>West Melbourne FL<br>Pastor                                | 7/15/2018 |

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| Rev Paul Schupmann      | St John's LC<br>Juneau WI                | St Matthew's LC<br>Niles IL<br>Pastor                                 | 7/15/2018 |
| Rev Abram Degner        | Christ the Lord LC<br>Houston TX         | CrossWalk Lutheran<br>Ministries<br>Laveen AZ<br>Pastor               | 7/15/2018 |
| Rev Earl Kriewall       | CRM                                      | Our Savior LC<br>Arlington TX<br>Associate Pastor; Part-<br>Time Call | 7/15/2018 |
| Rev Joshua Free         | Abiding Peace LC<br>Elgin IL             | St Paul's LC<br>Stevensville MI<br>Associate Pastor                   | 7/17/2018 |
| Rev Mark Schutz         | Hope LC<br>Spearfish SD                  | Mt Olive LC<br>Suamico WI<br>Associate Pastor                         | 7/17/2018 |
| Rev Michael Vogel       | St Paul LC<br>Calgary AB Canada          | St John LC<br>Peshtigo WI<br>Pastor                                   | 7/17/2018 |
| Rev Nathaniel Walther   | Grace LC<br>Minot ND                     | Zion LC<br>Hartland WI<br>Associate Pastor                            | 7/18/2018 |
| Rev Nathaniel Walther   | Grace LC<br>Minot ND                     | St John LC<br>Dowagiac MI<br>Pastor                                   | 7/18/2018 |
| Rev Timothy Spiegelberg | Carbon Valley LC<br>Firestone CO         | Our Shepherd LC<br>Crown Point IN<br>Pastor                           | 7/22/2018 |
| Rev Matthew Ewart       | Bethlehem LC<br>Lakeville MN             | Calvary LC<br>Sheboygan WI<br>Pastor                                  | 7/22/2018 |
| Rev Paul Meitner        | St Paul's First LC<br>North Hollywood CA | Good Shepherd LC<br>Sioux Falls SD<br>Associate Pastor                | 7/22/2018 |
| Rev Matthew Martz       | Lamb of God LC<br>Phoenix AZ             | St Mark LC<br>Duncanville TX<br>Pastor                                | 7/22/2018 |
| Rev John Borgwardt      | Living Word LC<br>Waukesha WI            | St Mark LC<br>Eau Claire WI<br>Associate Pastor                       | 7/23/2018 |
| Rev Steven Tews         | St Peter's LC<br>Balaton MN              | St John LC &<br>Trinity LC<br>Carson ND<br>Pastor                     | 7/23/2018 |
| Rev Timothy Gauger      | Christ Our Savior LC<br>Rockford MI      | St Peter LC<br>Weyauwega WI<br>Associate Pastor                       | 7/25/2018 |
| Rev Jesse Stern         | Peace LC<br>Boulder CO                   | New Mission<br>Reno NV<br>Pastor                                      | 7/25/2018 |

| Rev Joel Russow      | Faith LC<br>Tallahassee FL | Martin Luther College<br>New Ulm MN<br>Pastor; Admission<br>Counselor                | 7/29/2018          |
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| <b>Teachers</b>      | <b>Current call</b>        | <b>New call</b>  | <b>Date issued</b> |
| Ms Karen Kilchenmann |                            | Costa Maya Ministries<br>Director  | 6/21/2018          |
| Mr Karl Mantzke      |                            | St John's LS<br>Sparta WI<br>Teacher;<br>Departmentalized<br>Classes, Part-Time Call | 7/17/2018          |
| Mrs Elizabeth Laska  |                            | Siloah LS<br>Milwaukee WI<br>Teacher; Grades 3-4,<br>One-Year Call                   | 7/22/2018          |
| Mr Merlin Meitner    |                            | Cross of Glory LS<br>Peoria AZ<br>Teacher; Grades 5-8,<br>One-Year Call              | 7/25/2018          |

| <b>Staff Ministers</b> | <b>Current call</b>            | <b>New call</b>  | <b>Date issued</b> |
|------------------------|--------------------------------|--|--------------------|
| Mr Peter Wolfgramm     | Riverview LC<br>Appleton WI    | Pilgrim LC<br>Minneapolis MN<br>Development Director     | 7/29/2018          |
| Ms Kristen Koepsell    | Cross of Christ LC<br>Boise ID | Christ the Lord LC<br>Cottage Grove MN<br>Staff Minister | 7/29/2018          |

## **CALLS ACCEPTED**

| <b>Pastors</b>        | <b>Current call</b>      | <b>New call</b>                    | <b>Date accepted</b> |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Rev Michael Killinger | Immanuel LC<br>Gibbon MN | Bethel LC<br>Bay City MI<br>Pastor | 7/29/2018            |

| <b>Teachers</b>         | <b>Current call</b> | <b>New call</b>  | <b>Date accepted</b> |
|-------------------------|---------------------|--|----------------------|
| Ms Allison Bitcon       |                     | Apostles LS<br>San Jose CA<br>Teacher; Grade 2,<br>Provisional Call  | 6/17/2018            |
| Mrs Rebekah Bohlmann    |                     | Salem LS-Greenfield MN<br>Greenfield MN<br>Teacher;<br>Departmentalized<br>Classes, One-Year, Part-<br>Time Call | 7/15/2018            |
| Mrs Kristin Knickelbein |                     | St Mark LS<br>Eau Claire WI  | 7/24/2018            |

Teacher; Grades 4-6,  
One-Year Call

Mr Adam Mateske

Emanuel LS 7/26/2018  
New London WI  
Teacher; Upper Grades,  
One-Year Call

Mrs Cheryl Root

Shepherd of the Valley LS 7/28/2018  
Menasha WI  
Teacher; Half-Time Call

## CALLS DECLINED

| Pastors               | Current call                          | New call   | Date declined |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------------|--|---------------|
| Rev David Leistekow   | Immanuel LC<br>La Crosse WI           | St Paul LC<br>Stratford WI<br>Grace LC<br>Mosinee WI<br>Pastor | 7/24/2018     |
| Rev Paul Biedenbender | Christ LC<br>Denver CO                | Trinity LC<br>Waukesha WI<br>Pastor, Hispanic Outreach         | 7/26/2018     |
| Rev Matthew Sprunger  | Zion LC<br>Sanborn MN                 | St John LC<br>Bay City MI<br>Associate Pastor                  | 7/26/2018     |
| Rev Kent Holz         | Beautiful Savior LC<br>Clarksville TN | Trinity LC<br>El Paso TX<br>Pastor                             | 7/27/2018     |
| Rev Scott Oelhafen    | Trinity LC<br>Waukesha WI             | Paradise Valley LC<br>Phoenix AZ<br>Pastor                     | 7/27/2018     |
| Rev Michael Koepke    | Salem LC<br>Ann Arbor MI              | Grace LC<br>Milwaukee WI<br>Associate Pastor                   | 7/28/2018     |
| Rev Patrick Freese    | Trinity LC<br>Abita Springs LA        | Divine Peace LC<br>Renton WA<br>Pastor                         | 7/28/2018     |
| Rev Derek Bartelt     | Christ the Vine LC<br>Temecula CA     | Salem LC<br>Edmonds WA<br>Grace LC<br>Seattle WA<br>Pastor     | 7/28/2018     |
| Rev Andrew Retberg    | Good Shepherd LC<br>The Woodlands TX  | Bethlehem LC<br>Manassas VA<br>Pastor                          | 7/29/2018     |
| Rev Richard Starr     | Martin Luther College<br>New Ulm MN   | Ascension LC<br>Harrisburg PA<br>Pastor                        | 7/29/2018     |
| Staff Ministers       | Current call                          | New call   | Date declined |

**RESIGNED**

| <b>Pastors</b>     | <b>Current call</b>                         | <b>Date resigned</b> |
|--------------------|---|----------------------|
| Rev Arnold Kunde   | Grace LC<br>Durand MI                       | 7/22/2018            |
| <b>Teachers</b>    | <b>Current call</b>                         | <b>Date resigned</b> |
| Mrs Amber Jannusch | Loving Arms Child Care Center<br>Wichita KS | 7/31/2018            |

**MEDICAL LEAVE OF ABSENCE**

| <b>Pastors</b>  | <b>Current call</b>                         | <b>Date effective</b> |
|-----------------|---|-----------------------|
| Rev James Getka | Evergreen Lutheran High School<br>Tacoma WA |                       |

**SUSPENDED FROM WELS MINISTERIUM**

| <b>Pastors</b>      | <b>Current call</b>            | <b>Date effective</b> |
|---------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Rev Matthew DeNoyer | Bethany LC<br>Fort Atkinson WI | 7/20/2018             |

**CALLED TO ETERNAL GLORY**

| <b>Teachers</b>  | <b>Home congregation</b>   | <b>Date deceased</b> |
|------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|
| Mrs Alice Sebald | St John LC<br>Wauwatosa WI | 7/23/2018            |