



## Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

# Pastor, teacher, and staff minister call report

**10/20/2020 - 10/26/2020**

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 Norbert Mielke III	Ascension LC Sarasota FL	Our Savior LC Longmont CO Pastor	9/20/2020
Rev Mark Schewe	St Peter LC Clovis CA	Beautiful Savior LC Grove City OH Pastor	9/27/2020
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 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 Christian Giving Counselor	10/8/2020
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 Jeffrey Samelson	Christ LC Clarksville MD	Christian Life Resources Hartford WI Director of Ministry Advancement	10/16/2020
Rev Matthew Mueller	Living Hope LC Peoria IL	St Paul LC North Fond du Lac WI Associate Pastor	10/18/2020
Rev Jeremy Husby	Peace LC Hartford WI	St John's LC Sparta WI Youth Associate Pastor	10/18/2020
Rev Gregory Lyon	Wisconsin Lutheran College Milwaukee WI	St Paul LC Bangor WI Pastor	10/18/2020
Rev Thadeus Flitter	Zion LC Valentine NE	Trinity LC Omak WA Pastor	10/18/2020
Rev Jeremy Cares	Shepherd of the Plains LC Lubbock TX	St Paul LC Saint James MN Pastor	10/18/2020
Rev Paul White	Loving Shepherd LC Milwaukee WI	St Paul LC Marshall WI Pastor	10/18/2020
Rev Aaron Duve	Holy Redeemer LC Port Huron MI	Immanuel LC Woodville WI Pastor	10/18/2020
Rev Thad Bitter	Grace LC Portland OR	St John's LC Sparta WI Outreach Associate Pastor	10/18/2020

Rev Mark Kock	Retired	Hope LC Portland MI Pastor; Retirement Call	10/18/2020
Rev Ryan Cortright	Our Redeemer LC Madison WI	Bethel LC Menasha WI Associate Pastor	10/19/2020
Rev Jason Oakland	Martin Luther LC Neenah WI	First LC Racine WI Associate Pastor	10/21/2020
Rev Matthew Ewart	NorthCross LC Lakeville MN	St James LC Portage MI Pastor	10/21/2020
Rev James Panning	St Paul's LC Litchfield MN	Faith LC Harrison MI St John LC Clare MI Pastor	10/21/2020
Rev David Parsons	Holy Cross LC Tucson AZ	Good Shepherd LC Midland TX Pastor	10/21/2020
Rev Matthew Hennig	Christ LC North Saint Paul MN & Hugo MN	Christ LC Pewaukee WI Associate Pastor	10/22/2020
Rev Adam Zimpelmann	Good Shepherd LC Fond du Lac WI	Zion LC Lansing MI Pastor	10/22/2020

<b>Teachers</b>	<b>Current call</b>	<b>New call</b>	<b>Date issued</b>
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
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
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 ECM Lead 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
Miss Erin Keese	MLC Early Childhood Learning Center New Ulm MN	St Marcus LS Milwaukee WI Teacher	10/19/2020
Mr Philip Punzel	St Peter LS Appleton WI	Luther High School Onalaska WI Principal	10/20/2020

Miss Kathryn Gut	Shepherd of the Valley LS Westminster CO	First LS La Crosse WI ECM Director	10/20/2020
Mrs Amanda Harvey	Peace LS Hartford WI	Star of Bethlehem LS New Berlin WI Teacher	10/20/2020
Mr Adam Harvey	Garden Homes LS Milwaukee WI	Star of Bethlehem LS New Berlin WI Principal	10/20/2020
Mr Joseph Blum	Garden Homes LS Milwaukee WI	Fox Valley Lutheran High School Appleton WI Director	10/20/2020
Mr Matthew Foxen	Fox Valley Lutheran High School Appleton WI	Fox Valley Lutheran High School Appleton WI Director	10/20/2020
Mr Jeffrey Brown	Wisconsin Lutheran College Milwaukee WI	Wisconsin Lutheran College Milwaukee WI Assistant Professor of Computer Science	10/20/2020
Mrs Tova Brown	Wisconsin Lutheran College Milwaukee WI	Wisconsin Lutheran College Milwaukee WI Assistant Professor of Mathematics	10/20/2020
Mr Christopher Arndt	St Paul LS Lake Mills WI	St Paul LS Lake Mills WI Teacher; Permanent - Grade 6	10/20/2020
Mr Christopher Mueller	St John LS Watertown WI	Grace LS Oshkosh WI Principal; Grades 7-8	10/25/2020
Miss Jessica Martinez	St Philip LS Milwaukee WI	David's Star LS Jackson WI Teacher; Grade 4, Tech Director	10/25/2020
Ms Alison Wiedmann	Good Shepherd Lutheran Academy Deltona FL	St Mark LS Green Bay WI Teacher; Grade 1, Music	10/25/2020
Miss Charlotte Huebner	Divine Grace LS Lake Orion MI	Zion LS Valentine NE Teacher; Grades K-3	10/25/2020
Mrs Nicole Grunwald	Salem Preschool Woodbury MN	Salem Preschool Woodbury MN ECM Teacher; Staff Minister	10/25/2020
Mr Stephen Gurgel	St Paul LS Rapid City SD	West Lutheran High School Plymouth MN Teacher; Grades 9-12, History, Religion	10/25/2020

Mr Philip Haefner	Trinity LS Bay City MI	St Peter's LS Fond du Lac WI Principal; Teacher, Grade 6 – Part-Time Call	10/25/2020
Mrs Carin Schmiel		Mt Olive Lutheran Preschool Shakopee MN ECM Director	10/25/2020
Mr Carl Manske	St Peter's LS Fond du Lac WI	St Peter's LS Fond du Lac WI Teacher; Permanent - Grade 8, Athletic Director	10/25/2020

<b>Staff Ministers</b>	<b>Current call</b>	<b>New call</b>	<b>Date issued</b>
Mr Brent Bitter	Grace LC Charlotte NC	Manitowoc Lutheran High School Manitowoc WI Administrator; Director of Mission Advancement	10/25/2020

## **CALLS ACCEPTED**

<b>Pastors</b>	<b>Current call</b>	<b>New call</b>	<b>Date accepted</b>
Rev Justin Dauck	St Paul LC Roscoe SD St John LC Bowdle SD	St Paul's LC Plymouth NE Associate Pastor	10/22/2020
Rev Bart Brauer	Emmanuel LC Tempe AZ	Holy Trinity LC Des Moines WA Pastor	10/23/2020
Rev Gregory Hein	Peace LC Chandler AZ	Cross of Christ LC Boise ID Associate Pastor	10/24/2020

<b>Teachers</b>	<b>Current call</b>	<b>New call</b>	<b>Date accepted</b>
Mrs Penny Adickes	St Paul LS Bangor WI	St Paul LS Bangor WI Teacher; Grades 1 & 2	10/21/2020
Mrs Amber Frelitz		St Paul LS Tomah WI Teacher; Upper Grades, Full-Time, One-Year Call	10/24/2020

## **CALLS DECLINED**

<b>Pastors</b>	<b>Current call</b>	<b>New call</b>	<b>Date declined</b>
Rev Benjamin Schudlach	First LC La Crosse WI	Trinity LC Winner SD Pastor	10/18/2020

Rev Benjamin Zahn	Amazing Grace LC Myrtle Beach SC	Our Savior LC San Antonio TX Pastor West San Antonio Mission	10/20/2020
Rev Philip Casmer	Christ the Lord LC Brookfield WI	Trinity LC Jenera OH Associate Pastor	10/21/2020
Rev Jacob Behnken	Good Shepherd LC Midland MI	Grace LC Milwaukee WI Associate Pastor	10/22/2020
Rev Dr Kenneth Fisher Jr	Wisconsin Lutheran High School Milwaukee WI	St Paul's First LC North Hollywood CA Pastor	10/23/2020
Rev Glen Hieb	Our Savior LC Strongsville OH	Peace LC Isabel SD St Paul LC McIntosh SD Christ LC Morristown SD Christ LC Bison SD Pastor	10/24/2020
Rev Matthew Brown	Abiding Word LC Houston TX	Salem LC Milwaukee WI Associate Pastor	10/24/2020
Rev Lincoln Albrecht	River of Life LC Goodyear AZ	Reformation LC Dousman WI Pastor	10/24/2020
Rev Stephen Kuehl	Shepherd of Peace LC Powell OH	St Paul's LC North Mankato MN Associate Pastor	10/24/2020
Rev Stephen Koelpin	Crown of Life LC Yucaipa CA	Faith LC Tyler TX Pastor	10/24/2020
Rev Daniel Lange	Light of Life LC Covington WA	Good Shepherd LC Cedar Rapids IA Associate Pastor	10/25/2020

## RESIGNED

Teachers	Current call	Date resigned
Mrs Sarah Mose	St Paul LS Ixonia WI	6/30/2021

## CALLED TO ETERNAL GLORY

Pastors	Home church	Death date
Rev Kenneth Lenz	Bethlehem LC Menomonee Falls WI	10/19/2020



Rev Wilbert Neumann

Friedens LC  
New Prague MN

10/22/2020

Prof em Daniel  
Deutschlander

St Mark's LC  
Watertown WI

10/26/2020

## **RETIREMENT**

<b>Teachers</b>	<b>Current call</b>	<b>Date retired</b>
Mr Douglas K Fillner	Cross of Glory LS Washington MI	6/30/2021