



Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

Pastor, teacher, and staff minister call report

8/7/2018 - 8/13/2018

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

Note: *From now on, deaths reported on the call report will only be for called workers who are actively serving at the time of their death or for those who have retired from active ministry. This reflects the current Yearbook policy set by the Conference of Presidents.*

NO DECISION REPORTED

Pastors	Current call	New call	Date issued
Rev Kevin Stellick	Hong Kong Mission	Nebraska Evangelical Lutheran High School Waco NE Campus Pastor	7/1/2018
Rev Jonathan Micheel	Prince of Peace LC Salt Lake City UT	Heritage LC Gilbert AZ Pastor	7/8/2018
Rev Nathan Wagenknecht	Multi-Language Publications El Paso TX	Faith LC Anchorage AK Associate Pastor	7/15/2018
Rev Keegan Dowling	Abiding Word LC Orleans ON Canada	Apostles LC San Jose CA Associate Pastor	7/15/2018
Rev Abram Degner	Christ the Lord LC Houston TX	CrossWalk Lutheran Ministries Laveen AZ Pastor	7/15/2018
Rev Joshua Free	Abiding Peace LC Elgin IL	St Paul's LC Stevensville MI Associate Pastor	7/17/2018
Rev Mark Schutz	Hope LC Spearfish SD	Mt Olive LC Suamico WI Associate Pastor	7/17/2018
Rev Nathaniel Walther	Grace LC Minot ND	Zion LC Hartland WI Associate Pastor	7/18/2018

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Rev Matthew Martz	Lamb of God LC Phoenix AZ	St Mark LC Duncanville TX Pastor	7/22/2018
Rev John Borgwardt	Living Word LC Waukesha WI	St Mark LC Eau Claire WI Associate Pastor	7/23/2018
Rev Steven Tews	St Peter's LC Balaton MN	St John LC & Trinity LC Carson ND Pastor	7/23/2018
Rev Joel Russow	Faith LC Tallahassee FL	Martin Luther College New Ulm MN Pastor; Admission Counselor	7/29/2018
Rev Stephen Helwig	Gethsemane LC Omaha NE	Trinity LC Kiel WI Pastor	7/29/2018
Rev Dustin Bergene	Christ the Redeemer LC Barre VT	Peace LC Kokomo IN Pastor	7/29/2018
Rev Thomas Westra	Beautiful Savior LC Cincinnati OH	Bethlehem LC Menomonee Falls WI Associate Pastor	7/29/2018
Rev Joel Jenswold	Bethlehem LC Hortonville WI	Lord of Love LC De Forest WI Associate Pastor	7/29/2018
Rev Matthew Holtz	Shepherd of the Hills LC Greeley CO	St Paul LC Appleton WI Associate Pastor	7/29/2018
Rev Nathan Kassulke	Grace LC Tucson AZ	Faith LC Tacoma WA Pastor	7/29/2018
Rev Frank Rose	Zion LC & St John LC Kingston WI	Amazing Grace LC Panama City FL Pastor	7/30/2018
Rev Mark Parsons	Faith LC Fond du Lac WI	New Mission Brandon SD Pastor	7/31/2018
Rev Neal Behm	English LC Viroqua WI	Holy Cross LC Daggett MI St Mark LC Wallace MI Pastor	8/1/2018
Rev Seth Georgson	Immanuel LC Springerville AZ Immanuel LC Taylor AZ	Martin Luther LC Saint Louis MO Pastor	8/2/2018

Rev Richard Warnecke	Christ LC Pewaukee WI	Christ LC Merrill WI Pastor	8/5/2018
Rev Joel Thomford	Zion LC Chesaning MI	Immanuel LC Buffalo MN Pastor	8/5/2018
Rev Joel Schwartz	Peace LC Trinity FL	Grace LC Oshkosh WI Associate Pastor	8/5/2018
Rev David Frey	Living Word LC Mission Viejo CA	Peace LC Wautoma WI Pastor	8/5/2018
Rev Thomas Engelbrecht	Christ LC Pewaukee WI	Zion LC Greenleaf WI Associate Pastor	8/5/2018
Rev Neil Birkholz	Hong Kong Mission	Grace LC Vail AZ & Benson AZ Associate Pastor	8/5/2018
Rev George Swanson	Shepherd LC Albuquerque NM	Beautiful Savior LC Bella Vista-Hiwasse AR Pastor; Retirement Call	8/5/2018
Rev Jonathan Bourman	Peace LC Aiken SC	Pilgrim LC Menomonee Falls WI Pastor	8/6/2018
Rev Michael Lindemann	St John LC Lewiston MN	Paradise Valley LC Phoenix AZ Pastor	8/6/2018
Rev Gary Kluball	King of Kings LC Clifton Park NY	Conference of Presidents Christian Giving Counselor	8/7/2018
Rev Frederick Voss	Shepherd of the Hills LC Anchorage AK	Trinity LC El Paso TX Pastor	8/7/2018
Rev Matthew Westra	Living Promise LC Morristown TN	Ascension LC Harrisburg PA Pastor	8/8/2018
Rev Jason Baldwin	Hope LC Saint Charles MI	Michigan Lutheran Seminary Saginaw MI Pastor	8/9/2018
Rev Michael Sullivan	Immanuel LC Kewaunee WI	Divine Word LC Nepean ON Canada Pastor	8/12/2018
Rev Caleb Bassett	Redeemer LC Fallbrook CA	Bethlehem LC Manassas VA Pastor	8/12/2018

Teachers	Current call	New call	Date issued
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Mrs Katie Olson		First LS La Crosse WI	8/5/2018
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Teacher; Grades 5-6,
One-Year, Part-Time Call

Mr Christian Birsching

Siloah LS
Milwaukee WI
Teacher; Grades 5-6

8/12/2018

Ms Joy Pelke

St John LS
Westland MI
ECM Director; Provisional
Call

8/12/2018

Staff Ministers	Current call	New call	Date issued
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Mr Kevin Walker

Cross of Life LC
Mississauga ON Canada

Bethlehem LC
Germantown WI
ECM Director

7/29/2018

Mr Peter Wolfgramm

Riverview LC
Appleton WI

Pilgrim LC
Minneapolis MN
Development Director

7/29/2018

Ms Kristen Koepsell

Cross of Christ LC
Boise ID

Christ the Lord LC
Cottage Grove MN
Staff Minister

7/29/2018

CALLS ACCEPTED

Pastors	Current call	New call	Date accepted
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Rev Jonathan Bergemann

Trinity LC
Woodbridge VA

Good Shepherd LC
Downers Grove IL
Pastor

8/9/2018

Teachers	Current call	New call	Date accepted
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Mrs Joanna Hafner

Grace LS
Portland OR
Teacher; Grades 2-3,
Provisional Call

8/7/2018

Mr Karl Mantzke

St John's LS
Sparta WI
Teacher;
Departmentalized
Classes, Part-Time Call

8/8/2018

Mrs Sarah Tonn

St Paul LS
Muskego WI
Teacher; Grade 1, Half-
Time, Provisional Call

8/9/2018

Mrs Sara Bauer

Garden Homes LS
Milwaukee WI
Teacher; Grade 5, One-
Year, Provisional Call

8/12/2018

Mrs Carrie Schumacher

Garden Homes LS
Milwaukee WI
Teacher; Grades 5-6,
Departmentalized, Part-
Time Call

8/12/2018

CALLS DECLINED

Pastors	Current call	New call	Date declined
Rev Randall Siegel	Apostles of Christ LC Wauwatosa WI	Shepherd of the Hills LC Fredericksburg TX Pastor; Retirement Call	8/8/2018
Rev Michael Vogel	St Paul LC Calgary AB Canada	St John LC Peshtigo WI Pastor	8/8/2018
Rev Timothy Gauger	Christ Our Savior LC Rockford MI	St Peter LC Weyauwega WI Associate Pastor	8/9/2018
Rev Timothy Spiegelberg	Carbon Valley LC Firestone CO	Our Shepherd LC Crown Point IN Pastor	8/10/2018
Rev Jesse Stern	Peace LC Boulder CO	New Mission Reno NV Pastor	8/10/2018
Rev Harland Goetzinger III	Redemption LC Watertown NY	New Hope LC West Melbourne FL Pastor	8/10/2018
Rev Glenn Schwanke	Peace LC Houghton MI	Zion LC Rhineland WI Associate Pastor	8/11/2018
Rev Nathan Buege	Victory of the Lamb LC Katy TX	Garden Homes LC Milwaukee WI Pastor	8/11/2018
Rev Aaron Bublitz	Mt Lebanon LC Milwaukee WI	New Mission Joplin MO Pastor	8/11/2018
Rev Matthew Ewart	Bethlehem LC Lakeville MN	Calvary LC Sheboygan WI Pastor	8/11/2018
Rev Paul Schupmann	St John's LC Juneau WI	St Matthew's LC Niles IL Pastor	8/11/2018
Rev Brian Diring	Our Shepherd LC Lancaster CA	Friendly Counselor India	8/11/2018
Rev Paul Meitner	St Paul's First LC North Hollywood CA	Good Shepherd LC Sioux Falls SD Associate Pastor	8/12/2018

RESIGNED

Teachers	Current call	Date resigned
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Mrs Michelle Hagewood	Divine Grace LS Lake Orion MI	6/30/2018
Mrs Jessica Killinger	Immanuel LS Gibbon MN	7/31/2018
Mrs Carrie Schumacher	Atonement LS Milwaukee WI	7/31/2018
Ms Ashley McNair	Garden Homes LS Milwaukee WI	8/8/2018

Staff Ministers	Current call	Date resigned
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Mr Daniel Krause	St Mark LC De Pere WI	8/30/2018
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RETIREMENT

Teachers	Current call	Date retired
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Miss Linda Martens	St Paul LS Muskego WI	6/30/2018
Mrs Karen Kehl	Immanuel LS Manitowoc WI	6/30/2019

Staff Ministers	Current call	Date retired
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Mr Robert Garbe	Centennial LC Milwaukee WI	12/31/2018
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