



## Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

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

**1/7/2020 - 1/13/2020**

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 Joel Nitz	Messiah LC Olympia WA	Hmong Asia Pastor	11/26/2019
Rev Douglas Westenberg	St Peter LC Marshfield WI	St Michael's LC Fountain City WI Pastor	12/3/2019
Rev Steven Gabb	Gethsemane LC Los Angeles CA	Bethlehem LC Menomonee Falls WI Associate Pastor	12/8/2019
Rev Gregory Tobison	Grace LC Hutchinson MN	Trinity LC Eugene OR Pastor	12/8/2019
Rev Joel Naumann	St Mark LC Eau Claire WI	Prince of Peace LC Yankton SD Pastor	12/9/2019
Dean Timothy Dolan	Luther Preparatory School Watertown WI	Immanuel LC Greenville WI Associate Pastor	12/11/2019
Rev Gary Pufahl	Christ LC Big Bend WI	St Peter LC Weyauwega WI Associate Pastor	1/5/2020
Rev Dustin Blumer	Amazing Love LC Frankfort IL	Gethsemane LC Tigard OR Pastor	1/5/2020
Rev Matthew Langebartels	Redeemer LC Tucson AZ	Trinity LC Coleman WI Pastor	1/5/2020

Rev Christopher Rathje	Abiding Hope LC Ocala FL	Trinity LC Woodbridge VA Pastor	1/5/2020
Rev Kirk Lahmann	St John LC Burlington WI	Divine Peace LC Largo MD Pastor	1/5/2020
Rev Marcus Schulz	Emanuel LC New London WI	Salem LC Milwaukee WI Associate Pastor	1/5/2020
Rev Michael Seifert	Living Hope LC Midlothian VA	Good Shepherd LC Beloit WI Pastor	1/5/2020
Rev Aaron Steinbrenner	Peace LC Hartford WI	Trinity LC Marshfield WI Pastor	1/5/2020
Rev Seth Dorn	St Stephen LC Beaver Dam WI	Trinity LC Nicollet MN Pastor	1/5/2020
Rev Donald Schultz	Lakeside Lutheran High School Lake Mills WI	St Paul's LC North Mankato MN Associate Pastor	1/5/2020
Rev Dennis Harbach	St John's LC Dakota MN	First German LC Manitowoc WI Associate Pastor	1/5/2020
Rev Lincoln Albrecht	River of Life LC Goodyear AZ	St John's LC Newburg WI Associate Pastor	1/5/2020
Rev Kirk Lahmann	St John LC Burlington WI	Bethlehem LC Hortonville WI Associate Pastor	1/5/2020
Rev Matthew Ewart	NorthCross LC Lakeville MN	Trinity LC Mountain Home AR Pastor	1/5/2020
Rev Gary Pufahl	Christ LC Big Bend WI	Christ the King LC Tulsa OK Pastor	1/5/2020
Rev Stephen Schmiel	Faith Evangelical LC Prior Lake MN	Trinity LC Sturgis SD Pastor	1/5/2020
Rev Bruce Schwark	Rockwood LC Manitowoc WI	Christ LC Denmark WI St Peter LC Kewaunee WI Rockwood LC Manitowoc WI Pastor	1/5/2020
Rev John Baumann	St Paul's LC Cannon Falls MN	St Mark LC Wallace MI Holy Cross LC Daggett MI Pastor	1/6/2020

Rev David Horton	Beautiful Savior LC Petoskey MI	Our Savior's LC Wausau WI Pastor	1/6/2020
Rev Howard Mohlke	Apache Christian Training School (ACTS) Whiteriver AZ	One Africa Team Missionary	1/8/2020
Rev Timothy Ehlers	Messiah LC South Windsor CT	Prince of Peace LC Yuma AZ Pastor	1/8/2020
Rev Mark Jacobson	Grace LC Glendale AZ	Atonement LC Milwaukee WI Associate Pastor	1/9/2020
Prof John Hartwig	Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary Mequon WI	Conference of Presidents European chaplain Pastor	1/9/2020
<b>Teachers</b>	<b>Current call</b>	<b>New call</b>	<b>Date issued</b>
Mr Marc Meihack	Bethany LS Kenosha WI	Salem LS Milwaukee WI Teacher; Upper Grades, Departmentalized ELA	12/2/2019
Mr Michael Chappell	Precious Lambs Preschool Jacksonville FL	Jesus Loves Me Learning Center North Mankato MN ECM Director	12/4/2019
Miss Sarah Seelow	St John's LS Burlington WI	St John LS Waterloo WI Teacher; Grades K-2	12/8/2019
Miss Kaylen Orr	Building Blocks Christian Academy Los Angeles CA	Risen Savior Christian Academy Pooler GA ECM Director	12/8/2019
Mr Christopher Avila	St John LS Red Wing MN	Christ LC Eagle River WI Principal; Grades 4-6	12/11/2019
Miss Katherine Huebner	West Lutheran High School Plymouth MN	Manitowoc Lutheran High School Manitowoc WI Teacher; English	12/14/2019
Ms Michelle Yotter	St Peter LS Saint Peter MN	St Peter LS Schofield WI Teacher; Kindergarten	12/15/2019
Mr Steven Lehman	St Paul LS North Fond du Lac WI	St Paul LS Menomonie WI Teacher; Grades 5 & 6	12/15/2019
Mrs Rachel Arndt		Trinity LS Waukesha WI ECM Teacher; Half-Time Call	12/16/2019
Mr Kurt Nielsen	Zion LS Monroe MI	Huron Valley Lutheran High School Westland MI	12/17/2019

Teacher; Athletic Director  
& Coach

Mr Benjamin Wells	Nebraska Evangelical Lutheran High School Waco NE	Arizona Lutheran Academy Phoenix AZ Teacher; English	12/17/2019
Mr Stephen Roekle	Zion LS Egg Harbor WI	Risen Savior LS (Main Campus) Milwaukee WI Teacher; Grade 6	12/17/2019
Mrs Carrie Schumacher		St John's LS Newburg WI ECM Teacher; Half-Time Call	12/18/2019
Mr Kurt Stielow	St Marcus LS Milwaukee WI	Cornerstone Lutheran Network Salem LS Milwaukee WI Administrator; Dean of Students	12/18/2019
Mr John Ganey	St Paul LS Lake Mills WI	Cornerstone Lutheran Network Salem LS Milwaukee WI Teacher; Upper Grades, Departmentalized Science	12/18/2019
Mr Joshua Schmidt	St Stephen LS Beaver Dam WI	St Luke LS Oakfield WI Teacher; Grades 4-8, Departmentalized	12/22/2019
Mr Craig Kiecker	Emmanuel LS Tempe AZ	Christ-St Peter LS-West Campus Milwaukee WI Teacher; Grade 7	12/22/2019
Mrs Heidi Groth	Christ-St John's LS West Salem WI	Small Steps Academy Port Orange FL ECM Teacher	12/22/2019
Miss Lynelle Schleusener	Apostles LS San Jose CA	Reformation LS San Diego CA ECM Teacher	12/29/2019
Mr Kaleb Buch	St Luke LS Oakfield WI	St Paul LS Tomah WI Principal; Grades 7 & 8	12/29/2019
Miss Kristin Mantey	Cornerstone Early Learning Center Hugo MN	CrossLife Christian Academy Pflugerville TX ECM Director	12/29/2019
Mrs Rosanna Mulske		St Paul's LS Menomonie WI ECM Teacher; Half-Time Call	1/5/2020
Mr John Byus Jr	Luther High School Onalaska WI	First LS La Crosse WI Principal & Grades 7-8	1/5/2020

Mr Jeremy Seeger	Divine Savior Lutheran Academy Doral FL	West Lutheran High School Plymouth MN Teacher; Math	1/5/2020
Mr Michael Paulsen	St Paul LS Norfolk NE	Holy Trinity LS Wyoming MI Principal; Grades 6-8	1/5/2020
Miss Faith Scheer	Christ the Lord LS Brookfield WI	St John LS Lake City MN Teacher; Kindergarten	1/5/2020
Mr Timothy Kassulke	St Mark's LS Watertown WI	King of Kings LS Maitland FL Principal; Grades 6-8	1/5/2020
Mr Corey Pederson	Gethsemane LS Omaha NE	Trinity LS Belle Plaine MN Principal	1/5/2020
Mr Steven Hennig	Martin Luther LS Oshkosh WI	Pilgrim LS Menomonee Falls WI Principal; Grades 5 & 6	1/5/2020
Miss Lindsay Ernst	Garden Homes LS Milwaukee WI	Little Lambs Learning Center Mandan ND ECM Teacher & Assistant Director	1/5/2020
Mr Steven White	St Paul LS South Haven MI	St John LS Bay City MI Principal; Grades 7 & 8	1/5/2020
Mr Casey De Frain	St Mark's LS Watertown WI	Friedens LS Kenosha WI Teacher; Grade 5 & Technology	1/5/2020
Mr Daniel Johnson	Mount Lebanon LS Milwaukee WI	St Matthew's LS Stoddard WI Principal	1/5/2020
Mr Joseph Gumm	Trinity LS Nicollet MN	Luther Preparatory School Watertown WI Professor of English	1/5/2020
Miss Cassandra Krug	Lord of Life LS Friendswood TX	Atonement LS Milwaukee WI ECM Teacher; K4	1/6/2020
Mrs Nicole Gibson	Divine Savior Lutheran Academy Doral FL	Atonement LS Milwaukee WI Teacher; Grade 2	1/6/2020
Mr Joshua Gibson	Divine Savior Lutheran Academy Doral FL	Atonement LS Milwaukee WI Teacher; Grade 8	1/6/2020
Mr Christopher Arndt	Siloah LS Milwaukee WI	Atonement LS Milwaukee WI Teacher; Grade 6	1/6/2020
Mrs Brooke Prost		Divine Savior Lutheran Academy	1/6/2020

		Doral FL Teacher; Kindergarten	
Miss Cheryl Henckel	Little Lambs Childcare Center West Bend WI	St Paul LS Ixonia WI ECM Director	1/7/2020
Mr Benjamin Rank	Eastside LS Madison WI	St John LS Wauwatosa WI Principal	1/7/2020
Miss Emily Marggraf	St Peter's LS Sturgeon Bay WI	St Paul LS Beverly Hills FL Teacher; Grade 1	1/8/2020
Mr Chad Czerwan	St Martin's LS Watertown SD	St Paul LS Beverly Hills FL Teacher; Grades 7-8, Technology	1/8/2020
Miss Catharyn Waggoner	Our Savior's LS Zion IL	St Mark Little Lions Preschool Salina KS ECM Teacher	1/8/2020
Mr Levi Nagel	St John LC Milwaukee WI	Wisconsin Lutheran High School Milwaukee WI Teacher; Choral Director	1/8/2020
Mr Aaron Bauer	Garden Homes LS Milwaukee WI	Wisconsin Lutheran High School Milwaukee WI Teacher; Mathematics & Coaching	1/8/2020
Mrs Kali Westenberg		Little Lambs Learning Center Danube MN ECM Teacher	1/9/2020
Mr James Sievert	Good Shepherd LC West Bend WI	Commission on Lutheran Schools School Consulting; Part- Time Call	1/9/2020
Mr Bradley Reinhardt	St Marcus LS Milwaukee WI	Atonement LS Milwaukee WI Teacher; Grade 7	1/10/2020
Mr John Schleis	Star of Bethlehem LS New Berlin WI	St John LS Libertyville IL Teacher; Upper Grades & Technology Director	1/12/2020
Mrs Amy Maurice		St John LS Watertown WI Teacher; Extended Learning, Part-Time Call	1/12/2020
Mr Paul Mildebrandt	St Paul LS Cannon Falls MN	St Paul's LS Moline IL Principal	1/12/2020
Mrs Laura Jaeger	St John's LS Two Rivers WI	St Stephen LS Beaver Dam WI Teacher; Grade 1	1/12/2020

Mrs Karen Cooper	Immanuel LS Waukegan IL	St Stephen LS Beaver Dam WI Teacher; Grades 3 & 4	1/12/2020
Mrs Kelli Baas	Trinity LS Brillion WI	Trinity-St Luke Western Ave Campus Watertown WI ECM Director	1/12/2020
Mr Ryan Jaeger	St John's LS Two Rivers WI	St Stephen LS Beaver Dam WI Principal; Grades 5-8, Departmentalized	1/12/2020
Mrs Amber Bode		St Peter LS Saint Peter MN Teacher; Grades 3-5	1/12/2020
Mr Seth Herrmann	Atonement LS Milwaukee WI	Abiding Word LS Houston TX Principal	1/12/2020
Mr Kyle Seim	St Paul LS Lake Mills WI	St John LS Caledonia MN Principal	1/12/2020
Mr Andrew Plocher	Emmaus LS Phoenix AZ	Immanuel LS Salem OR Principal; Upper Grades	1/12/2020
Mrs Janean Plocher	Emmaus LS Phoenix AZ	Immanuel LS Salem OR Teacher; Grades 1 & 2	1/12/2020
Mrs Kathleen Mildebrandt	St Paul LS Cannon Falls MN	St Paul LS Moline IL ECM Teacher	1/12/2020
Mrs Amanda Berg	St Philip LS Milwaukee WI	Garden Homes LS Milwaukee WI Teacher; K5	1/12/2020
Mrs Rachel Hahm	Lord of Life LS Thornton CO	St John LS Red Wing MN Teacher; Grades 1 & 2	1/12/2020
Mr Scott Schomberg	St Matthew's LS Winona MN	Immanuel LS Medford WI Principal; Grades 6-8	1/12/2020
Mrs Adrienne Bengel	St Mark LS Citrus Heights CA	Holy Trinity LS New Hope MN Teacher; Spanish, ECE Assistant, Release-Time Call	1/13/2020
Mr Brett Bengel	St Mark LS Citrus Heights CA	Holy Trinity LS New Hope MN Principal; Grades 3 & 4 Homeroom	1/13/2020

<b>Staff Ministers</b>	<b>Current call</b>	<b>New call</b>	<b>Date issued</b>
Mr Greg Schmill	Grace in Action New Ulm MN	Manitowoc Lutheran High School Manitowoc WI Administrator; Director of Mission Advancement	1/4/2020
Mr Kevin Bode	Emmanuel LS Tempe AZ	St Peter LC Saint Peter MN Staff Minister	1/12/2020

## **CALLS ACCEPTED**

<b>Pastors</b>	<b>Current call</b>	<b>New call</b>	<b>Date accepted</b>
Rev Daniel Habben	St John LC St John's Saint John Antigua	Mt Calvary LC Flagstaff AZ Pastor	1/7/2020
Rev Stephen Wiesenauer	Hong Kong Mission	One Asia Team Leader	1/8/2020
Rev Daniel Schumann	Friedens LC Randolph WI	Shepherd of the Hills LC Winchester VA Pastor	1/12/2020

<b>Teachers</b>	<b>Current call</b>	<b>New call</b>	<b>Date accepted</b>
Mr Jonah Gauger	St Jacobi LS Greenfield WI	St Jacobi LS Greenfield WI Teacher; Grade 5 & Technology Director	12/28/2019
Mrs Kristin Hadenfeldt	St Paul LS Menomonie WI	St Paul LS Menomonie WI ECM Director & Teacher; Extended Day Program Coordinator	12/30/2019
Mrs Karilyn Hurley	Grace Christian Academy Falls Church VA	Divine Savior LC-Liberty Hill Liberty Hill TX ECM Teacher	1/7/2020
Mr Patrick Hurley	Grace Christian Academy Falls Church VA	Divine Savior LC-Liberty Hill Liberty Hill TX Principal	1/7/2020
Mr Justin Liepert	Winnebago Lutheran Academy Fond du Lac WI	Wisconsin Lutheran High School Milwaukee WI Teacher; English	1/7/2020
Mr David Ring	Nebraska Evangelical Lutheran High School Waco NE	Wisconsin LS-Middle School (6-8) Racine WI Teacher; Grades 6-8 & Dean of Students	1/8/2020



Mr Caleb Dobberstein	Bloomington LS Bloomington MN	Bloomington LS Bloomington MN Teacher; Upper Grades	1/8/2020
Mr Duane Vance	Jerusalem LS Morton Grove IL	Illinois Lutheran Schools Inc Crete IL Executive Director	1/9/2020
Miss Hannah Rothe	Christ Our Redeemer LS Aurora CO	St Paul LS Rapid City SD Teacher; Grades 4, 7-8	1/9/2020
Mrs Ahnsharee Klusmeyer	Peace LS Green Lake WI	Good Shepherd's LC West Allis WI Teacher; Grades 7-8 & Children's Ministry	1/11/2020
Mr Paul Patterson	Wisconsin LS-Early Childhood Campus (K4-2) Racine WI	Commission on Lutheran Schools Associate Director of Lutheran Schools	1/12/2020
Mr Jonathan Boche	Kingdom Workers Waukesha WI	Kingdom Prep Lutheran High School Wauwatosa WI Teacher	1/13/2020
Mrs Abigail Kurth	Winnebago Lutheran Academy Fond du Lac WI	Winnebago Lutheran Academy Fond du Lac WI Director of Bands	1/13/2020

## CALLS DECLINED

Pastors	Current call	New call	Date declined
Rev Mark Kom	Crown of Life LC West Saint Paul MN	Goodview Trinity LC Goodview MN Pastor	1/5/2020
Rev Paul Bader	Retired	St John (Barre Mills) LC La Crosse WI Pastor; Retirement Call	1/6/2020
Rev Timothy Westendorf	Abiding Word LC Highlands Ranch CO	Mt Olive LC Overland Park KS Pastor	1/7/2020
Rev Jeffrey Berg	Martin Luther LC Oshkosh WI	Good Hope LC Ellensburg WA Dual Parish with Good Faith S Cle Elum WA Pastor; Retirement Call	1/10/2020
Rev John Hering	Divine Peace LC Garland TX	Board for Home Missions Mission Counselor	1/10/2020
Rev Bradley Pearson	St James LC Prairie Du Sac WI	St John LC Hemlock MI Pastor	1/12/2020

Teachers	Current call	New call	Date declined
Rev Thomas Glende	Beautiful Savior LC Fayetteville NC	Faith LC Excelsior MN Pastor	1/12/2020
Mrs Michelle Korth	Trinity LS Marshfield WI	Neenah LS (3-8) Neenah WI Teacher; Spanish	12/20/2019
Mrs Natalie Walz		St Marcus LS Milwaukee WI ECM Teacher	12/27/2019
Mr Eric Ziel	St Matthew's LS Oconomowoc WI	Peridot-Our Savior's LS Peridot AZ Teacher; Grade 6	1/6/2020
Mrs Elisabeth Ziel	St Matthew's LS Oconomowoc WI	Peridot-Our Savior's LS Peridot AZ Teacher; Grade 2	1/6/2020
Mr Micah Walz	Star of Bethlehem LS New Berlin WI	Good Shepherd Lutheran Academy Deltona FL Teacher; Grades 7 & 8	1/6/2020
Miss Kathryn Gut	Shepherd of the Valley LS Westminster CO	Victory Preschool Jacksonville FL ECM Director	1/7/2020
Mr Alexander Vandenberg	Zion LS Columbus WI	Immanuel LS Medford WI Principal; Grades 6-8	1/7/2020
Mr David Backus	St John LS Manitowoc WI	Apostles LS & Lutheran High School San Jose CA Principal	1/8/2020
Mr Benjamin Priebe	Fox Valley Lutheran High School Appleton WI	Evergreen Lutheran High School Tacoma WA Principal	1/8/2020
Miss Deborah Schultz	Emanuel Lutheran Preschool Tawas City MI	Samuel LS Marshall MN ECM Director	1/9/2020
Miss Amanda Ehrenberg	St Paul LS South Haven MI	First Steps Early Learning Center La Crescent MN ECM Director	1/10/2020
Miss Barbara Noon	Beautiful Savior Preschool Clarksville TN	Zion LC Denver CO ECM Director	1/11/2020
Mr Justin Vilski	Prince of Peace LS Taylorsville UT	Christ Alone LS Thiensville WI Principal	1/11/2020
Miss Rebecca Gervais	Cornerstone Early Learning Center Hugo MN	Abiding Peace LC Simpsonville SC ECM Teacher	1/11/2020

Mrs Allison Byers	St Paul LS Lake Mills WI	Good Shepherd Early Childhood Center Sioux Falls SD ECM Director	1/13/2020
Ms Kasey Hoffman	Dei Spring Child Care Center Cold Spring MN	Little Lambs Learning Center Duluth MN ECM Teacher	1/13/2020

## RESIGNED

Pastors	Current call	Date resigned
Rev Luke Willitz	Immanuel LC Mosinee WI	1/9/2020
Teachers	Current call	Date resigned
Ms Stephanie Petersen	Noah's Ark Preschool Stanton NE	12/20/2019
Miss Shawna Smith	Divine Savior Lutheran Academy Doral FL	1/6/2020
Mrs Rachel Koschnitzke	Kids Crossing Early Learning Center Madison WI	5/31/2020
Mrs Stacy Shrum	St Stephen LS Adrian MI	6/30/2020
Mrs Alyssa Schwede	Beautiful Saviour LS Carlsbad CA	6/30/2020
Mrs Calista Leistekow	Peridot-Our Savior's LS Peridot AZ	6/30/2020
Mrs Emma Doble	Zion LS Valentine NE	6/30/2020
Miss Hannah Carter	Zion Lutheran Preschool Valentine NE	6/30/2020
Mrs Megan Beisker	St Paul LS Bangor WI	6/30/2020

## CALLED TO ETERNAL GLORY

Pastors	Home church	Death date
Prof em Robert Krueger	St John's LC New Ulm MN	1/5/2020

## RETIREMENT

Pastors	Current call	Date retired
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Rev Jeffrey Berg	Martin Luther LC Oshkosh WI	6/30/2020
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Rev Mark Neitzel	West Lutheran High School Plymouth MN	6/30/2020
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<b>Teachers</b>	<b>Current call</b>	<b>Date retired</b>
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Mrs Debra Kolbow	Peace LS Hartford WI	6/30/2020
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Mrs Sandra Knoblock	Illinois Lutheran Elementary School Crete IL	6/30/2020
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