



Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

Pastor, teacher, and staff minister call report

8/21/2018 - 8/27/2018

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: *Due to the upcoming holiday, the next call report will be posted on Tuesday, September 4, 2018.*

NO DECISION REPORTED

Pastors	Current call	New call	Date issued
Rev Matthew Martz	Lamb of God LC Phoenix AZ	St Mark LC Duncanville TX Pastor	7/22/2018
Rev Joel Russow	Faith LC Tallahassee FL	Martin Luther College New Ulm MN Pastor; Admission Counselor	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 Nathan Kassulke	Grace LC Tucson AZ	Faith LC Tacoma WA Pastor	7/29/2018
Rev Mark Parsons	Faith LC Fond du Lac WI	New Mission Brandon SD Pastor	7/31/2018
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 George Swanson	Shepherd LC Albuquerque NM	Beautiful Savior LC Bella Vista-Hiwasse AR Pastor; Retirement Call	8/5/2018
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 Pastor; Christian Giving Counselor	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 Jeremy Husby	Peace LC Hartford WI	St Paul LC Onalaska WI Associate Pastor	8/12/2018
Rev Curt Grube	Retired	Emanuel LC Forestville WI Pastor; Retirement Call	8/12/2018
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
Rev Scott Schwertfeger	Zion LC Arlington WI	Grace LC Tecumseh MI Pastor	8/13/2018
Rev Aaron Boehm	Shepherd of the Hills LC La Mesa CA	Shoreland Lutheran High School Somers WI Pastor; Youth Ministry Director	8/13/2018
Rev Patrick Feldhus	St John LC Cornell WI	The Lutheran Home Hope Residence Belle Plaine MN Pastor; Jesus Cares Ministry Chaplain	8/14/2018
Rev Aaron Schumann	Faith LC Pittsburg KS	Lamb of God LC Lafayette IN Pastor	8/15/2018

Rev Philip Gurgel	St John LC Newark DE	Trinity LC Waukesha WI Pastor	8/19/2018
Rev Nathan Nass	St Peter LC Saint Peter MN	St Paul LC Green Bay WI Associate Pastor	8/19/2018
Rev Philip Gurgel	St John LC Newark DE	Riverview LC Appleton WI Associate Pastor	8/19/2018
Rev Gary Wong	Retired	Zion LC New Ulm MN Pastor; Retirement Call	8/19/2018
Rev Joel Voss	Resurrection LC Centerville OH	Peace LC Loves Park IL Pastor	8/19/2018
Rev Philip Bigelow	St John LC Hemlock MI	Zion LC Olivia MN Pastor	8/19/2018
Rev Peter Kesting	Zion LC Fremont WI	Peace LC Milbank SD St John LC Summit SD Pastor	8/19/2018
Rev Paul Vander Galien	Salem LC Lowell WI	St Paul LC Stratford WI Grace LC Mosinee WI Pastor	8/20/2018
Rev Jay Bickelhaupt	Apostles LC Billings MT	Immanuel LC South Lyon MI Pastor	8/21/2018
Rev David Rosenau	St Mark LC Leesburg FL	Good Shepherd LC Cedar Rapids IA Pastor	8/22/2018
Rev Kent Reeder	Illumine LC Rock Hill SC	Grace LC Seattle WA Pastor	8/22/2018
Rev Kirk Lahmann	St John LC Burlington WI	St John LC Watertown WI Associate Pastor	8/23/2018
Rev Joel Heckendorf	Immanuel LC Greenville WI	Light of the Valleys LC Reno NV Pastor	8/23/2018
Rev David Koelpin	Living Savior LC Littleton CO	New Mission Joplin MO Pastor	8/24/2018
Teachers	Current call	New call	Date issued
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
Mrs Naomi Evenson	Prairie LS Gibbon MN ECM Teacher; Less Than Half-Time Call	8/23/2018
Mrs Alexa Foelske	St John LS Wrightstown WI ECM Teacher; One-Year, Three Quarter-Time Call	8/26/2018

Staff Ministers	Current call	New call	Date issued
Mr Kevin Walker	Cross of Life LC Mississauga ON Canada	Bethlehem LC Germantown WI ECM 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
Mr Nathan Voss		St Paul LC North Mankato MN Staff Minister	8/16/2018
Mr Steven Millerman		CrossWalk Lutheran Ministries Laveen AZ Staff Minister; Director of Worship Arts	8/20/2018
Mr James Brandt		Pilgrim LC Minneapolis MN Development Director	8/26/2018

CALLS ACCEPTED

Pastors	Current call	New call	Date accepted
Rev Andrew Glende	CRM	Lighthouse Youth Center Milwaukee WI Pastor	8/16/2018
Rev Kevin Stellick	Hong Kong Mission	Nebraska Evangelical Lutheran High School Waco NE Campus Pastor	8/25/2018
Rev Seth Georgson	Immanuel LC Springerville AZ & Taylor AZ	Martin Luther LC Saint Louis MO Pastor	8/25/2018
Rev Matthew Holtz	Shepherd of the Hills LC Greeley CO	St Paul LC Appleton WI Associate Pastor	8/26/2018

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Mrs Jacqueline Unke

Water of Life LS
Las Vegas NV
ECM Teacher; Half-Time,
Provisional Call

8/20/2018

CALLS DECLINED

Pastors	Current call	New call	Date declined
Rev Joshua Free	Abiding Peace LC Elgin IL	St Paul's LC Stevensville MI Associate Pastor	8/18/2018
Rev Nathaniel Walther	Grace LC Minot ND	St John LC Dowagiac MI Pastor	8/21/2018
Rev Nathaniel Walther	Grace LC Minot ND	Zion LC Hartland WI Associate Pastor	8/22/2018
Rev Neil Birkholz	Hong Kong Mission	Grace LC Vail AZ & Benson AZ Associate Pastor	8/23/2018
Rev Dustin Bergene	Christ the Redeemer LC Barre VT	Peace LC Kokomo IN Pastor	8/23/2018
Rev Neal Behm	English LC Viroqua WI	Holy Cross LC Daggett MI St Mark LC Wallace MI Pastor	8/23/2018
Rev Frank Rose	Zion LC & St John LC Kingston WI	Amazing Grace LC Panama City FL Pastor	8/23/2018
Rev Mark Schutz	Hope LC Spearfish SD	Mt Olive LC Suamico WI Associate Pastor	8/24/2018
Rev Thomas Engelbrecht	Christ LC Pewaukee WI	Zion LC Greenleaf WI Associate Pastor	8/24/2018
Rev Frederick Voss	Shepherd of the Hills LC Anchorage AK	Trinity LC El Paso TX Pastor	8/25/2018
Rev John Borgwardt	Living Word LC Waukesha WI	St Mark LC Eau Claire WI Associate Pastor	8/25/2018
Rev Jonathan Bourman	Peace LC Aiken SC	Pilgrim LC Menomonee Falls WI Pastor	8/25/2018
Rev Stephen Helwig	Gethsemane LC Omaha NE	Trinity LC Kiel WI Pastor	8/26/2018

Rev Keegan Dowling	Abiding Word LC Orleans ON Canada	Apostles LC San Jose CA Associate Pastor	8/26/2018
Rev Abram Degner	Christ the Lord LC Houston TX	CrossWalk Lutheran Ministries Laveen AZ Pastor	8/26/2018

RESIGNED

Teachers	Current call	Date resigned
Mrs Alexa Foelske	Cross of Glory LS Peoria AZ	7/22/2018
Mr Micah Foelske	Cross of Glory LS Peoria AZ	7/22/2018
Mrs Barbara Rubin-Speer	Grace LS Glendale AZ	8/23/2018

CALLED TO ETERNAL GLORY

Pastors	Home church	Death date
Rev David Sweet	Rock of Ages LC Payson AZ	8/23/2018

Teachers	Home church	Death date
Mrs Joyce Dallmann	Reformation LC San Diego CA	8/9/2018
Mrs Eleanor Mutterer	Divine Word LC Plover WI	8/20/2018

RETIREMENT

Pastors	Current call	Date retired
Rev Dennis Lemke	St Peter LC Weyauwega WI	10/31/2018

Teachers	Current call	Date retired
Mrs Judy Lemke	St Peter LS Weyauwega WI	6/30/2018