



## Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

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

**6/23/2020 - 6/29/2020**

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> |
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| Rev Thomas Engelbrecht     | Christ LC<br>Pewaukee WI                          | Christ Our Redeemer LC<br>Aurora CO<br>Pastor                                  | 6/6/2020           |
| Rev Noah Herrmann          | Calvary LC<br>Bellevue WA                         | Immanuel LC<br>Woodville WI<br>Pastor  | 6/7/2020           |
| Rev Thomas Voss            | Holy Trinity LC<br>Des Moines WA                  | Martin Luther LC<br>Oshkosh WI<br>Associate Pastor                             | 6/7/2020           |
| Rev Harland Goetzinger III | Redemption LC<br>Watertown NY                     | Immanuel LC<br>Johnson Creek WI<br>Pastor                                      | 6/8/2020           |
| Rev Jeremy Laitinen        | St Mark LC<br>Salina KS                           | Shoreland Lutheran High<br>School<br>Somers WI<br>Teacher; English &<br>German | 6/8/2020           |
| Rev Scott Muske            | St John LC &<br>Emanuel LC<br>Fairfax MN          | St John LC<br>Saginaw MI<br>St Matthew LC<br>Freeland MI<br>Pastor             | 6/9/2020           |
| Rev Peter Martin           | Faith LC<br>Radcliff KY                           | St John's LC<br>Saint Clair MN<br>Pastor                                       | 6/9/2020           |
| Rev Andrew Ewald           | St John LC<br>Clare MI<br>Faith LC<br>Harrison MI | Immanuel LC<br>Mosinee WI<br>Pastor  | 6/10/2020          |

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| Rev Douglas Tomhave    | St Paul LC<br>Lake Mills WI        | Northdale LC<br>Tampa FL<br>Pastor   | 6/10/2020 |
| Rev Daniel Schmidt     | Faith LC<br>Tyler TX               | Faith LC<br>Excelsior MN<br>Pastor   | 6/10/2020 |
| Rev Jesse Johnston     | Mt Calvary LC<br>Menasha WI        | St John's LC<br>Newburg WI<br>Associate Pastor   | 6/11/2020 |
| Rev John Ehlers        | Cross of Glory LC<br>Peoria AZ     | St Paul's LC<br>North Mankato MN<br>Associate Pastor   | 6/14/2020 |
| Rev Benjamin Wessel    | Woodlawn LC<br>West Allis WI       | St Paul LC<br>Marshall WI<br>Pastor  | 6/14/2020 |
| Rev Daniel Naumann     | Grace LC<br>Prairie du Chien WI    | First LC<br>Racine WI<br>Associate Pastor  | 6/14/2020 |
| Rev Matthew Westra     | Living Promise LC<br>Morristown TN | St Paul's First LC<br>North Hollywood CA<br>Pastor   | 6/14/2020 |
| Rev Joel Russow        | Faith LC<br>Tallahassee FL         | St Paul LC<br>Saint James MN<br>Pastor   | 6/19/2020 |
| Rev Paul Bader         | Retired                            | Bethel LC<br>Galesville WI<br>Bethel LC<br>Arcadia WI<br>Associate Pastor; One-<br>Year, Retirement Call | 6/21/2020 |
| Rev Joshua Free        | Abiding Peace LC<br>Elgin IL       | Our Savior LC<br>Kasson MN<br>Pastor   | 6/21/2020 |
| Rev Jonathan Zietlow   | Grace LC<br>Crivitz WI             | Salem LC<br>Milwaukee WI<br>Associate Pastor   | 6/22/2020 |
| Rev Luis Acosta        | Risen Savior LC<br>Milwaukee WI    | Bethel LC<br>Menasha WI<br>Associate Pastor  | 6/22/2020 |
| Rev Douglas Lange      | Ascension LC<br>Jacksonville NC    | Beautiful Savior LC<br>Summerville SC<br>Pastor  | 6/22/2020 |
| Rev Thomas Moldenhauer | Our Saviour's LC<br>Bismarck ND    | Zion LC<br>Lansing MI<br>Pastor  | 6/24/2020 |
| Rev Kelly Huet         | St Andrew LC<br>Middleton WI       | Goodview Trinity LC<br>Goodview MN<br>Pastor   | 6/24/2020 |

| Teachers | Current call | New call | Date issued |
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| Mr Timothy Mueller Jr | Star of Bethlehem LS<br>New Berlin WI          | Star of Bethlehem LS<br>New Berlin WI<br>Interim Principal &<br>Development Director          | 6/1/2020  |
| Mrs Nicole Grunwald   | Little Lambs Preschool<br>Saint Paul Park MN   | Salem Preschool<br>Woodbury MN<br>ECM Teacher   | 6/14/2020 |
| Mrs Jennifer Boll     | St Stephen LS<br>Beaver Dam WI                 | Holy Cross LS<br>Madison WI<br>Teacher; Grade 6, One-<br>Year Call                            | 6/18/2020 |
| Ms Melanie VandeKamp  |  | St John's LS<br>Fox Lake WI<br>ECM Teacher; Part-Time,<br>Provisional Call                    | 6/20/2020 |
| Mrs Dawn Riha         | Risen Savior Christian<br>Academy<br>Pooler GA | Risen Savior Christian<br>Academy<br>Pooler GA<br>ECM Teacher; Part-Time,<br>Provisional Call | 6/21/2020 |
| Mrs Linda Schemenauer |  | Michigan Lutheran High<br>School<br>Saint Joseph MI<br>Teacher; Math, One-Year<br>Call        | 6/24/2020 |
| Mrs Emily Fink        | St Paul LS<br>Muskego WI                       | Star of Bethlehem LS<br>New Berlin WI<br>Teacher; Kindergarten,<br>Provisional Call           | 6/25/2020 |
| Mr Ryan Roth          | Zion LS<br>Toledo OH                           | Peace LS<br>Livonia MI<br>Teacher; Grades 1 & 2,<br>One-Year Call                             | 6/25/2020 |
| Mrs Jessica Krause    |  | King of Kings LS<br>Maitland FL<br>Teacher  | 6/28/2020 |
| Mrs Kessia Boche      | St Marcus LC<br>Milwaukee WI                   | St Matthew's LS<br>Oconomowoc WI<br>Teacher; Grade 2  | 6/28/2020 |

## CALLS ACCEPTED

| Pastors                 | Current call                       | New call  | Date accepted |
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| Rev Kevin Boushek       | Beautiful Savior LC<br>La Porte IN | Divine Savior LC-Sienna<br>Plantation<br>Missouri City TX<br>Pastor | 6/18/2020     |
| Rev Neil Birkholz       | Hong Kong Mission                  | North American Asian<br>Outreach Consultant                         | 6/20/2020     |
| Rev Douglas Engelbrecht | Trinity LC<br>Neenah WI            | Trinity LC<br>Neenah WI   | 6/24/2020     |

Pastor; One-Year,  
Retirement Call

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| Rev Philip Loescher | Crown of Life LC<br>Cadillac MI | St John LC<br>Hemlock MI<br>Pastor   | 6/26/2020 |
| Rev Edward Frey Jr  | Messiah LC<br>Nampa ID          | WLCFS Christian Family<br>Solutions<br>Germantown WI<br>Therapist & Associate<br>Pastor for Mission<br>Advancement | 6/28/2020 |
| Rev Jesse Stern     | Peace LC<br>Boulder CO          | Bay Pines LC<br>Seminole FL<br>Pastor  | 6/28/2020 |

| <b>Teachers</b> | <b>Current call</b> | <b>New call</b> | <b>Date accepted</b> |
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| Ms Emily Menges       |  | Grace Christian Academy<br>Falls Church VA<br>Teacher; 4K/5K,<br>Provisional Call  | 5/17/2020 |
| Mrs Kristi Bredendick | Holy Cross LS<br>Madison WI                    | Lakeside Lutheran High<br>School<br>Lake Mills WI<br>Teacher; Family &<br>Consumer Science, Part-<br>Time, One-Year Call | 6/14/2020 |
| Ms Sarah Herold       |  | Little Lambs Preschool<br>Chesapeake VA<br>ECM Director; Lead<br>Teacher, Provisional Call                               | 6/14/2020 |
| Mrs Angela Pechman    | Risen Savior Christian<br>Academy<br>Pooler GA | Risen Savior Christian<br>Academy<br>Pooler GA<br>ECM Teacher; Part-Time<br>Call   | 6/21/2020 |
| Mrs Shelly Coron      |  | Lakeside Lutheran High<br>School<br>Lake Mills WI<br>Teacher; Extended<br>Learning Center                                | 6/24/2020 |
| Mrs Nina Koester      |  | Kids Crossing Early<br>Learning Center<br>Madison WI<br>ECM Director; One-Year<br>Call                                   | 6/25/2020 |
| Miss Hannah Gerbing   |  | Kingdom Prep Lutheran<br>High School<br>Wauwatosa WI<br>Teacher; Math  | 6/25/2020 |

| <b>Staff Ministers</b> | <b>Current call</b> | <b>New call</b> | <b>Date accepted</b> |
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| Mr Randall Pahl | St Paul LS<br>Wisconsin Rapids WI | St Paul LC<br>Wisconsin Rapids WI | 6/26/2020 |
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## CALLS DECLINED

| Pastors                   | Current call                         | New call   | Date declined |
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| Rev Mark Kaesmeyer        | Cross of Christ LC<br>Coon Rapids MN | Bethlehem LC<br>Hortonville WI<br>Associate Pastor | 6/22/2020     |
| Rev James Douglas         | Grace LC<br>Charlotte NC             | Immanuel LC<br>Manitowoc WI<br>Pastor              | 6/25/2020     |
| Rev Nathan Berg           | Eastside LC<br>Madison WI            | First LC<br>Lake Geneva WI<br>Pastor               | 6/25/2020     |
| Rev Timothy Wahl          | Morning Star LC<br>Jackson WI        | St Peter LC<br>Marshfield WI<br>Pastor             | 6/26/2020     |
| Rev Patrick Freese        | Trinity LC<br>Abita Springs LA       | Prince of Peace LC<br>Yuma AZ<br>Pastor            | 6/26/2020     |
| Prof Michael Otterstatter | Martin Luther College<br>New Ulm MN  | Christ the King LC<br>Tulsa OK<br>Pastor           | 6/27/2020     |
| Rev Timothy Wilkens       | Southridge LC<br>Kennewick WA        | Shepherd of Peace LC<br>Norfolk NE<br>Pastor       | 6/28/2020     |

## RESIGNED

| Pastors | Current call | Date resigned |
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| Rev Peter Schmidt | Bethlehem LC<br>Germantown WI | 6/16/2020 |
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| Teachers | Current call | Date resigned |
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| Mr Christopher Luebke | East Fork LS<br>Whiteriver AZ | 6/30/2020 |
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| Mrs Kathryn Luebke | East Fork Lutheran High School<br>Whiteriver AZ | 6/30/2020 |
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| Mrs Sarah Gierach | West Lutheran High School<br>Plymouth MN | 6/30/2020 |
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## CALLED TO ETERNAL GLORY

| Pastors | Home church | Death date |
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**RETIREMENT**

| <b>Pastors</b>    | <b>Current call</b>                 | <b>Date retired</b> |
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| Prof John Schmidt | Martin Luther College<br>New Ulm MN | 6/30/2021           |
| Prof James Pope   | Martin Luther College<br>New Ulm MN | 6/30/2021           |

| <b>Teachers</b> | <b>Current call</b>             | <b>Date retired</b> |
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| Mrs Linda Krohn | Risen Savior LS<br>Milwaukee WI | 6/30/2020           |

**LIMITED LENGTH CALL EXPIRED**

| <b>Teachers</b> | <b>Current call</b>              | <b>Date effective</b> |
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| Mrs Naomi Porth | Pilgrim LS<br>Menomonee Falls WI | 6/30/2020             |