



## Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

# Pastor, teacher, and staff minister call report

**5/28/2019 - 6/3/2019**

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 Abram Degner	Christ the Lord LC Houston TX	Latin America Missionary	4/25/2019
Rev Kirk Lahmann	St John LC Burlington WI	Peace LC Green Lake WI Pastor	4/29/2019
Rev Steven Gabb	Gethsemane LC Los Angeles CA	Pilgrim LC Menomonee Falls WI Pastor	5/5/2019
Rev Philip Bigelow	St John LC Hemlock MI	St Matthew's LC Oconomowoc WI Pastor	5/8/2019
Rev Lincoln Albrecht	River of Life LC Goodyear AZ	Peace LC Kokomo IN Pastor	5/12/2019
Rev Martin Wildauer	St Matthew LC Port Washington WI	Zion LC Rhineland WI Associate Pastor	5/14/2019
Rev Kyle Bitter	St John LC Wauwatosa WI	St Luke LC Watertown WI Associate Pastor	5/15/2019
Rev Timothy Matthies II	Cross of Glory LC Washington MI	Asia Lutheran Seminary Professor; Hebrew	5/16/2019
Rev Nathan Ericson	Martin Luther LC Oshkosh WI	Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary Mequon WI Professor; Director of Library & Educational Technology	5/16/2019

Rev Jeremy Cares	Shepherd of the Plains LC Lubbock TX	Truth In Love Ministry Nampa ID Associate Pastor	5/17/2019
Rev Adam Mueller	Redeemer LC Tucson AZ	St Peter LC Weyauwega WI Associate Pastor	5/19/2019
Rev Dr Kenneth Fisher Jr	Wisconsin Lutheran High School Milwaukee WI	Immanuel LC Greenville WI Associate Pastor	5/19/2019
Rev Jonathan Werre	Good Shepherd LC Sioux Falls SD	St Paul's LC North Mankato MN Associate Pastor	5/19/2019
Rev David Mielke	Christ LC Oakley MI	Zion LC Marathon WI St John LC Edgar WI Pastor	5/19/2019
Rev Zachary Pudlo	Crown of Life LC West Saint Paul MN	Apostles LC San Jose CA Associate Pastor	5/19/2019
Rev David Horton	Beautiful Savior LC Petoskey MI	St John LC Glencoe MN Pastor	5/21/2019
Rev James Mumm	Retired	Bethel LC Arcadia WI Bethel LC Galesville WI Associate Pastor; Retirement Call	5/24/2019
Rev Dustin Blumer	Amazing Love LC Frankfort IL	Illumine LC Rock Hill SC Pastor	5/26/2019
Rev Geoffrey Rue	St Paul LC Tacoma WA	St Peter LC Brodhead WI Pastor	5/26/2019
Rev Thomas Westra	Beautiful Savior LC Cincinnati OH	One Africa Team Missionary	5/28/2019
Rev Kurt Schaser	St John's LC Newburg WI	Lakeside Lutheran High School Lake Mills WI Pastor	5/28/2019
Rev Joshua Shandor	King of Kings LC Little Rock AR	Good Shepherd LC Kearney NE Pastor	5/29/2019
Rev Mark Kaesmeyer	Cross of Christ LC Coon Rapids MN	First German LC Manitowoc WI Associate Pastor	5/30/2019
Rev Timothy Gauger	Christ Our Savior LC Rockford MI	Board for Home Missions Mission Counselor	5/30/2019
Rev David Salinas	Sure Foundation LC Woodside NY	Grace LC Vail AZ &	6/2/2019

<b>Teachers</b>	<b>Current call</b>	<b>New call</b>	<b>Date issued</b>
Ms Alexandria Caira		Divine Savior Lutheran Academy Doral FL Teacher; Middle Grades	4/12/2019
Mrs Rachel Neumann	St Paul LS Tomah WI	St Paul LS Tomah WI Teacher; Grades 7-8, Half-Time Call	5/2/2019
Mr Eric Kaesermann	St Paul LS Arlington MN	Immanuel LC Medford WI Principal	5/12/2019
Mrs Lesley Kaesermann	St Paul LS Arlington MN	Immanuel LC Medford WI Teacher; Grades 3-4	5/12/2019
Mr Michael Plocher	St Paul's LS New Ulm MN	Kingdom Prep Lutheran High School Wauwatosa WI Teacher; Spanish	5/13/2019
Mr Timothy Gustafson	David's Star LS Jackson WI	St John LS Baraboo WI Principal & Upper Grades	5/19/2019
Miss Sarah Howell	Small Steps Christian Learning Center Port Orange FL	Good Shepherd Early Childhood Center Sioux Falls SD ECM Director	5/19/2019
Mr Joshua Kramer	Good Shepherd LS West Bend WI	Faith LS Antioch IL Teacher; Upper Grades, Music	5/19/2019
Miss Kali Gross	Samuel LS Marshall MN	Samuel LS Marshall MN ECM Director	5/19/2019
Mr Scott Georgson	Good Shepherd LS Sioux Falls SD	St John LC Libertyville IL Teacher; Grades 6-8	5/19/2019
Mr Daniel Kell	Christ LS Zumbrota MN	St Paul LC Wonewoc WI Principal	5/19/2019
Mrs Rachel Gustafson	David's Star LS Jackson WI	St John LS Baraboo WI ECM Director	5/19/2019
Mrs Lisa Gumm		King of Kings LS Maitland FL ECM Director	5/19/2019
Mr Stephen Kamps	First LS Lake Geneva WI	First LC Lake Geneva WI Interim Principal	5/19/2019

Mr Benjamin Rank	Eastside LS Madison WI	Evergreen Lutheran High School Tacoma WA Principal	5/20/2019
Mr Joel Grulke	Our Savior LS Grafton WI	Holy Trinity LC Wyoming MI Principal	5/20/2019
Mrs Amy Grulke	Our Savior LS Grafton WI	Holy Trinity LC Wyoming MI ECM Director	5/20/2019
Miss Lauren Mantz	Jordan LC West Allis WI	Lamb of God LS West Allis WI ECM Director	5/20/2019
Mrs Kelli Baas	Trinity LS Brillion WI	First Lutheran Preschool Lake Geneva WI ECM Director	5/21/2019
Mr Keith Hackbarth	St John LS Wauwatosa WI	Westside Christian School Middleton WI Teacher; Upper Grades	5/21/2019
Mrs Maura Hegman		Cornerstone Early Learning Center Hugo MN ECM Teacher	5/21/2019
Mr Lyle Timm	St Paul LS Franklin WI	Shoreland Lutheran High School Somers WI Teacher; Science	5/22/2019
Miss Kali Gross	Samuel LS Marshall MN	Little Lambs Learning Center Danube MN ECM Teacher	5/23/2019
Mr Daniel Kasten	Bethlehem LS Hortonville WI	St Peter LC - North Campus Appleton WI Teacher; Grade 5	5/28/2019
Mr Tyler Dorn	Nebraska Evangelical Lutheran High School Waco NE	St Mark LS Green Bay WI Teacher; Grade 7	5/28/2019
Mr Craig Sonntag	St Matthew LS Janesville WI	Huron Valley Lutheran High School Westland MI Teacher; Physical Education & Athletic Director	5/29/2019
Mrs Alicia Manning		Crown of Life LC Fort Myers FL Teacher; Grades 3-4	5/29/2019
Mrs Elizabeth Schmidt		St Matthew's LS Oconomowoc WI Teacher; Grades 4K & Grade 1	5/29/2019
Ms Mandy Buonincontro		St Paul LS Fort Atkinson WI	5/30/2019

Teacher; 3K, Half-Time,  
Provisional Call

Mr Daniel Bredendick	St Paul First LS North Hollywood CA	St Paul LS Fort Atkinson WI Principal & Upper Grades; Departmentalized	5/30/2019
Mr Joshua Gregovich	King of Grace LS Golden Valley MN	St Paul LS Menomonie WI Teacher; Grades 3-4	5/31/2019
Mrs Ruth Lee		Ascension Lutheran Preschool Plymouth MN ECM Teacher	6/2/2019
Mrs Heidi Meyer	St Paul's LS New Ulm MN	Jesus Loves Me Learning Center North Mankato MN ECM Teacher	6/2/2019
Mrs Penny Mielke	Crown of Life LS West Saint Paul MN	Faith LC Fond du Lac WI ECM Teacher	6/2/2019
Mr David Mielke	St Croix Lutheran Academy West Saint Paul MN	Faith LC Fond du Lac WI Teacher; Upper Grades	6/2/2019
Mr Joseph Blum	Garden Homes LS Milwaukee WI	Wisconsin LS-Middle School (6-8) Racine WI Administrator; Dean of Students	6/2/2019
Ms Elizabeth A Eckert		St John LS Caledonia MN Teacher; Grades 5-6	6/2/2019
Mr Aaron Krause	Bethany LS Manitowoc WI	St John LS Caledonia MN Principal; Grades 7-8	6/2/2019
Mrs Andrea Dorn	St Stephen LS Beaver Dam WI	Good Shepherd's LC West Allis WI Teacher; Grades 7-8	6/2/2019
Mr Thomas Schwartz		Grace Lutheran Academy Lowell AR Teacher; Upper Grades, Provisional Call	6/2/2019
Mrs Patricia Koestler		Wisconsin LS-Middle School (6-8) Racine WI ECM Teacher	6/2/2019
Mrs Samantha O'Connell		Pilgrim LC Menomonee Falls WI Teacher; Grades 5-6	6/2/2019
Miss Brigetta Guelker	Reformation LS San Diego CA	Southridge LC Kennewick WA ECM Director	6/2/2019

Miss Kati Guenterberg		Martin Luther LS Neenah WI Teacher; Grades 5-6	6/2/2019
Mrs Jennifer Hahn		Grace Lutheran Academy Lowell AR Teacher; Lower Grades	6/2/2019
Mr Timothy Pingel	Morrison Zion LS Greenleaf WI	St John LS Milwaukee WI Teacher; Grade 5	6/2/2019
Mr Daniel Hafenstein		Wisconsin Lutheran High School Milwaukee WI Teacher; Grade School Band	6/3/2019
Mr Mark Leverage	Wisconsin Lutheran High School Milwaukee WI	Wisconsin Lutheran High School Milwaukee WI Teacher	6/3/2019

## CALLS ACCEPTED

Pastors	Current call	New call	Date accepted
Rev Hernandez Daylo Jr	Prince of Peace LC Yuma AZ	Michigan Lutheran High School Saint Joseph MI Pastor; Dean of Students	5/26/2019
Rev Daniel Witte	Trinity LC Nicollet MN	Africa Administrative Committee Theological Educator	5/28/2019
Rev Timothy Soukup	Salem LC Milwaukee WI	Abiding Savior LC Killeen TX Pastor	6/1/2019
Rev Steven Hillmer	The Springs LC Sparks NV	St Matthew's LC Oconomowoc WI Pastor	6/1/2019

  

Teachers	Current call	New call	Date accepted
Mrs Tammy Kuehl		Holy Cross LS Madison WI Teacher; Primary Grades	5/21/2019
Miss Emily Hunt	Christ Our Savior Academy Columbia TN	Little Lambs Preschool Fort Collins CO ECM Director	5/26/2019
Mrs Laura Shilling		Crown of Life LC Fort Myers FL ECM Director	5/28/2019
Mr Scott Stevenson	Pilgrim LS Mesa AZ	Pilgrim LS Mesa AZ Principal	5/28/2019

Mrs Kathleen Szmanda	St John's LS Burlington WI	First LS Elkhorn WI Teacher; Grades 1-2	5/29/2019
Mr Michael Falk	St John LS Bay City MI	First LS Elkhorn WI Principal & Grades 7-8	5/31/2019
Mrs Nicole Barabas		Grace LS Saint Joseph MI Teacher; Grade 1	5/31/2019
Mr Jonah Gauger	Immanuel LS Waukegan IL	St Jacobi LS Greenfield WI Teacher; Grade 5	5/31/2019
Miss Brea Biebert		Kingdom Prep Lutheran High School Wauwatosa WI Teacher; Spanish	6/1/2019
Mrs Renee Manian		Samuel LS Marshall MN Teacher; Grades 1-2	6/2/2019
Mrs Ashley Renstrom		Westside Christian School Middleton WI Teacher; Upper Grades	6/2/2019
Ms Janise Janikowski		St Paul LS Cudahy WI Teacher; Grade 3	6/3/2019

<b>Staff Ministers</b>	<b>Current call</b>	<b>New call</b>	<b>Date accepted</b>
Mr Kevin Ehlke	Winnebago Lutheran Academy Fond du Lac WI	Winnebago Lutheran Academy Fond du Lac WI Development Director/ Mission Advancement Director	5/21/2019

## **CALLS DECLINED**

<b>Pastors</b>	<b>Current call</b>	<b>New call</b>	<b>Date declined</b>
Rev Douglas Weber	Retired	Hope LC Portland MI Pastor; Retirement Call	5/16/2019
Rev Paul Schroeder	King of Kings LC Apache Junction AZ	Manitowoc Lutheran High School Manitowoc WI Teacher; Religion	5/26/2019
Rev John Hering	Divine Peace LC Garland TX	One Africa Team Missionary	5/28/2019
Rev Andrew Fix	St John LC Lannon WI	Bethlehem LC Hortonville WI Associate Pastor	5/29/2019

Rev Christopher Rathje	Abiding Hope LC Ocala FL	Beautiful Savior LC Fort Wayne IN Pastor	6/1/2019
<b>Teachers</b>	<b>Current call</b>	<b>New call</b>	<b>Date declined</b>
Miss Emily Hunt	Christ Our Savior Academy Columbia TN	Southridge LC Kennewick WA ECM Director	5/25/2019
Mr Frank Van Brocklin	Northland Lutheran High School Mosinee WI	Good Shepherd's LC West Allis WI Teacher; Grades 7-8	5/26/2019
Mr Jon Woldt	St John LS Libertyville IL	Cross of Glory LS Peoria AZ Principal	5/27/2019
Mr Harmon Krause	New Hope Lutheran Academy West Melbourne FL	Peace LS Sun Prairie WI Teacher; Grade 7	5/28/2019
Mrs Jessica Krause	New Hope Lutheran Academy West Melbourne FL	Peace LS Sun Prairie WI Teacher; Grade 1	5/28/2019
Ms Laura Kosteretz		Building Blocks Christian Learning Center Mequon WI Teacher; Provisional Call	5/29/2019
Mr David Voss	Fox Valley Lutheran High School Appleton WI	Fox Valley Lutheran High School Appleton WI Teacher; Social Studies	5/29/2019
Mrs Kim Marie Lemke	St John's LS Jefferson WI	Grace Lutheran Academy Lowell AR Teacher; Lower Grades	5/30/2019
Mr Peter Lemke	St John's LS Jefferson WI	Grace Lutheran Academy Lowell AR Principal & Upper Grades	5/30/2019
Mr Jeffrey Wetzal	St Paul LS Muskego WI	First LS La Crosse WI Principal & Grades 7-8	5/30/2019
Mrs Abby Zuberbier		Martin Luther LS Neenah WI Teacher; Grades 5-6	5/30/2019
Prof Nathan Kieselhorst	Luther Preparatory School Watertown WI	Emanuel LS New London WI Principal	5/31/2019
Miss Meredith Moeller	St Matthew LS Janesville WI	Good Shepherd LS Burnsville MN Teacher; Grades 3-4	5/31/2019
Mr Jonah Gauger	Immanuel LS Waukegan IL	St John LS Milwaukee WI Teacher; Grade 5	5/31/2019
Dr Cynthia Whaley	Martin Luther College New Ulm MN	Wisconsin Lutheran College	6/2/2019



## RESIGNED

Teachers	Current call	Date resigned
Mr John Gunderson	Martin Luther College New Ulm MN	6/30/2019
Ms Sarah Vidrio	Holy Cross LS Madison WI	6/30/2019

## RETIREMENT

Pastors	Current call	Date retired
Rev Mark Johnston	First German LC Manitowoc WI	6/30/2019
Rev Michael Bater	Zion LC Lansing MI	8/31/2019

## POSITION ELIMINATED

Teachers	Current call	Date effective
Mr Joshua Gorske	St Croix Lutheran Academy West Saint Paul MN	6/30/2019