



Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

Pastor, teacher, and staff minister call report

10/13/2020 - 10/19/2020

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 |
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| Rev Bart Brauer | Emmanuel LC Tempe AZ | Holy Trinity LC Des Moines WA Pastor | 9/11/2020 |
| Rev Jacob Behnken | Good Shepherd LC Midland MI | Grace LC Milwaukee WI Associate Pastor | 9/13/2020 |
| Rev Gregory Hein | Peace LC Chandler AZ | Cross of Christ LC Boise ID Associate Pastor | 9/13/2020 |
| Rev Norbert Mielke III | Ascension LC Sarasota FL | Our Savior LC Longmont CO Pastor | 9/20/2020 |
| Rev Justin Dauck | St Paul LC Roscoe SD St John LC Bowdle SD | St Paul's LC Plymouth NE Associate Pastor | 9/20/2020 |
| Rev Lincoln Albrecht | River of Life LC Goodyear AZ | Reformation LC Dousman WI Pastor | 9/22/2020 |
| Rev Stephen Koelpin | Crown of Life LC Yucaipa CA | Faith LC Tyler TX Pastor | 9/23/2020 |
| Rev Glen Hieb | Our Savior LC Strongsville OH | Peace LC Isabel SD St Paul LC McIntosh SD Christ LC Morristown SD Christ LC | 9/25/2020 |

Bison SD
Pastor

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| Rev Mark Schewe | St Peter LC Clovis CA | Beautiful Savior LC Grove City OH Pastor | 9/27/2020 |
| Rev Daniel Lange | Light of Life LC Covington WA | Good Shepherd LC Cedar Rapids IA Associate Pastor | 9/27/2020 |
| Rev Philip Casmer | Christ the Lord LC Brookfield WI | Trinity LC Jenera OH Associate Pastor | 9/27/2020 |
| Rev Stephen Kuehl | Shepherd of Peace LC Powell OH | St Paul's LC North Mankato MN Associate Pastor | 9/27/2020 |
| Rev Benjamin Schudlach | First LC La Crosse WI | Trinity LC Winner SD Pastor | 9/27/2020 |
| Rev Dr Kenneth Fisher Jr | Wisconsin Lutheran High School Milwaukee WI | St Paul's First LC North Hollywood CA Pastor | 9/27/2020 |
| Rev Benjamin Zahn | Amazing Grace LC Myrtle Beach SC | New Mission San Antonio TX Pastor | 9/29/2020 |
| Rev Daniel Solofra | CrossWalk Lutheran Ministries Laveen AZ | Christ the King LC Tulsa OK Pastor | 10/1/2020 |
| Rev Scott Wolfram | Divine Word LC Plover WI | Trinity LC Kaukauna WI Pastor | 10/4/2020 |
| Rev Andrew Retberg | Good Shepherd LC The Woodlands TX | St John LC Saginaw MI Pastor | 10/5/2020 |
| Rev Stephen Daley | St Paul LC South Haven MI | St John LC Redwood Falls MN Associate Pastor | 10/5/2020 |
| Rev Jeffrey Mahnke | St Peter LC - Schofield Campus Schofield WI | Beautiful Savior LC Summerville SC Pastor | 10/7/2020 |
| Rev Thomas Westra | Beautiful Savior LC Cincinnati OH | Commission on Congregational Counseling Waukesha WI Congregational Counselor | 10/7/2020 |
| Rev Jason Strong | Light of the World LC Fairbanks AK | Cross of Christ LC Las Cruces NM Pastor | 10/7/2020 |
| Rev Paul Lindhorst | Great Plains Lutheran High School Watertown SD | Ministry of Christian Giving Waukesha WI Christian Giving Counselor | 10/8/2020 |

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| Rev Michael Kuschel | St Matthew LC (Flora) Renville MN & Danube MN | Trinity LC Marshfield WI Pastor | 10/11/2020 |
| Rev Aaron Schulz | St Paul's LC Menomonie WI | Northdale LC Tampa FL Pastor | 10/11/2020 |
| Rev Peter Korthals | St Paul LC Amherst NH Beautiful Savior LC South Portland ME | St Paul LC Mauston WI Associate Pastor | 10/11/2020 |
| Rev Luke Thompson | St Paul LC Ottawa ON Canada | Lutheran Institutional Ministry Association Austin MN Pastor | 10/11/2020 |
| Rev Steven Waldschmidt | Christ Alone LC Dardenne Prairie MO | Bethany LC - Lynndale Campus Appleton WI Associate Pastor | 10/12/2020 |
| Rev Matthew Brown | Abiding Word LC Houston TX | Salem LC Milwaukee WI Associate Pastor | 10/13/2020 |
| Rev Jeffrey Samelson | Christ LC Clarksville MD | Christian Life Resources Slinger WI Development Director | 10/16/2020 |
| Rev Mark Kock | Retired | Hope LC Portland MI Pastor; Retirement Call | 10/18/2020 |

| Teachers | Current call | New call | Date issued |
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| Mrs Amber Frelitz | | St Paul LS Tomah WI Teacher; Upper Grades, Full-Time, One-Year Call | 10/11/2020 |
| Mr Chuqee Fletcher | Lighthouse Youth Center Milwaukee WI | Martin Luther College New Ulm MN Professor; English & cultural diversity coordinator | 10/15/2020 |
| Mr Shawn Herkstroeter | Faith LS Fond du Lac WI | Martin Luther College New Ulm MN Professor; Education & director of field experiences | 10/15/2020 |
| Mr Jacob Biebert | St Matthew LS Spokane WA | Christ LS Eagle River WI Principal; Grades 4-6 | 10/15/2020 |
| Mr Casey De Frain | St Mark's LS Watertown WI | St Paul LS Green Bay WI Teacher; Grades 7-8 | 10/15/2020 |
| Mrs Beth Ristow | St Lucas LS Milwaukee WI | St Paul LS Green Bay WI Teacher; Grade 3 | 10/15/2020 |

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| Mrs Lisa Uttech | Christ the Lord LC Brookfield WI | Wisconsin Lutheran High School Milwaukee WI Teacher; Grades 10-12, Choir Director, General Music, Drama | 10/15/2020 |
| Mr Chuqee Fletcher | Lighthouse Youth Center Milwaukee WI | Wisconsin Lutheran High School Milwaukee WI Teacher; Grades 10-12, Religion | 10/15/2020 |
| Mr Kirk Schauland | Emanuel LS New London WI | Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School New Ulm MN Teacher; Grade 9, General Computer, Network Admin, Athletics/Coaching | 10/15/2020 |
| Mr John Kaesmeyer | Christ the Lord LS Brookfield WI | Peridot-Our Savior's LS Peridot AZ Teacher; Grade 7 | 10/15/2020 |
| Miss Jennifer Hunt | Gethsemane LS Omaha NE | CrossLife Christian Academy Pflugerville TX Teacher; Kindergarten | 10/15/2020 |
| Miss Kristy Lendt | Trinity LS Aberdeen SD | CrossLife Christian Academy Pflugerville TX ECM Teacher; 3-Year- Olds | 10/15/2020 |
| Mr David Liebhard | Mount Olive LS Appleton WI | Arizona Lutheran Academy Phoenix AZ Teacher; Grade 11, Athletics, Coaching, Technology, Science | 10/15/2020 |
| Mr Timothy Schubkegel | Good Shepherd LS Sioux Falls SD | Peace LS Kissimmee FL Principal | 10/15/2020 |
| Mrs Jennifer Schopper | Bethlehem LS-South Menomonee Falls WI | Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School New Ulm MN Teacher; Learning Coordinator | 10/15/2020 |
| Mrs Amber Guthmiller | St Martin's LS Watertown SD | Abiding Peace Academy Simpsonville SC Teacher; Flex Grades 2-6, Organ, Music | 10/15/2020 |
| Mr Kaleb Buch | St Luke LS Oakfield WI | Cross of Glory LS Peoria AZ Principal; Grades 7-8 | 10/15/2020 |
| Mr Christopher Hintz | Christ the King LS Bremerton WA | Evergreen Lutheran High School Tacoma WA Principal; Religion | 10/15/2020 |

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| Mr Ryan Finkbeiner | Mount Lebanon LS Milwaukee WI | Cornerstone Lutheran Network Milwaukee WI Executive Director | 10/15/2020 |
| Mr David Schulz | St Stephen LS Beaver Dam WI | Petra LS Sauk Rapids MN Principal | 10/15/2020 |
| Mrs Katherine Brown | St Paul's LC Norfolk NE | Crown of Life LS Warren MI ECM Director; Organ, Choir | 10/18/2020 |
| Mr Scott Brown | St Paul LS Norfolk NE | Crown of Life LS Warren MI Teacher; Grades 5-8 | 10/18/2020 |
| Mr Philip Stern | Fox Valley Lutheran High School Appleton WI | Emanuel LS New London WI Principal | 10/18/2020 |
| Mr Andrew Van Weele | Lord of Life LS Friendswood TX | St Stephen LS Beaver Dam WI Principal; Grade 5 & 5-8 History | 10/18/2020 |
| Mrs Elizabeth Gumm | Trinity LS Caledonia WI | Little Lambs of Peace Preschool Eagle River AK Lead ECM Teacher | 10/18/2020 |
| Mr Michael Wisniewski | Trinity LS Marshfield WI | Trinity LS Jenera OH Principal; Grades 7-8 | 10/18/2020 |
| Mr Kyle Raymond | Peace LS Sun Prairie WI | Emmanuel LS Tempe AZ Principal | 10/18/2020 |
| Mr Jeremiah Schmiede | Sola Fide Academy Lawrenceville GA | Grace Christian Academy Falls Church VA Principal | 10/18/2020 |
| Mrs Kelli Baas | Trinity LS Brillion WI | Peace LS Livonia MI ECM Director; Lead Teacher | 10/18/2020 |
| Miss Amanda Treder | St John LS Wauwatosa WI | Crown of Life LS West Saint Paul MN Teacher; Grade 1, Choir | 10/18/2020 |
| Mr Kevin Bode | Emmanuel LS Tempe AZ | Bethany LC Manitowoc WI Teacher; Grade 7, Choir, Music | 10/18/2020 |
| Mr Daniel Busch | Good Shepherd LS Burton MI | Carlsbad Christian Academy Carlsbad CA Principal; Upper Grades | 10/18/2020 |

CALLS ACCEPTED

| Pastors | Current call | New call | Date accepted |
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| Rev Wayne Uhlhorn | Beautiful Saviour LC Carlsbad CA | Board for Home Missions Mission Counselor | 10/17/2020 |
| Rev Christopher Rathje | Abiding Hope LC Ocala FL | Redeemer LC Fond du Lac WI Associate Pastor | 10/17/2020 |

ASSIGNMENT

| Teachers | Assignment | Date assigned |
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| Mrs Jeni Schleef | Neenah LS (3-8) Neenah WI Teacher | 10/15/2020 |

CALLS DECLINED

| Pastors | Current call | New call | Date declined |
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| Rev Joel Schwartz | Peace LC Trinity FL | Messiah LC Nampa ID Pastor | 10/11/2020 |
| Rev Jonathan Kehl | Crown of Life LC New Orleans LA | Resurrection LC Milwaukee WI Pastor | 10/14/2020 |
| Rev Stephen Schmiel | Faith Evangelical LC Prior Lake MN | Shepherd of Peace LC Norfolk NE Pastor | 10/15/2020 |
| Rev James Grabitske | Trinity LC Buffalo MN St Paul LC Montrose MN | St Luke LC Vassar MI Pastor | 10/16/2020 |
| Rev Joshua Odell | St John LC Phelps WI Christ LC Eagle River WI | Trinity (Wilson Twp) LC Winona MN Grace LC Dakota MN Pastor | 10/16/2020 |
| Rev Isaac Cherney | Redeemer LC Yakima WA | St Paul's LC Franklin WI Associate Pastor | 10/16/2020 |
| Rev David Boettcher | St John LC Wetaskiwin AB Canada Mighty Fortress LC Red Deer AB Canada | Good Shepherd LC South Attleboro MA Pastor | 10/18/2020 |

CALLED TO ETERNAL GLORY

| Pastors | Home church | Death date |
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RETIREMENT

| Pastors | Current call | Date retired |
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| Rev Philip Strackbein | One Latin America Team | 12/31/2020 |

| Teachers | Current call | Date retired |
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| Mrs Martha Ellingboe | St Mark LS Green Bay WI | 6/30/2021 |
| Mr Robert Sawall | St John LS Milwaukee WI | 6/30/2021 |
| Mr Keith Bowe | Wisconsin Lutheran High School Milwaukee WI | 6/30/2021 |
| Mrs Beth Humann | Holy Trinity LS Des Moines WA | 6/30/2021 |