



Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

Pastor, teacher, and staff minister call report

1/14/2020 - 1/20/2020

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

Pastors	Current call	New call	Date issued
Rev Joel Nitz	Messiah LC Olympia WA	Hmong Asia Pastor	11/26/2019
Rev Joel Naumann	St Mark LC Eau Claire WI	Prince of Peace LC Yankton SD Pastor	12/9/2019
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	1/9/2020
Rev Caleb Bassett	Redeemer LC Fallbrook CA	Martin Luther LC Oshkosh WI Associate Pastor; Shared-Time with UW-Oshkosh Campus Ministry	1/12/2020
Rev Timothy Bourman	Sure Foundation LC Woodside NY	Martin Luther LC Oshkosh WI Associate Pastor	1/12/2020
Rev Jeremy Cares	Shepherd of the Plains LC Lubbock TX	Zion LC Lansing MI Pastor	1/12/2020
Rev John Koester	Gethsemane LC Omaha NE	Resurrection LC Aurora IL Associate Pastor	1/12/2020
Rev Caleb Bassett	Redeemer LC Fallbrook CA	Immanuel LC Johnson Creek WI Pastor	1/12/2020
Rev Kyle Bitter	St John LC Wauwatosa WI	St John's LC Sparta WI Associate Pastor	1/12/2020
Rev Timothy Redfield	Trinity LC Belle Plaine MN	St Luke LC Watertown WI Associate Pastor	1/12/2020
Rev Andrew Retberg	Good Shepherd LC The Woodlands TX	First LC Lake Geneva WI Pastor	1/12/2020
Rev Timothy Berg	St Paul's LC Rapid City SD	St Paul's LC Plymouth NE Associate Pastor	1/12/2020
Rev Evan Chartrand	Luther Preparatory School Watertown WI	The Springs LC Sparks NV Pastor	1/12/2020
Rev Jonathan Scharf	Abiding Grace LC Covington GA	King of Kings LC Garden Grove CA Pastor	1/12/2020
Rev Scott Bergemann	Mt Zion LC Kenosha WI	Resurrection LC & Good Shepherd LC Phoenix AZ Pastor	1/12/2020
Rev Justin Gran	Emmanuel LC Tempe AZ	New Mission Wesley Chapel FL Missionary	1/13/2020
Rev Joel Sutton	Latin America Missions Team	Truth In Love Ministry Nampa ID Missionary	1/13/2020
Rev Don Frelitz	Trinity LC Union Grove WI	Christ LC West Salem WI Associate Pastor	1/14/2020

Rev Scott Wolfram	Divine Word LC Plover WI	St Paul's LC Menomonie WI Associate Pastor	1/14/2020
Rev Ronald Koehler III	Grace LC Tucson AZ	Shepherd of the Lakes LC Fenton MI Pastor	1/14/2020
Rev Aaron Ody	St Peter's LC Eldorado WI	Shepherd LC Albuquerque NM Pastor	1/14/2020
Rev Gerhardt Juergens	St John LC Tappen ND	Trinity LC Winner SD Pastor	1/15/2020
Rev Zachary Pudlo	Crown of Life LC West Saint Paul MN	Shepherd of Peace LC Norfolk NE Pastor	1/15/2020
Rev Robert Weiss	St Peter LC Chilton WI	Bethany LC Gibsonia PA Pastor	1/16/2020
Rev Nathan Buch	Summerlin LC Las Vegas NV	Good Shepherd LC Benton Harbor MI Pastor	1/16/2020
Rev Paul Nitz	One Africa Team	Board for World Missions WELS World Missions One Team Counselor	1/16/2020

Teachers	Current call	New call	Date issued
Miss Katherine Huebner	West Lutheran High School Plymouth MN	Manitowoc Lutheran High School Manitowoc WI Teacher; English	12/14/2019
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 Teacher; Athletic Director & Coach	12/17/2019
Mrs Carrie Schumacher		St John's LS Newburg WI ECM Teacher; Half-Time Call	12/18/2019
Miss Lynelle Schleusener	Apostles LS San Jose CA	Reformation LS San Diego CA ECM Teacher	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
Mr Michael Paulsen	St Paul LS Norfolk NE	Holy Trinity LS Wyoming MI Principal; Grades 6-8	1/5/2020
Mrs Rosanna Mulske		St Paul's LS Menomonie WI ECM Teacher; Half-Time Call	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 Teacher; ECM & 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

Miss Cheryl Henckel	Little Lambs Childcare Center West Bend WI	St Paul LS Ixonía 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
Mr Brent Sorn	Parkland LS Tacoma WA	Peace LS Kissimmee FL Principal	1/12/2020
Mrs Amy Maurice		St John LS Watertown WI Teacher; Extended Learning, Part-Time Call	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 David Wendland		Our Redeemer LS Madison WI Teacher; Grades 1-2	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
Mr Paul Mildebrandt	St Paul LS Cannon Falls MN	St Paul LS Moline IL Principal	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	1/13/2020

Principal; Grades 3 & 4,
Homeroom

Prof Rachel Feld	Martin Luther College New Ulm MN	Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School New Ulm MN Director of Technology	1/13/2020
Mr Martin Plocher	Manitowoc Lutheran High School Manitowoc WI	Shoreland Lutheran High School Somers WI Teacher; Industrial Arts	1/13/2020
Mrs Greta Backus	Shepherd of the Valley LS Menasha WI	Shepherd of the Valley LS Menasha WI Teacher; Grades 3 & 4	1/14/2020
Miss Katherine Rath	Evergreen Lutheran High School Tacoma WA	St John LS Mukwonago WI Teacher; Grades 5 & 6, Athletic Director	1/15/2020
Mr Todd Hackbarth	Lakeside Lutheran High School Lake Mills WI	Divine Savior Lutheran Academy Doral FL Teacher; Math	1/15/2020
Ms Susan Decker	West Lutheran High School Plymouth MN	Divine Savior Lutheran Academy Doral FL Teacher; English & Drama	1/15/2020
Mrs Donna Hackbarth	St Paul LS Lake Mills WI	Divine Savior Lutheran Academy Doral FL Teacher; Grade 2	1/15/2020
Ms Angela Horneber	Wisconsin Lutheran High School Milwaukee WI	Wisconsin Lutheran High School Milwaukee WI Teacher; Dormitory Supervisor & Part-Time English	1/15/2020
Mr Mark Sievert		St Paul LS Muskego WI Teacher; Grade 5	1/16/2020
Mr Jon Ross	Divine Savior Lutheran Academy Doral FL	Nebraska Lutheran High School Waco NE Teacher; Math	1/16/2020
Miss Meredith Moeller	St Matthew LS Janesville WI	Holy Cross LS Madison WI Teacher; Grades 3 & 4	1/16/2020
Mr Richard DeFrain	Gloria Dei LS Belmont CA	Peace LS Granger IN Teacher; Grades K-8	1/19/2020
Mr Alan Mindock	St Paul First LS North Hollywood CA	St Mark LS Green Bay WI Teacher; Grade 7 & Vice Principal	1/19/2020

Mrs Melissa Borchardt	Trinity LS Bay City MI	Resurrection LS Rochester MN ECM Director	1/19/2020
Mr Joel Koschnitzke	Holy Cross LS Madison WI	St Mark LS Eau Claire WI Teacher; Grades 7-8 & Athletic Director	1/19/2020
Mr Paul Hoffman	St Paul LS Appleton WI	Cross of Glory LS Peoria AZ Principal	1/19/2020
Miss Kristy Stahmann	Emanuel LS New London WI	Divine Savior Academy - Sienna Plantation Missouri City TX Teacher; Grades 3 & 4	1/19/2020
Mr Justin Ninmann	St Peter LS Appleton WI	Westside Christian School Middleton WI Teacher; Grades 5-8	1/19/2020
Mr Benjamin Leibl	Grace LS Oshkosh WI	Good Shepherd Lutheran Academy Deltona FL Principal	1/19/2020
Mrs Heidi Leibl	Grace LS Oshkosh WI	Good Shepherd Lutheran Academy Deltona FL Teacher; Grades 6-7 & Spanish	1/19/2020
Mr Jared Matthies	Trinity-St Luke Clark St Campus Watertown WI	Good Shepherd Lutheran Academy Deltona FL Teacher; Grades 7 & 8	1/19/2020
Mr Alexander Hunt	Good Shepherd LS Sioux Falls SD	Star of Bethlehem LS New Berlin WI Teacher; Grade 3	1/19/2020
Mr Brian Gephart	Immanuel LS Hutchinson MN	Divine Savior Lutheran Academy Doral FL Administrator; Dean of Students	1/19/2020
Mrs Trisha Engelbrecht	St John LS Caledonia MN	St Paul LS Bangor WI Teacher; Grades 1 & 2	1/19/2020
Mrs Stefanie Hill	Brooklyn Bridge Preschool Brooklyn Park MN	Cornerstone Early Learning Center Hugo MN ECM Teacher	1/19/2020
Miss Sarah Enstad	Crown of Life LS Hubertus WI	St Philip LC Milwaukee WI Teacher; Grade 1	1/19/2020
Miss Christine Swoboda	Shepherd LS Albuquerque NM	St Philip LC Milwaukee WI Teacher; Grade 6	1/19/2020

Mr Richard Owen III	St John LS Bay City MI	Trinity LS Waco NE Principal; Upper Grades	1/19/2020
Staff Ministers	Current call	New call	Date issued
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
Mr Erik Landwehr	Divine Savior Lutheran Academy Doral FL	Arizona Lutheran Academy Phoenix AZ Christian Leadership Director	1/13/2020

CALLS ACCEPTED

Pastors	Current call	New call	Date accepted
Dean Timothy Dolan	Luther Preparatory School Watertown WI	Immanuel LC Greenville WI Associate Pastor	1/12/2020
Rev Douglas Westenberg	St Peter LC Marshfield WI	St Michael's LC Fountain City WI Pastor	1/17/2020
Teachers	Current call	New call	Date accepted
Mrs Brooke Prost		Divine Savior Lutheran Academy Doral FL Teacher; Kindergarten	1/8/2020
Mr Benjamin Wells	Nebraska Evangelical Lutheran High School Waco NE	Arizona Lutheran Academy Phoenix AZ Teacher; English	1/15/2020
Mrs Erin Krebs	St Stephen LS Beaver Dam WI	St Stephen LS Beaver Dam WI Teacher; Kindergarten	1/16/2020
Mr Joshua Schmidt	St Stephen LS Beaver Dam WI	St Luke LS Oakfield WI Teacher; Grades 4-8, Departmentalized	1/17/2020
Mr Steven Lehman	St Paul LS North Fond du Lac WI	St Paul LS Menomonie WI Teacher; Grades 5 & 6	1/19/2020

CALLS DECLINED

Pastors	Current call	New call	Date declined
Rev Steven Gabb	Gethsemane LC Los Angeles CA	Bethlehem LC Menomonee Falls WI Associate Pastor	1/16/2020
Rev Gregory Tobison	Grace LC Hutchinson MN	Trinity LC Eugene OR Pastor	1/16/2020
Teachers	Current call	New call	Date declined
Mr Christopher Avila	St John LS Red Wing MN	Christ LC Eagle River WI Principal; Grades 4-6	1/11/2020
Ms Michelle Yotter	St Peter LS Saint Peter MN	St Peter LS Schofield WI Teacher; Kindergarten	1/14/2020
Mr Kurt Stielow	St Marcus LS Milwaukee WI	Cornerstone Lutheran Network Salem LS Milwaukee WI Administrator; Dean of Students	1/14/2020
Mr Marc Meihack	Bethany LS Kenosha WI	Cornerstone Lutheran Network Salem LS Milwaukee WI Teacher; Upper Grades, Departmentalized ELA	1/15/2020
Miss Sarah Seelow	St John's LS Burlington WI	St John LS Waterloo WI Teacher; Grades K-2	1/15/2020
Miss Kaylen Orr	Building Blocks Christian Academy Los Angeles CA	Risen Savior Christian Academy Pooler GA ECM Director	1/15/2020
Mr Stephen Roekle	Zion LS Egg Harbor WI	Risen Savior LS (Main Campus) Milwaukee WI Teacher; Grade 6	1/15/2020
Mr Craig Kiecker	Emmanuel LS Tempe AZ	Christ-St Peter LS-West Campus Milwaukee WI Teacher; Grade 7	1/16/2020
Mrs Heidi Groth	Christ-St John's LS West Salem WI	Small Steps Academy Port Orange FL ECM Teacher	1/16/2020
Mr Michael Chappell	Precious Lambs Preschool Jacksonville FL	Jesus Loves Me Learning Center North Mankato MN ECM Director	1/18/2020

Mr Kaleb Buch	St Luke LS Oakfield WI	St Paul LS Tomah WI Principal; Grades 7 & 8	1/18/2020
Mr Jeremy Seeger	Divine Savior Lutheran Academy Doral FL	West Lutheran High School Plymouth MN Teacher; Math	1/19/2020
Mr John Ganey	St Paul LS Lake Mills WI	Cornerstone Lutheran Network Salem LS Milwaukee WI Teacher; Upper Grades, Departmentalized Science	1/20/2020

RESIGNED

Teachers	Current call	Date resigned
Mr John Schlavensky	St John LS Fox Lake WI	6/30/2020
Mrs Lori Schlavensky	St John LS Fox Lake WI	6/30/2020
Mrs Melissa Linton	Good Shepherd LS West Bend WI	6/30/2020
Mrs Christina Dietzler	Grace LS Oshkosh WI	6/30/2020
Mrs Nicole Grunwald	Little Lambs Preschool Saint Paul Park MN	6/30/2020

CALLED TO ETERNAL GLORY

Teachers	Home church	Death date
Mr Gerhard Kaniess	St Matthew LC Appleton WI	1/15/2020

RETIREMENT

Pastors	Current call	Date retired
Rev David Priebe	Bay Pines LC Seminole FL	6/30/2020
Rev Robert Siirila	Hong Kong Mission	6/30/2020

Teachers	Current call	Date retired
Mrs Nancy Kleinke	Trinity LS Bay City MI	6/30/2020

Mrs Marilyn Bock	St Mark's LS Watertown WI	6/30/2020
Mrs Joan Tierney	Arizona Lutheran Academy Phoenix AZ	6/30/2020

Staff Ministers	Current call	Date retired
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Mr Rodney Bollinger	St John's LC Oak Creek WI	6/30/2020
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