



## Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

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

5/29/2018 - 6/4/2018

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 Michael Turriff    | Mt Calvary LC<br>Waukesha WI        | Beautiful Savior LC<br>Bella Vista-Hiwasse AR<br>Pastor; Part-Time Call                        | 4/22/2018   |
| Prof Ross Stelljes     | Martin Luther College<br>New Ulm MN | Martin Luther College<br>New Ulm MN<br>Professor; Theology                                     | 5/2/2018    |
| Rev Christopher Ewings | Faith LC<br>Anchorage AK            | CrossWalk Lutheran<br>Ministries<br>Laveen AZ<br>Pastor  | 5/8/2018    |
| Rev Mark Johnston      | Retired                             | Mt Calvary LC<br>Menasha WI<br>Associate Pastor;<br>Retirement Call                            | 5/13/2018   |
| Rev David Neumann      | Retired                             | Good Hope LC<br>Ellensburg WA<br>Good Faith LC<br>South Cle Elum WA<br>Pastor; Retirement Call | 5/14/2018   |
| Rev Timothy Bode       | Abiding Savior LC<br>Elk River MN   | Nebraska Evangelical<br>Lutheran High School<br>Waco NE<br>Pastor                              | 5/16/2018   |
| Rev Paul Seager        | Christ Alone LC<br>Fort Worth TX    | Apostles LC<br>San Jose CA<br>Associate Pastor   | 5/17/2018   |
| Rev Jonathan Hackbarth | Salem LC<br>Woodbury MN             | Zion LC<br>Rhineland WI<br>Associate Pastor  | 5/20/2018   |

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| Rev Roger Riedel      | Peace LC<br>Wautoma WI   | Grace LC<br>Oronoco MN<br>Pastor   | 5/20/2018 |
| Rev Daniel Lange      | Light of Life LC<br>Covington WA                                   | Grace LC<br>Vail AZ &<br>Benson AZ<br>Associate Pastor                           | 5/20/2018 |
| Rev Nicolas Schmoller | Lamb of God LC<br>Lafayette IN                                     | Martin Luther College<br>New Ulm MN<br>Professor; Theology &<br>Foreign Language | 5/21/2018 |
| Rev Andrew Schultz    | St John (Barre Mills) LC<br>La Crosse WI                           | Conference of Presidents<br>Christian Giving<br>Counselor SA & SC<br>Districts   | 5/23/2018 |
| Mr Joshua Zarling     | CRM  | Good Shepherd's LC<br>West Allis WI<br>Associate Pastor                          | 5/27/2018 |
| Rev Benjamin Wessel   | Woodlawn LC<br>West Allis WI                                       | Calvary LC<br>Sheboygan WI<br>Pastor   | 5/27/2018 |
| Rev Samuel Biebert    | Trinity LC &<br>St John LC<br>Carson ND<br>Immanuel LC<br>Elgin ND | Christ LC<br>Cambridge MN<br>Pastor  | 5/27/2018 |
| Rev Daniel Moll       | Gethsemane LC<br>Tigard OR   | Abiding Faith LC<br>Fort Worth TX<br>Pastor                                      | 5/27/2018 |
| Rev Timothy Wahl      | Morning Star LC<br>Jackson WI                                      | Grace LC<br>Tecumseh MI<br>Pastor  | 5/29/2018 |
| Rev Joel Naumann      | St Mark LC<br>Eau Claire WI  | St Paul's LC<br>Stevensville MI<br>Associate Pastor                              | 5/29/2018 |
| Rev David Mielke      | Christ LC<br>Oakley MI   | Trinity LC<br>El Paso TX<br>Pastor   | 5/29/2018 |
| Rev Jeremy Laitinen   | St Mark LC<br>Salina KS  | Paradise Valley LC<br>Phoenix AZ<br>Pastor                                       | 5/29/2018 |
| Rev David Barkow      | Christ the Lord LC<br>Cottage Grove MN                             | Bethel LC<br>Bay City MI<br>Pastor   | 5/30/2018 |
| Rev Richard Miller    | Redeemer LC<br>Scottville MI                                       | St John LC<br>Peshtigo WI<br>Pastor  | 5/30/2018 |
| Rev Peter Zaferos     | Living Shepherd LC<br>Laramie WY                                   | Garden Homes LC<br>Milwaukee WI<br>Pastor  | 5/30/2018 |

| Rev Jeremy Glowicki   | St Paul LC<br>Jordan MN              | Zion LC<br>Toledo OH<br>Pastor   | 5/31/2018          |
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| Rev Joshua Janke      | Risen Savior LC<br>Mc Farland WI     | St John LC<br>Dowagiac MI<br>Pastor  | 5/31/2018          |
| <b>Teachers</b>       | <b>Current call</b>                  | <b>New call</b>  | <b>Date issued</b> |
| Mrs Kelli Green       |                                      | Martin Luther College<br>New Ulm MN<br>Professor; Special<br>Education             | 4/12/2018          |
| Mrs Kathryn Schwartz  | Good Shepherd LS<br>Downers Grove IL | St Luke LS<br>Oakfield WI<br>Teacher; Grades 3-4                                   | 4/22/2018          |
| Mrs Jennifer Trimmer  | St Paul LS<br>Columbus OH            | Risen Savior LS<br>Milwaukee WI<br>Teacher; Grade 5                                | 4/29/2018          |
| Mrs Eileen Wassermann |                                      | Mt Olive LS<br>Delano MN<br>Teacher; Kindergarten-<br>Grade 2, Provisional Call    | 4/29/2018          |
| Mr Michael Wisniewski | Trinity LS<br>Marshfield WI          | Trinity LS<br>Marshfield WI<br>Principal   | 5/2/2018           |
| Mr Todd Dahlke        | Trinity LS<br>Marshfield WI          | Trinity LS<br>Marshfield WI<br>Teacher; Assistant<br>Principal                     | 5/2/2018           |
| Mr Adam Pavelchik     | Peace LS<br>Kissimmee FL             | St Marcus LS<br>Milwaukee WI<br>Teacher; Middle School                             | 5/8/2018           |
| Mrs Mandy Pavelchik   | Peace LS<br>Kissimmee FL             | St Marcus LS<br>Milwaukee WI<br>Teacher; Grade 4                                   | 5/8/2018           |
| Mrs Sarah Crass       |                                      | Christ Our Savior<br>Academy<br>Columbia TN<br>ECM Teacher                         | 5/13/2018          |
| Mrs Jennifer Hacker   |                                      | Trinity LS<br>Waukesha WI<br>Teacher; Grade 3                                      | 5/14/2018          |
| Mrs Valerie Schmidt   | Bethlehem LS-North<br>Germantown WI  | Bethlehem LS-North<br>Germantown WI<br>Teacher; Kindergarten,<br>Provisional Call  | 5/15/2018          |
| Mrs Cheryl Herriges   | Bethlehem LC<br>Menomonee Falls WI   | Bethlehem LS-North<br>Germantown WI<br>ECM Teacher; Part-Time,<br>Provisional Call | 5/15/2018          |
| Mr Glenn Metzger      | St John LS<br>Redwood Falls MN       | Grace LS<br>Saint Joseph MI  | 5/16/2018          |

Teacher; Grades 5-8,  
Departmentalized

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|------------------------|--|--|-----------|
| Mr Daniel Rick         | St John's LS<br>Sleepy Eye MN          | St Lucas LS<br>Kewaskum WI<br>Principal & Grades 5-6                                   | 5/16/2018 |
| Mrs Rebecca Metzger    |  | St Marcus LS<br>Milwaukee WI<br>Teacher; Provisional Call                              | 5/17/2018 |
| Mrs Nicole Steenbock   |  | St John LS<br>Maribel WI<br>Teacher; Kindergarten;<br>Half-Time Call                   | 5/20/2018 |
| Miss Ashley VanCalster | Crown of Life LS<br>West Saint Paul MN | Risen Savior LS<br>Milwaukee WI<br>Teacher; Grade 2                                    | 5/20/2018 |
| Miss Kimberly Ehlike   | Trinity LS<br>Caledonia WI             | Apostles LC<br>San Jose CA<br>Teacher; Grade 2   | 5/20/2018 |
| Mr Kenneth Kasten      |  | Trinity LS<br>Neenah WI<br>Principal; One-Year,<br>Retirement Call                     | 5/20/2018 |
| Mr Scott Schomberg     | St Matthew's LS<br>Winona MN           | St John LS<br>Montello WI<br>Principal & Upper Grades                                  | 5/20/2018 |
| Mr Kyle Raymond        | Peace LS<br>Sun Prairie WI             | Emanuel LC<br>New London WI<br>Principal   | 5/20/2018 |
| Mr Ronald Schleef      |  | Holy Cross LS<br>Madison WI<br>Teacher; Grade 5  | 5/20/2018 |
| Mr Daniel Plath        | Crown of Life LS<br>West Saint Paul MN | Apostles LS<br>San Jose CA<br>Principal  | 5/20/2018 |
| Mrs Beth Plath         | Crown of Life LS<br>West Saint Paul MN | Apostles LS<br>San Jose CA<br>Teacher; Grade 4   | 5/20/2018 |
| Mrs Madeline Jenswold  |  | Mt Olive LS<br>Overland Park KS<br>Teacher   | 5/20/2018 |
| Mrs Meredith Heyn      | Immanuel LS<br>Greenville WI           | Immanuel LS<br>Greenville WI<br>Teacher; Kindergarten,<br>One-Year, Half-Time Call     | 5/20/2018 |
| Mr Shawn Herkstroeter  | Faith LS<br>Fond du Lac WI             | Kettle Moraine Lutheran<br>High School<br>Jackson WI<br>Teacher; Physical<br>Education | 5/21/2018 |
| Mrs Rebekah Fincham    | Gethsemane LS<br>Omaha NE              | St John LS<br>Manitowoc WI   | 5/22/2018 |

Teacher; Middle Grades &  
Extended Learning

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|-----------------------|--|---|-----------|
| Miss Kaylen Orr       | Building Blocks Christian<br>Academy<br>Los Angeles CA | Pilgrim LS<br>Menomonee Falls WI<br>ECM Director  | 5/22/2018 |
| Mrs Adrienne Bengel   | St Mark LS<br>Citrus Heights CA                        | St Mark LS<br>Citrus Heights CA<br>Teacher; Kindergarten,<br>One-Year Call                            | 5/22/2018 |
| Mrs Melissa Linton    |  | Good Shepherd LS<br>West Bend WI<br>Teacher; Upper Grades,<br>Departmentalized, Part-<br>Time Call    | 5/22/2018 |
| Ms Rachel Bonow       |  | East Fork Lutheran High<br>School<br>Whiteriver AZ<br>Teacher; Provisional Call                       | 5/23/2018 |
| Mrs Katherine Martin  |  | Crown of Life Christian<br>Academy<br>Fort Atkinson WI<br>ECM Teacher; Part-Time,<br>Provisional Call | 5/23/2018 |
| Mrs Jennifer Fager    |  | Zion LS<br>Monroe MI<br>Teacher; Kindergarten,<br>Half-Time, Provisional<br>Call                      | 5/27/2018 |
| Mr Jonathan Lindemann | St Paul LS<br>Ixonia WI                                | St Paul LS<br>Howards Grove WI<br>Teacher; Grades 5-6   | 5/27/2018 |
| Mr Timothy Payne      | St John's LS<br>Newburg WI                             | St John LS<br>Baraboo WI<br>Principal   | 5/27/2018 |
| Mr Joel Putz          | Immanuel LS<br>Manitowoc WI                            | St John LS<br>Caledonia MN<br>Teacher; Grades 3-4   | 5/27/2018 |
| Ms Lisa Fletcher      |  | St John's LS<br>Sparta WI<br>Teacher; Kindergarten  | 5/27/2018 |
| Mrs Alicia Manning    | Resurrection LC<br>Verona WI                           | Small Steps Christian<br>Learning Center<br>Port Orange FL<br>ECM Teacher; Provisional<br>Call        | 5/27/2018 |
| Miss Rachel Petermann | Trinity LS<br>Kiel WI                                  | Samuel LS<br>Marshall MN<br>Teacher; Kindergarten   | 5/28/2018 |
| Ms Talia Spiegelberg  |  | St Paul LS<br>Muskego WI<br>Teacher; Grade 2,<br>Provisional Call                                     | 5/29/2018 |

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| Mrs Bethany Walsh       |                                     | Bethlehem LS-North<br>Germantown WI<br>ECM Director                                | 5/29/2018 |
| Mr Scott Nerby          | Zion LS 3K-8th Grade<br>Hartland WI | St Paul LS<br>Tomah WI<br>Teacher; Grades 5-6                                      | 5/29/2018 |
| Mr Jay Schwall          | Lamb of God LS<br>West Allis WI     | Lamb of God LS<br>West Allis WI<br>Principal & Grades 7-8,<br>One-Year Call        | 5/29/2018 |
| Mr Timothy Kassulke     | St Mark's LS<br>Watertown WI        | Trinity LS<br>Brillion WI<br>Principal   | 5/29/2018 |
| Mrs Tammie Kassulke     | St Mark's LS<br>Watertown WI        | Trinity LS<br>Brillion WI<br>Teacher; Grades 3-4                                   | 5/29/2018 |
| Mrs Jennifer Kellermann | Grace Lutheran Academy<br>Lowell AR | Good Shepherd LS<br>Midland MI<br>Teacher; Kindergarten-<br>Grade 2, One-Year Call | 5/29/2018 |
| Mrs Amanda Johnson      | Trinity LS<br>Brillion WI           | Trinity LS<br>Brillion WI<br>ECM & Resource Teacher;<br>Half-Time Call             | 5/29/2018 |
| Mr Aaron Krause         | Bethany LS<br>Manitowoc WI          | St Paul LS<br>Livonia MI<br>Principal  | 5/30/2018 |
| Mr Ryan Buch            |                                     | Siloah LS<br>Milwaukee WI<br>Principal; Provisional Call                           | 5/31/2018 |
| Mr Mark Dobberstein     | Christ LS<br>North Saint Paul MN    | St Paul LS<br>Fort Atkinson WI<br>Principal & Grades 5-8;<br>Departmentalized      | 5/31/2018 |
| Miss Elaina Mercier     |                                     | Little Lambs Learning<br>Center<br>Duluth MN<br>ECM Director                       | 5/31/2018 |
| Ms Cait Eisner          |                                     | Trinity LS<br>Belle Plaine MN<br>ECM Teacher; One-Year<br>Call                     | 6/3/2018  |
| Ms Stacie Bauman        |                                     | Good Shepherd LS<br>Downers Grove IL<br>Teacher; Kindergarten,<br>Provisional Call | 6/3/2018  |
| Mrs Sarah Augustine     |                                     | Bethany LS<br>Manitowoc WI<br>Teacher Grade 2                                      | 6/3/2018  |
| Mr Craig Winkler        | St Peter LS<br>Helenville WI        | Trinity LS<br>Marinette WI<br>Principal & Grades 5-8                               | 6/3/2018  |

| Mrs Connie Krueger     | Trinity LS<br>Jenera OH           | Trinity LS<br>Jenera OH<br>Teacher; Grades 1-2                                     | 6/3/2018           |
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| Mrs Ann Parker         |                                   | St Paul LC<br>Saint James MN<br>Teacher; Upper Grades,<br>One-Year, Half-Time Call | 6/3/2018           |
| Mrs Beth Kramp         | Redeemer LS<br>Fond du Lac WI     | Faith of a Child Daycare<br>Oshkosh WI<br>ECM Director                             | 6/3/2018           |
| <b>Staff Ministers</b> | <b>Current call</b>               | <b>New call</b>  | <b>Date issued</b> |
| Mr David Hochmuth      | St Andrew LC<br>Middleton WI      | Prison Ministry<br>New Ulm MN<br>Administrator, Prison<br>Ministry                 | 5/23/2018          |
| Dr Scott Gostchock     | Grace in Action<br>Minneapolis MN | Pilgrim LC<br>Minneapolis MN<br>Development Director                               | 6/3/2018           |

## CALLS ACCEPTED

| <b>Teachers</b>       | <b>Current call</b>                         | <b>New call</b>  | <b>Date accepted</b> |
|-----------------------|---|--|----------------------|
| Mr Gregory Thiesfeldt | St Paul LS<br>New Ulm MN                    | St Mark LS<br>Citrus Heights CA<br>Principal                                   | 5/25/2018            |
| Mr Kenneth Proeber    |   | Christ the Lord LS<br>Brookfield WI<br>Principal (Interim);<br>Retirement Call | 5/28/2018            |
| Mrs Karena Falck      | Shepherd of the Valley LS<br>Westminster CO | Illinois Lutheran<br>Elementary School<br>Crete IL<br>Teacher; Grade 4         | 5/29/2018            |
| Mrs Rachel Neumann    | St Paul LS<br>Tomah WI                      | St Paul LS<br>Tomah WI<br>Teacher; Release-Time,<br>Part-Time Call             | 5/29/2018            |
| Ms Amy Gosch          | St John LS<br>Goodhue MN                    | Salem LS<br>Stillwater MN<br>ECM Teacher                                       | 5/30/2018            |
| Mrs Angela Frey       |   | Mt Olive LS<br>Overland Park KS<br>ECM Teacher; One-Year<br>Call               | 5/30/2018            |
| Mr Adam Wiechmann     | West Lutheran High<br>School<br>Plymouth MN | Arizona Lutheran<br>Academy<br>Phoenix AZ<br>Teacher; Science                  | 5/31/2018            |
| Mrs Sara Makinen      |   | St John LC<br>Libertyville IL  | 5/31/2018            |

ECM Teacher; One-Year  
Call

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| Ms Meredith Pucci  |   | Westside Christian School<br>Middleton WI<br>Associate Principal;<br>Provisional Call                    | 5/31/2018 |
| Mrs Robin Paustian |   | St John LS<br>Redwood Falls MN<br>Teacher; Grade 1   | 6/1/2018  |
| Miss Heather Voss  |   | Garden Homes LS<br>Milwaukee WI<br>Teacher; Grade 2,<br>Provisional Call                                 | 6/2/2018  |
| Prof Rebecca Berg  | Michigan Lutheran<br>Seminary<br>Saginaw MI | Minnesota Valley<br>Lutheran High School<br>New Ulm MN<br>Teacher; English, One-<br>Year, Part-Time Call | 6/3/2018  |
| Mrs Eileen Karow   |   | Peace LS<br>Sun Prairie WI<br>Teacher; Grade 2, One-<br>Year Call  | 6/3/2018  |
| Mrs Karyn Clemons  |   | Minnesota Valley<br>Lutheran High School<br>New Ulm MN<br>Teacher; English, One-<br>Year, Part-Time Call | 6/3/2018  |
| Mr Cody Harms      | St Marcus LS<br>Milwaukee WI                | Atonement LS<br>Milwaukee WI<br>Teacher; Dean of<br>Students, Provisional Call                           | 6/3/2018  |

## CALLS DECLINED

| Pastors              | Current call                        | New call   | Date declined |
|----------------------|-------------------------------------|--|---------------|
| Rev Nickolas Haasch  | Trinity LC<br>Sturgis SD            | Heritage LC<br>Gilbert AZ<br>Pastor                    | 5/29/2018     |
| Rev Jonathan Fischer | Resurrection LC<br>Chesapeake VA    | Good Shepherd LC<br>Sioux Falls SD<br>Associate Pastor | 6/1/2018      |
| Rev Patrick Wilcox   | Good Shepherd's LC<br>West Allis WI | Riverview LC<br>Appleton WI<br>Associate Pastor        | 6/2/2018      |
| Rev Jonathan Scharf  | Abiding Grace LC<br>Covington GA    | Grace LC<br>Milwaukee WI<br>Associate Pastor           | 6/3/2018      |

  

| Teachers         | Current call | New call                 | Date declined |
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| Ms Kelly Henning |              | St Paul LS<br>Muskego WI | 5/22/2018     |



Teacher; Grade 2,  
Provisional Call

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| Mr Anthony Perry     | Salem LS<br>Owosso MI                                | St Stephen LS<br>Beaver Dam WI<br>Principal & Upper Grades;<br>Departmentalized   | 5/23/2018 |
| Mr Daniel Kasten     | Bethlehem LS<br>Hortonville WI                       | Mt Calvary LS<br>Waukesha WI<br>Teacher; Grade 4                                  | 5/26/2018 |
| Miss Elaina Mercier  |  | Faith of a Child Daycare<br>Oshkosh WI<br>ECM Director                            | 5/29/2018 |
| Mrs Megan Plocher    | Kettle Moraine Lutheran<br>High School<br>Jackson WI | Good Shepherd LS<br>Midland MI<br>Teacher; Kindergarten-<br>Grade 2               | 5/29/2018 |
| Mr Blair Schaper     | Wisconsin Lutheran High<br>School<br>Milwaukee WI    | St John LS<br>Libertyville IL<br>Teacher; Grades 7-8                              | 5/31/2018 |
| Mrs Sara Makinen     |  | Our Savior's LS<br>Zion IL<br>Teacher; Kindergarten-<br>Grade 2                   | 5/31/2018 |
| Mr Galen Holzhueter  | Martin Luther College<br>New Ulm MN                  | Costa Maya Ministries<br>Director   | 5/31/2018 |
| Ms Laura Bodendorfer | St Paul LS<br>East Troy WI                           | Mt Calvary LS<br>Waukesha WI<br>Teacher; Grade 2,<br>Provisional Call             | 6/3/2018  |
| Mrs Jill Hagen       |  | Shepherd of the Valley LS<br>Menasha WI<br>Teacher; Grades 7-8,<br>Part-Time Call | 6/4/2018  |

## RESIGNED

| Pastors         | Current call                                 | Date resigned |
|-----------------|--|---------------|
| Rev Joel Suckow | Northland Lutheran High School<br>Mosinee WI | 6/30/2018     |

## CALLED TO ETERNAL GLORY

| Teachers        | Home church                 | Death date |
|-----------------|-----------------------------|------------|
| Mrs Mary Cuff   | Eastside LC<br>Madison WI   | 5/10/2018  |
| Mr Dale Oechler | St Peter LS<br>Weyauwega WI | 5/27/2018  |

## RETIREMENT

| Pastors             | Current call                      | Date retired |
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| Rev Joseph Schlawin | Our Shepherd LC<br>Crown Point IN | 5/31/2018    |
| Rev Stephen Smith   | Immanuel LC<br>Buffalo MN         | 7/31/2018    |

| Teachers             | Current call                    | Date retired |
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| Mr Roger Kramp       | Martin Luther LS<br>Neenah WI   | 6/1/2018     |
| Mrs Marilyn Schwanke | St Peter LS<br>Weyauwega WI     | 6/30/2018    |
| Mrs Hope Bourman     | Resurrection LS<br>Rochester MN | 6/30/2018    |

## LIMITED LENGTH CALL EXPIRED

| Teachers          | Current call                  | Date effective |
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| Mrs Katrina Brohn | Morning Star LS<br>Jackson WI | 6/30/2018      |