



## Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

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

**11/10/2020 - 11/16/2020**

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**

<b>Pastors</b>	<b>Current call</b>	<b>New call</b>	<b>Date issued</b>
Rev Thad Bitter	Grace LC Portland OR	St John's LC Sparta WI Outreach Associate Pastor	10/18/2020
Rev Adam Zimpelmann	Good Shepherd LC Fond du Lac WI	Zion LC Lansing MI Pastor	10/22/2020
Rev Matthew Arnold	St Paul LC Oconto Falls WI	St Luke LC Vassar MI Pastor	10/24/2020
Rev Paul Schulz	Risen Savior LC Chula Vista CA	St John LC Mukwonago WI Associate Pastor	10/25/2020
Rev Daniel Lewig	Trinity LC Lime Ridge WI St John LC Hillpoint WI	St John LC Goodhue MN Pastor	10/25/2020
Rev Brad Krause	Fox Valley Lutheran High School Appleton WI	Messiah LC Nampa ID Pastor	10/25/2020
Rev David Barkow	Christ the Lord LC Cottage Grove MN	St Martin's LC Watertown SD Associate Pastor	10/25/2020
Rev James Buske	Lighthouse Youth Center Milwaukee WI	Trinity LC Jenera OH Associate Pastor	10/26/2020
Rev Mathew Pfeifer	Lincoln Heights LC Des Moines IA	Good Shepherd LC South Attleboro MA Pastor	10/27/2020

Rev Dr Timothy Bourman	Sure Foundation LC Woodside NY	St John's on the Hillside LC Milwaukee WI Pastor	10/28/2020
Rev Jonathan Zimpelmann	St John LC Hastings MN	Grace LC Dakota MN Trinity (Wilson Twp) LC Winona MN Pastor	10/28/2020
Rev Stephen Schamber Sr	Holy Trinity LC Wyoming MI	Trinity LC Winner SD Pastor	10/28/2020
Rev Matthew Reis	Trinity LC Bangor MI	Emanuel LC & St John LC Fairfax MN Pastor	10/29/2020
Rev Ryan Wolfe	Redeemer LC Mandan ND	Ascension LC Moorhead MN St Paul's LC Valley City ND Pastor	10/31/2020
Rev Nathanael Scharf	St Paul's LC New Ulm MN	Centennial LC Milwaukee WI Pastor	11/1/2020
Rev Steven Neumann	Mt Zion LC Kenosha WI	Our Savior LC Kasson MN Pastor	11/1/2020
Rev Clinton Kreuziger	Crown of Life LC Marietta OH	Reformation LC Dousman WI Pastor	11/1/2020
Rev John Bortulin	St John LC Mukwonago WI	St Paul's First LC North Hollywood CA Pastor	11/1/2020
Rev Gary Pufahl	Christ LC Big Bend WI	Emmanuel LC Tempe AZ Lead Pastor	11/1/2020
Rev Jared Oldenburg	Eternal Rock LC Castle Rock CO	Shepherd of the Lakes LC Linden MI Pastor	11/2/2020
Rev Mark Westra	Prince of Peace LC Fairport NY	St Paul's LC Franklin WI Associate Pastor	11/4/2020
Rev Nathan Sutton	Our Savior LC San Antonio TX	Beautiful Saviour LC Carlsbad CA Pastor	11/4/2020
Rev Nathanael Brenner	Holy Scripture LC Fort Wayne IN	Faith LC Tyler TX Pastor	11/4/2020
Rev Matthew Guse	St Peter's LC Fond du Lac WI	Northdale LC Tampa FL Pastor	11/5/2020

Rev Joel McKenney	St Paul LC Algoma WI	Trinity LC Union Grove WI Pastor	11/8/2020
Rev Daniel Schroeder	St Peter LC Modesto CA	Salem LC Milwaukee WI Associate Pastor	11/8/2020
Rev Caleb Kurbis	Living Savior LC Asheville NC	Grace LC Milwaukee WI Associate Pastor	11/8/2020
Rev Walter Gawel IV	Victory LC Lexington KY	Beautiful Savior LC Grove City OH Pastor	11/8/2020
Rev William Monday	St Peter LC - North Campus Appleton WI	Amazing Love LC Frankfort IL Associate Pastor	11/10/2020
Rev Andrew Mueller	Beautiful Savior LC Las Vegas NV	Christ the King LC Tulsa OK Pastor	11/10/2020
Rev David Karow	St John LC Rock Springs WI	St Peter LC Helenville WI Pastor	11/11/2020
Prof David Scharf	Martin Luther College New Ulm MN	Peace LC Chandler AZ Pastor	11/11/2020
Rev William Dunn	St Peter LC Milwaukee WI	Cross of Christ LC Las Cruces NM Pastor	11/11/2020
Rev Jonathan Fischer	Resurrection LC Chesapeake VA	Resurrection LC Rochester MN Associate Pastor	11/12/2020
Prof Andrew Naumann	Michigan Lutheran Seminary Saginaw MI	Manitowoc Lutheran High School Manitowoc WI Teacher; Religion Department	11/14/2020

<b>Teachers</b>	<b>Current call</b>	<b>New call</b>	<b>Date issued</b>
Mr Kirk Schauland	Emanuel LS New London WI	Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School New Ulm MN Teacher; Grade 9, General Computer, Network Administrator, Coaching	10/15/2020
Mr Michael Wisniewski	Trinity LS Marshfield WI	Trinity LS Jenera OH Principal; Grades 7-8	10/18/2020
Mr Kevin Bode	Emmanuel LS Tempe AZ	Bethany LC Manitowoc WI Teacher; Grade 7, Choir, Music	10/18/2020

Mr Philip Punzel	St Peter LS Appleton WI	Luther High School Onalaska WI Principal	10/20/2020
Mr Jeffrey Brown	Wisconsin Lutheran College Milwaukee WI	Wisconsin Lutheran College Milwaukee WI Assistant Professor; Computer Science	10/20/2020
Mrs Tova Brown	Wisconsin Lutheran College Milwaukee WI	Wisconsin Lutheran College Milwaukee WI Assistant Professor; Mathematics	10/20/2020
Mr Christopher Arndt	St Paul LS Lake Mills WI	St Paul LS Lake Mills WI Teacher; Grade 6, Call made permanent	10/20/2020
Miss Jessica Martinez	St Philip LS Milwaukee WI	David's Star LS Jackson WI Teacher; Grade 4, Tech Director	10/25/2020
Miss Sarah Krajewski	Grace Lutheran Child Care Charlotte NC	St Martin's LS Watertown SD ECM Director	10/25/2020
Ms Alison Wiedmann	Good Shepherd Lutheran Academy Deltona FL	St Mark LS Green Bay WI Teacher; Grade 1, Music	10/25/2020
Mrs Nicole Grunwald	Salem Preschool Woodbury MN	Salem Preschool Woodbury MN ECM Teacher; Staff Minister	10/25/2020
Mr Stephen Gurgel	St Paul LS Rapid City SD	West Lutheran High School Plymouth MN Teacher; Grades 9-12, History, Religion	10/25/2020
Mr Philip Haefner	Trinity LS Bay City MI	St Peter's LS Fond du Lac WI Principal; Grade 6 – Part- Time Call	10/25/2020
Miss Abby Mehlberg	Divine Savior Lutheran Academy Delray Beach FL	Peace LS Sun Prairie WI ECM Teacher	10/26/2020
Mr Christopher Avila	St John LS Red Wing MN	Trinity LS West Bend WI Principal; Grades 7-8	10/27/2020
Mr Corey Pieper		St Paul LS Wonewoc WI Teacher; Grades 3-5, Athletic Director, One- Year, Provisional Call	10/27/2020
Mr Steven White	St Paul LS South Haven MI	St Paul LS Tomah WI Principal; Grades 7-8	10/27/2020

Miss Angela Birner	Crown of Life Christian Academy Fort Myers FL	St Paul LS Tomah WI Teacher; Kindergarten, Music	10/27/2020
Mr Michael Schulz	St Paul LS Appleton WI	St Paul LS Appleton WI Teacher; Grade 4	10/27/2020
Mr Michael Marquardt	St Croix Lutheran Academy West Saint Paul MN	Michigan Lutheran Seminary Saginaw MI Professor of Music	10/29/2020
Mrs Rachel Severeid	Cross of Glory LS Peoria AZ	Emmanuel LS Tempe AZ Teacher; Grade 3, Drama, Choir	11/1/2020
Miss Anne Russell		Risen Savior LS - East Campus Milwaukee WI Teacher; Grade 6	11/1/2020
Mrs Jennifer Bunn	St John LS Wrightstown WI	Risen Savior LS Milwaukee WI ECM Teacher; K4	11/1/2020
Mr Nathan Reich	St Paul LS Green Bay WI	St Paul First LS North Hollywood CA Principal	11/1/2020
Mr Seth Zimmermann	Riverview LS Appleton WI	Mt Calvary LS Redding CA Principal	11/1/2020
Mr Ryan Wiechmann	Northland Lutheran High School Mosinee WI	Luther Preparatory School Watertown WI Professor of Mathematics	11/1/2020
Mr Daniel Douglas	Mt Olive LS Overland Park KS	Risen Savior Christian Academy Pooler GA Teacher; Grades 5-6	11/1/2020
Mrs Katherine Douglas		Risen Savior Christian Academy Pooler GA ECM Teacher; One-Year, Three Quarter-Time, Provisional Call	11/1/2020
Mrs Carrie Henning	St John LS Wauwatosa WI	Trinity Lutheran Preschool Belle Plaine MN ECM Teacher	11/1/2020
Mr Michael Henning Jr	Good Shepherd's LS West Allis WI	Trinity LS Belle Plaine MN Principal; Grades 7-8	11/1/2020
Mr Jacob Rothe	Mt Calvary LS Redding CA	Risen Savior LS - East Campus Milwaukee WI Teacher; Grade 4	11/1/2020

Mr Andrew Baxter	St Lucas LS Milwaukee WI	Divine Savior Lutheran Academy Delray Beach FL Principal; Grade 4	11/2/2020
Mrs Dorothy Grivno	Crown of Life LS Hubertus WI	Jesus Loves Me Learning Center North Mankato MN ECM Teacher	11/3/2020
Mrs Alissa Kiedrowski	Trinity LS Brillion WI	Waucousta LS Campbellsport WI Teacher; 4K & 5K	11/8/2020
Mrs Amy Lawonn	St Luke LS Oakfield WI	Zion LS Columbus WI Teacher; Grades 1-2	11/8/2020
Mrs Kayla Wilkins	Trinity LS Marshfield WI	Lord of Life LS Thornton CO Teacher	11/8/2020
Miss Rebecca Wagner	Redeemer Learning Center Tomahawk WI	Little Lambs Learning Center Mandan ND ECM Director	11/8/2020
Ms Rebecca Olson	Westside Christian School Middleton WI	Trinity LS Waukesha WI Teacher; Grade 6 & 5-8 Social Studies	11/8/2020
Mr Lyle Timm		St John LS Milwaukee WI Teacher	11/9/2020
Mrs Christine Timm		St John LS Milwaukee WI Teacher	11/9/2020
Miss Deanna Rahn	Wisconsin LS-Middle School (6-8) Racine WI	St Paul LS Onalaska WI Teacher; Grade 2	11/10/2020
Mrs Allison Byers	St Paul LS Lake Mills WI	Little Lions Child Care Marathon WI ECM Director	11/10/2020
Mr Zachariah Thooft	Bethel LS Bay City MI	Divine Grace LS Lake Orion MI Principal; Grades 3-4 or 5-8	11/10/2020
Mrs Leah Gillespie		St Paul LS Ixonia WI Teacher; Kindergarten	11/11/2020
Mr Philip Hochmuth	St John LS Maribel WI	Cross of Glory LS Washington MI Principal; Grades 5-8	11/11/2020
Mrs Amy Arguello	Divine Savior Lutheran Academy Doral FL	Divine Savior Lutheran Academy Doral FL Principal	11/11/2020

Mr Kurtis Hoppe	Divine Savior Lutheran Academy Doral FL	Divine Savior Lutheran Academy Doral FL Administrator	11/11/2020
Mrs Sherri Lueck		Holy Trinity LS Des Moines WA ECM Director; 4K Teacher	11/15/2020
Miss Rachel Petermann	Trinity LS Kiel WI	Holy Trinity LS Des Moines WA Teacher; Grade 1	11/15/2020
Mrs Ruth Schwark		Holy Trinity LS Des Moines WA Teacher; Grade 4, Coaching	11/15/2020
Mr Paul Kanzenbach	St John LS Milwaukee WI	Peace LS Hartford WI Teacher; K-8 Music, Choir	11/15/2020
Miss Lindsay Ernst	Garden Homes LS Milwaukee WI	Zion LS Denver CO ECM Director	11/15/2020
Mrs Caitlin Bare	Holy Trinity Lutheran Academy New Hope MN	St Mark Little Lions Preschool Salina KS ECM Teacher	11/15/2020
Miss Catharyn Waggoner	Our Savior's LS Zion IL	Cross of Christ LS Coon Rapids MN ECM Lead Teacher	11/15/2020
Mrs Megan Enstad	Parkland LS Tacoma WA	Bethany LS Port Orchard WA Teacher; Grades 1-2, Music	11/15/2020
Mr Jared Matthies	Trinity-St Luke Clark St Campus Watertown WI	Crown of Life LS West Saint Paul MN Teacher; Grade 8	11/15/2020
Mr David Roekle	Good Shepherd Lutheran Academy Downers Grove IL	Immanuel LS Medford WI Principal; Grades TBD	11/15/2020
Mr William Fuerstenau	Bethany LS Hustisford WI	Emanuel LS New London WI Principal	11/15/2020
Mr Andrew Aguilar	California Lutheran High School Wildomar CA	Cross of Glory LS Peoria AZ Principal; Grades 7-8	11/15/2020
Mrs Rachel Severeid	Cross of Glory LS Peoria AZ	Cross of Glory LS Peoria AZ Teacher; Grades 3-4, Music, Call made permanent	11/15/2020
Miss Magdalena Petermann	Bethany LS Kenosha WI	Abiding Peace Academy Simpsonville SC Teacher; Flex Grades 2-6	11/15/2020

Mrs Mary Jones		Shepherd of the Hills LS La Mesa CA Teacher; Grades 2-3, Limited Duration, Half- Time Call	11/15/2020
Mrs Anna Vogel		Shepherd of the Hills LS La Mesa CA Teacher; Grades 2-3, Limited Duration, Half- Time Call	11/15/2020

<b>Staff Ministers</b>	<b>Current call</b>	<b>New call</b>	<b>Date issued</b>
Mr Brent Bitter	Grace LC Charlotte NC	Manitowoc Lutheran High School Manitowoc WI Administrator; Director of Mission Advancement	10/25/2020

## **CALLS ACCEPTED**

<b>Pastors</b>	<b>Current call</b>	<b>New call</b>	<b>Date accepted</b>
Rev Paul Lindhorst	Great Plains Lutheran High School Watertown SD	Ministry of Christian Giving Christian Giving Counselor	11/12/2020
Rev Jeffrey Samelson	Christ LC Clarksville MD	Christian Life Resources Hartford WI Director of Ministry Advancement	11/15/2020

<b>Teachers</b>	<b>Current call</b>	<b>New call</b>	<b>Date accepted</b>
Miss Erin Keese	MLC Early Childhood Learning Center New Ulm MN	St Marcus LS Milwaukee WI Teacher; Kindergarten	11/10/2020
Mr Matthew Foxen	Fox Valley Lutheran High School Appleton WI	Fox Valley Lutheran High School Appleton WI Director of Communications	11/12/2020
Mrs Carin Schmiel		Mt Olive Lutheran Preschool Shakopee MN ECM Director	11/13/2020
Mr Joseph Blum	Garden Homes LS Milwaukee WI	Fox Valley Lutheran High School Appleton WI Director of Admissions	11/15/2020

<b>Staff Ministers</b>	<b>Current call</b>	<b>New call</b>	<b>Date accepted</b>
Mr Ryan Kummerow	St John's LC - Salem- Lowell Campus Lowell WI	St John's LC & St John's LC - Salem- Lowell Campus	11/9/2020



Juneau WI &  
 St John's LC - Horicon  
 Campus  
 Horicon WI  
 Staff Minister; Two-Year,  
 Less than Half-Time Call

## CALLS DECLINED

Pastors	Current call	New call	Date declined
Rev Thomas Westra	Beautiful Savior LC Cincinnati OH	Commission on Congregational Counseling Congregational Counselor	11/7/2020
Rev Matthew Hennig	Christ LC North Saint Paul MN & Hugo MN	Christ LC Pewaukee WI Associate Pastor	11/10/2020
Rev Ryan Cortright	Our Redeemer LC Madison WI	Bethel LC Menasha WI Associate Pastor	11/10/2020
Rev Jeffrey Mahnke	St Peter LC - Schofield Campus Schofield WI	Beautiful Savior LC Summerville SC Pastor	11/11/2020
Rev Gregory Lyon	Wisconsin Lutheran College Milwaukee WI	St Paul LC Bangor WI Pastor	11/11/2020
Rev Matthew Mueller	Living Hope LC Peoria IL	St Paul LC North Fond du Lac WI Associate Pastor	11/11/2020
Rev Paul White	Loving Shepherd LC Milwaukee WI	St Paul LC Marshall WI Pastor	11/12/2020
Rev Matthew Ewart	NorthCross LC Lakeville MN	St James LC Portage MI Pastor	11/12/2020
Rev Thadeus Flitter	Zion LC Valentine NE	Trinity LC Omak WA Pastor	11/12/2020
Rev Frederic Berger	St Paul's LC Plymouth NE	Beautiful Savior LC La Porte IN Pastor	11/13/2020
Rev Steven Waldschmidt	Christ Alone LC Dardenne Prairie MO	Bethany LC - Lynndale Campus Appleton WI Associate Pastor	11/13/2020
Rev James Panning	St Paul's LC Litchfield MN	Faith LC Harrison MI St John LC Clare MI Pastor	11/14/2020

Rev Jason Oakland	Martin Luther LC Neenah WI	First LC Racine WI Associate Pastor	11/14/2020
Rev Michael Kuschel	St Matthew LC (Flora) Renville MN & Danube MN	Trinity LC Marshfield WI Pastor	11/14/2020
Rev David Parsons	Holy Cross LC Tucson AZ	Good Shepherd LC Midland TX Pastor	11/14/2020
<b>Teachers</b>	<b>Current call</b>	<b>New call</b>	<b>Date declined</b>
Mr David Schulz	St Stephen LS Beaver Dam WI	Petra LS Sauk Rapids MN Principal	11/9/2020
Miss Jennifer Hunt	Gethsemane LS Omaha NE	CrossLife Christian Academy Pflugerville TX Teacher; Kindergarten	11/10/2020
Miss Kristy Lendt	Trinity LS Aberdeen SD	CrossLife Christian Academy Pflugerville TX ECM Teacher; 3-year-olds	11/10/2020
Mr Shawn Herkstroeter	Faith LS Fond du Lac WI	Martin Luther College New Ulm MN Professor; Education & Director of Field Experiences	11/11/2020
Mr Christopher Mueller	St John LS Watertown WI	Grace LS Oshkosh WI Principal; Grades 7-8	11/11/2020
Miss Charlotte Huebner	Divine Grace LS Lake Orion MI	Zion LS Valentine NE Teacher; Grades K-3	11/11/2020
Mr Timothy Schubkegel	Good Shepherd LS Sioux Falls SD	Peace LS Kissimmee FL Principal; Grades 5/6 or 7/8	11/12/2020
Miss Amanda Treder	St John LS Wauwatosa WI	Crown of Life LS West Saint Paul MN Teacher; Grade 1, Choir	11/12/2020
Mrs Katherine Brown	St Paul LS Norfolk NE	Crown of Life LS Warren MI ECM Director; Organ, Choir	11/12/2020
Miss Kathryn Gut	Shepherd of the Valley LS Westminster CO	First LS La Crosse WI ECM Director	11/12/2020
Mr Scott Brown	St Paul LS Norfolk NE	Crown of Life LS Warren MI Teacher; Grades 5-8	11/12/2020

Mr Kyle Raymond	Peace LS Sun Prairie WI	Emmanuel LS Tempe AZ Principal	11/13/2020
Mrs Beth Ristow	St Lucas LS Milwaukee WI	St Paul LS Green Bay WI Teacher; Grade 3	11/13/2020
Mrs Elizabeth Gumm	Trinity LS Caledonia WI	Little Lambs of Peace Preschool Eagle River AK ECM Lead Teacher	11/14/2020
Miss Mollie Dorn	Mt Calvary LS Redding CA	Leap of Faith Early Childhood Center New Lisbon WI ECM Director	11/14/2020

## RESIGNED

Teachers	Current call	Date resigned
Miss Megan Rabbers	Bethany Lutheran Preschool Saginaw MI	6/30/2021
Mr Wade Witzlsteiner	St Jacobi LS Greenfield WI	6/30/2021

## CALLED TO ETERNAL GLORY

Pastors	Home church	Death date
Rev LeRoy Lothert	St John's LC New Ulm MN	11/16/2020

  

Teachers	Home church	Death date
Ms Elizabeth Johnson	St Matthew's LC Oconomowoc WI	11/14/2020

## RETIREMENT

Teachers	Current call	Date retired
Mrs Susan Saatkamp	St Jacobi LS Greenfield WI	6/30/2021