



## Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

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

**12/31/2019 - 1/6/2020**

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 Stephen Wiesenauer	Hong Kong	One Asia Team Leader	10/10/2019
Rev Daniel Habben	St John LC St John's Saint John Antigua	Mt Calvary LC Flagstaff AZ Pastor	11/13/2019
Rev Daniel Schumann	Friedens LC Randolph WI	Shepherd of the Hills LC Winchester VA Pastor	11/24/2019
Rev Joel Nitz	Messiah LC Olympia WA	Hmong Asia Pastor	11/26/2019
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	12/1/2019
Rev Paul Bader	Retired	St John (Barre Mills) LC La Crosse WI Pastor; Retirement Call	12/1/2019
Rev Douglas Westenberg	St Peter LC Marshfield WI	St Michael's LC Fountain City WI Pastor	12/3/2019
Rev Thomas Glende	Beautiful Savior LC Fayetteville NC	Faith LC Excelsior MN Pastor	12/4/2019
Rev John Hering	Divine Peace LC Garland TX	Board for Home Missions Mission Counselor	12/5/2019

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 Bradley Pearson	St James LC Prairie Du Sac WI	St John LC Hemlock MI Pastor	12/9/2019
Rev Timothy Westendorf	Abiding Word LC Highlands Ranch CO	Mt Olive LC Overland Park KS Pastor	12/9/2019
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 Mark Kom	Crown of Life LC West Saint Paul MN	Goodview Trinity LC Goodview MN Pastor	12/11/2019

<b>Teachers</b>	<b>Current call</b>	<b>New call</b>	<b>Date issued</b>
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Mrs Kristin Hadenfeldt	St Paul LS Menomonie WI	St Paul LS Menomonie WI ECM Director & Teacher; Extended Day Program Coordinator	11/21/2019
Mr Jonah Gauger	St Jacobi LS Greenfield WI	St Jacobi LS Greenfield WI Teacher; Grade 5 & Technology Director	11/26/2019
Mr Patrick Hurley	Grace Christian Academy Falls Church VA	Divine Savior LC-Liberty Hill Liberty Hill TX Principal	11/26/2019
Mrs Karilyn Hurley	Grace Christian Academy Falls Church VA	Divine Savior LC-Liberty Hill Liberty Hill TX ECM Teacher	11/26/2019
Miss Kathryn Gut	Shepherd of the Valley LS Westminster CO	Victory Preschool Jacksonville FL ECM Director	12/1/2019
Mr Marc Meihack	Bethany LS Kenosha WI	Salem LS Milwaukee WI Teacher; Upper Grades, Departmentalized ELA	12/2/2019
Miss Barbara Noon	Beautiful Savior Preschool Clarksville TN	Zion LC Denver CO ECM Director	12/3/2019
Mr Michael Chappell	Precious Lambs Preschool Jacksonville FL	Jesus Loves Me Learning Center	12/4/2019

		North Mankato MN ECM Director	
Mrs Michelle Korth	Trinity LS Marshfield WI	Neenah LS (3-8) Neenah WI Teacher; Spanish	12/5/2019
Miss Sarah Seelow	St John's LS Burlington WI	St John LS Waterloo WI Teacher; Grades K-2	12/8/2019
Miss Rebecca Gervais	Cornerstone Early Learning Center Hugo MN	Abiding Peace LC Simpsonville SC ECM Teacher	12/8/2019
Miss Hannah Rothe	Christ Our Redeemer LS Aurora CO	St Paul LS Rapid City SD Teacher; Grades 4, 7 & 8	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 Duane Vance	Jerusalem LS Morton Grove IL	Illinois Lutheran Schools Inc Crete IL Executive Director	12/9/2019
Mrs Elisabeth Ziel	St Matthew's LS Oconomowoc WI	Peridot-Our Savior's LS Peridot AZ Teacher; Grade 2	12/9/2019
Mr Eric Ziel	St Matthew's LS Oconomowoc WI	Peridot-Our Savior's LS Peridot AZ Teacher; Grade 6	12/9/2019
Mrs Abigail Kurth	Winnebago Lutheran Academy Fond du Lac WI	Winnebago Lutheran Academy Fond du Lac WI Director of Bands	12/9/2019
Mr Justin Liepert	Winnebago Lutheran Academy Fond du Lac WI	Wisconsin Lutheran High School Milwaukee WI Teacher; English	12/9/2019
Mrs Natalie Walz		St Marcus LS Milwaukee WI ECM Teacher	12/11/2019
Mrs Allison Byers	St Paul LS Lake Mills WI	Good Shepherd Early Childhood Center Sioux Falls SD ECM Director	12/11/2019
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
Miss Deborah Schultz	Emanuel Lutheran Preschool Tawas City MI	Samuel LS Marshall MN ECM Director	12/15/2019

Miss Amanda Ehrenberg	St Paul LS South Haven MI	First Steps Early Learning Center La Crescent MN ECM Director	12/15/2019
Mr David Backus	St John LS Manitowoc WI	Apostles LS & Lutheran High School San Jose CA Principal	12/15/2019
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 Ahnsharee Klusmeyer	Peace LS Green Lake WI	Good Shepherd's LC West Allis WI Teacher; Grades 7-8 & Children's Ministry	12/15/2019
Mr Paul Patterson	Wisconsin LS-Early Childhood Campus (K4-2) Racine WI	Commission on Lutheran Schools Associate Director of Lutheran Schools	12/16/2019
Mr Justin Vilski	Prince of Peace LS Taylorsville UT	Christ Alone LS Thiensville WI Principal	12/16/2019
Mrs Rachel Arndt		Trinity LS Waukesha WI ECM Teacher; Half-Time Call	12/16/2019
Mr Jonathan Boche	Kingdom Workers Waukesha WI	Kingdom Prep Lutheran High School Wauwatosa WI Teacher	12/16/2019
Mr Benjamin Priebe	Fox Valley Lutheran High School Appleton WI	Evergreen Lutheran High School Tacoma WA Principal	12/16/2019
Mr Kurt Nielsen	Zion LS Monroe MI	Huron Valley Lutheran High School Westland MI Teacher; Athletic Director & Coach	12/17/2019
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
Mr David Ring	Nebraska Evangelical Lutheran High School Waco NE	Wisconsin LS-Middle School (6-8) Racine WI	12/17/2019

Teacher; Grades 6-8 &  
Dean of Students

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 Micah Walz	Star of Bethlehem LS New Berlin WI	Good Shepherd Lutheran Academy Deltona FL Teacher; Grades 7 & 8	12/22/2019
Mr Joshua Schmidt	St Stephen LS Beaver Dam WI	St Luke LS Oakfield WI Teacher; Grades 4-8 Departmentalized	12/22/2019
Mr Alexander Vandenberg	Zion LS Columbus WI	Immanuel LS Medford WI Principal; Grades 6-8	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
Mr John Byus Jr	Luther High School Onalaska WI	First LS La Crosse WI Principal & Grades 7-8	1/5/2020
Ms Kasey Hoffman	Dei Spring Child Care Center Cold Spring MN	Little Lambs Learning Center Duluth MN ECM Teacher	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 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 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

<b>Staff Ministers</b>	<b>Current call</b>	<b>New call</b>	<b>Date issued</b>
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Mr Greg Schmill	Grace in Action New Ulm MN	Manitowoc Lutheran High School Manitowoc WI Administrator; Director of Mission Advancement	1/4/2020
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## **CALLS ACCEPTED**

<b>Pastors</b>	<b>Current call</b>	<b>New call</b>	<b>Date accepted</b>
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Rev Larry Zahn	Retired	Ascension LC Crossville TN Pastor; One-Year, Retirement Call	12/29/2019
Rev Frank Rose	Zion LC & St John LC Kingston WI	Grace LC Vail AZ Associate Pastor	12/29/2019

Rev Robert Smith	Redeemer LC Hastings NE	Our Savior LC Sun City AZ Pastor	12/30/2019
<b>Teachers</b>	<b>Current call</b>	<b>New call</b>	<b>Date accepted</b>
Mrs Maria Felten	St John LS Caledonia MN	St John LS Caledonia MN Preschool & Resource Teacher; Provisional Call	12/18/2019
Miss Hannah Zabel		Peace LS Kissimmee FL Teacher; Grades 6-8, Limited Duration	12/21/2019
Mr Alan Nolte	Fox Valley Lutheran High School	Fox Valley Lutheran High School Appleton WI Principal	12/27/2019
Mrs Holly Dannecker	St John's LS Sparta WI	St Mark LS Green Bay WI Teacher; Grade 4 & Special Education Resource Teacher	12/28/2019
Mrs Marlee Hill	St Paul LS N Fond du Lac WI	Good Shepherd LS West Bend WI Teacher; Grade 3	12/28/2019
Mr Chad Clough	Word of Life LS Milwaukee WI	St Paul LS Franklin WI Teacher; Grade 6	1/3/2020
Mrs Megan Prater	St Paul LS Fort Atkinson WI	St Paul LS Lake Mills WI Teacher; Grade 5	1/3/2020
Mr Daniel Plath	Crown of Life LS West Saint Paul MN	St Paul LS Beverly Hills FL Principal	1/4/2020
Mr Andrew Olson	St Philip LS Milwaukee WI	Emmanuel LS Tempe AZ Teacher; Grade 6	1/4/2020
Mr Luke Rothe	Luther Preparatory School Watertown WI	St Marcus LS Milwaukee WI Teacher; Grade 7	1/5/2020
<b>Staff Minsters</b>	<b>Current call</b>	<b>New call</b>	<b>Date accepted</b>
Mr Michael Henning	St Mark LC De Pere WI	St Mark LC De Pere WI Staff Minister; Minister of Congregational Life	12/26/2019

## **CALLS DECLINED**

<b>Pastors</b>	<b>Current call</b>	<b>New call</b>	<b>Date declined</b>
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Rev Joel Gaertner	The Lutheran Home Belle Plaine MN	Trinity LC Winner SD Pastor	12/27/2019
Rev Jacob Scott	Zion LC Arlington WI	Peace LC Kokomo IN Pastor	12/27/2019
Rev Timothy Spaude	St Jacobi LC Greenfield WI	Good Shepherd LC Benton Harbor MI Pastor	12/28/2019
Rev Geoffrey Kieta	Peace LC Livonia MI	St Peter LC Brodhead WI Pastor	12/29/2019
Rev Michael Willitz	Lord of Love LC Deforest WI	Christ the Redeemer LC Barre VT Pastor	12/29/2019
Rev Daniel Waldschmidt	St John LC Burlington WI	St Paul's LC Menomonie WI Associate Pastor	12/30/2019
Rev James Fleming	St Peter LC - North Campus Appleton WI	The Springs LC Sparks NV Pastor	1/3/2020
Rev Eric Schroeder	St John LC Wauwatosa WI	Bethany LC Fort Atkinson WI Associate Pastor; Academy President	1/3/2020
Rev Silas Schmitzer	St Matthew LC Stoddard WI	St Paul's LC Plymouth NE Associate Pastor	1/3/2020
Rev Andrew Schroeder	California Lutheran High School Wildomar CA	First LC Lake Geneva WI Pastor	1/3/2020
Rev Stephen Koelpin	Crown of Life LC Yucaipa CA	New Mission Wesley Chapel FL Missionary	1/3/2020
Rev Christopher Schroeder	Pan de Vida / Bread of Life LC Santa Ana CA	Shepherd LC Albuquerque NM Pastor	1/4/2020
Rev Jacob Scott	Zion LC Arlington WI	Good Shepherd LC Kearney NE Pastor	1/4/2020
Rev Curtis Golm	Messiah LC Milwaukee WI	St Matthew LC Freeland MI St John LC Saginaw MI Pastor	1/5/2020
Rev Mark Gabb	St Paul LC Beverly Hills FL	Grace LC Milwaukee WI Associate Pastor	1/5/2020

Teachers	Current call	New call	Date declined
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Mr Joshua Schoeneck	Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School Jackson WI	Wisconsin Lutheran High School Milwaukee WI Teacher; Director of Technology	12/23/2019
Mrs Michelle Springer	St Paul LS Ixonia WI	St Paul LS Moline IL ECM Teacher	12/23/2019
Mr Benjamin Springer	St Paul LS Ixonia WI	St Paul LS Moline IL Principal	12/23/2019
Mrs Anna Wendt		St Peter LS Saint Peter MN Teacher; Grades 3-5	12/24/2019
Mr Joel Plocher	Holy Trinity LS Des Moines WA	St Paul LS Green Bay WI Teacher; Grades 7-8	12/28/2019
Mr Ryan Finkbeiner	Mount Lebanon LS Milwaukee WI	Abiding Word LS Houston TX Principal	12/28/2019
Mr Aaron Krause	Bethany LS Manitowoc WI	St Stephen LS Beaver Dam WI Principal; Grades 5-8, Departmentalized	12/28/2019
Miss Cassandra Schwark	Trinity LS Aberdeen SD	Mt Calvary LS Waukesha WI Teacher; Grade 1	12/30/2019
Mr Philip Haefner	Trinity LS Bay City MI	St John LS Caledonia MN Principal	12/30/2019
Mr James Livingston	Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School Jackson WI	Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School New Ulm MN Teacher; Administrator, Director of Technology	12/30/2019
Mr Paul Kanzenbach	St John LS Milwaukee WI	St Paul LS Muskego WI Teacher; Grade 5	12/31/2019
Mr Marc Shambeau	Wisconsin Lutheran High School Milwaukee WI	Divine Savior Lutheran Academy Doral FL Teacher; Math	12/31/2019
Mr Travis Wendt	Bethlehem LS-South Menomonee Falls WI	St Mark LS Green Bay WI Teacher; Grade 7 & Vice Principal	1/1/2020
Mr Ryan Wiechmann	Northland Lutheran High School Mosinee WI	Luther High School Onalaska WI Principal	1/1/2020
Miss Jennifer Lindloff	Peace LS Sun Prairie WI	Divine Savior Academy - Sienna Plantation Missouri City TX Teacher; Grades 3 & 4	1/1/2020

Miss Rebecca Wagner	Redeemer Learning Center Tomahawk WI	Leap of Faith Lutheran Preschool New Lisbon WI ECM Director	1/2/2020
Mrs Erin Nottling	Luther Preparatory School Watertown WI	Good Shepherd LC Deltona FL Teacher; Grades 6-7 & Spanish	1/2/2020
Mrs Rebecca Seeger	Abiding Peace Academy Simpsonville SC	Immanuel LS Salem OR Teacher; Grades 1 & 2	1/2/2020
Mr Zachary Seeger	Abiding Peace Academy Simpsonville SC	Immanuel LS Salem OR Principal; Upper Grades	1/2/2020
Mr Matthew Nottling	St Mark's LS Watertown WI	Good Shepherd LC Deltona FL Principal	1/2/2020
Mr Jon Kulhanek	Bay Pines LS Seminole FL	St Mark LS Eau Claire WI Teacher; Grades 7 & 8, Athletic Director	1/2/2020
Mr William Strasser Jr	Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School Jackson WI	Shoreland Lutheran High School Somers WI Teacher; Industrial Arts	1/3/2020
Mr Joel Schultz	Trinity LS Caledonia WI	Westside Christian School Middleton WI Teacher; Grades 5 -8	1/3/2020
Mr Jared Christensen	St Paul LS Saint James MN	Cross of Glory LS Peoria AZ Principal	1/4/2020
Mrs Erin Koschnitzke	Lakeside Lutheran High School Lake Mills WI	Garden Homes LS Milwaukee WI Teacher; K5	1/4/2020
Mr Justin Wiechmann	St Matthew's LS Oconomowoc WI	St John LC Libertyville IL Teacher; Upper Grades	1/4/2020
Miss Gina Radue	Great Plains Lutheran High School Watertown SD	St Marcus LS Milwaukee WI Teacher; Grade 7	1/4/2020
Mr Justin Ohm	Crown of Life LS West Saint Paul MN	Wisconsin Lutheran High School Milwaukee WI Teacher; Mathematics & Coaching	1/5/2020
<b>Staff Ministers</b>	<b>Current call</b>	<b>New call</b>	<b>Date declined</b>
Mr Joshua Wendt	First German LS Manitowoc WI	St Peter LC Saint Peter MN Staff Minister	12/24/2019
Mr Joel Burmeister	St Croix Lutheran Academy West Saint Paul MN	Manitowoc Lutheran High School Manitowoc WI	12/28/2019

## RESIGNED

Teachers	Current call	Date resigned
Mrs Lisa Phillips	St Paul Lutheran Child Center Winneconne WI	1/10/2020

## RETIREMENT

Pastors	Current call	Date retired
Rev Mark Bitter	Christ the King LC Tulsa OK	3/31/2020

Teachers	Current call	Date retired
Mrs Amy Bubloz	St Stephen LS Beaver Dam WI	6/30/2020
Mrs Dolores Bumhoffer	St John LS Pigeon MI	6/30/2020

Staff Minsters	Current call	Date retired
Mrs Amy Krueger	Peace LC Bradenton FL	12/31/2019