



Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

Pastor, teacher, and staff minister call report

4/27/2021 - 5/3/2021

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 W Gunn	CrossWalk Lutheran Ministries Laveen AZ	Amazing Love LC Frankfort IL Associate Pastor	3/23/2021
Rev Micah Koelpin	Good Shepherd LC Beloit WI	New Mission San Antonio TX Pastor	4/8/2021
Rev Matthew Scharf	Hope LC Manhattan KS	Bethany LC - Lynndale Campus Appleton WI Associate Pastor	4/8/2021
Rev Jonathan Hackbarth	Salem LC Woodbury MN	St John's LC Sparta WI Associate Pastor	4/8/2021
Rev Jonathan Kehren	Jerusalem LC Morton Grove IL	Ministry of Christian Giving Christian Giving Counselor; Western Wisconsin District	4/8/2021
Rev John Hering	Divine Peace LC Garland TX	Commission on Congregational Counseling Pastor; Counselor	4/8/2021
Rev Scott Bergemann	New Life LC Kenosha WI	Christ LC Eden Prairie MN Pastor	4/10/2021
Rev Frank Italiano Jr	Trinity LC Crete IL	St Paul's LC New Ulm MN Associate Pastor	4/10/2021

Rev Benjamin Radtke	St Martin's LC Watertown SD	Zion LC Monroe MI Associate Pastor	4/11/2021
Rev Zachary Pudlo	Crown of Life LC West Saint Paul MN	Trinity LC Kaukauna WI Pastor	4/11/2021
Rev Mark Kaesmeyer	Cross of Christ LC Coon Rapids MN	West Lutheran High School Plymouth MN Development Director; Director of Mission Advancement	4/11/2021
Rev Jonathan Scharf	Abiding Grace LC Covington GA	Trinity LC Waukesha WI Associate Pastor	4/11/2021
Rev Allen Kirschbaum	Spirit of Life LC Caledonia MI	New Mission Amarillo TX Pastor	4/11/2021
Rev John Paustian	Zion LC Morgan MN	St John LC Burlington WI Associate Pastor	4/12/2021
Rev Darin Warnecke	St John LC Sturgis MI	St Paul's LC Franklin WI Associate Pastor	4/13/2021
Rev Mark Schutz	Hope LC Spearfish SD	St Lucas LC Milwaukee WI Associate Pastor	4/14/2021
Rev Paul Fritz	St John LC Fremont WI	St Paul LC Round Lake Park IL Pastor	4/14/2021
Rev Mark Kahrs	Calvary LC Glenwood MN	St Paul LC Roscoe SD St John LC Bowdle SD Pastor	4/14/2021
Rev David Backus	Eternal Love LC Appleton WI	Shepherd of Peace LC Norfolk NE Pastor	4/15/2021
Rev David Frey	Living Word LC Mission Viejo CA	Calvary LC Bellevue WA Pastor	4/15/2021
Rev Kyle Bitter	St John LC Wauwatosa WI	Manitowoc Lutheran High School Manitowoc WI Teacher; Religion Department	4/17/2021
Rev Stephen Schmiel	Faith Evangelical LC Prior Lake MN	Our Savior LC Grafton WI Associate Pastor	4/18/2021
Rev Joel Schwartz	Peace LC Trinity FL	Timothy LC Saint Louis Park MN Pastor	4/18/2021

Rev Joshua Odell	St John LC Phelps WI Christ LC Eagle River WI	St Paul LC Saint James MN Pastor	4/18/2021
Rev Michael Willitz	Lord of Love LC Deforest WI	St John LC Goodhue MN Pastor	4/18/2021
Rev Matthew Vik	St Paul's LC Fort Atkinson WI	Brooklyn LC Brooklyn Park MN Pastor	4/18/2021
Rev Dustin Blumer	Amazing Love LC Frankfort IL	Mt Olive LC Overland Park KS Pastor	4/18/2021
Rev Jonathan Kehl	Crown of Life LC New Orleans LA	Prince of Peace LC Salt Lake City UT Associate Pastor	4/18/2021
Rev Dale Hella	St Peter LC Juneau WI	St Martin LC Rapid River MI Pastor	4/18/2021
Rev Jason Jobs	St John LC Markesan WI	Grace LC Dakota MN Trinity (Wilson Twp) LC Winona MN Pastor	4/19/2021
Rev Silas Schmitzer	St Matthew LC Stoddard WI	Water of Life LC - Racine Campus & Caledonia Campus Racine WI Associate Pastor	4/19/2021
Rev Timothy Bode	Abiding Savior LC Elk River MN	St John LC Mukwonago WI Associate Pastor	4/20/2021
Rev M John Derme	Shepherd of the Mountains LC Reno NV	St John LC Mukwonago WI Associate Pastor	4/20/2021
Prof Michael Otterstatter	Martin Luther College New Ulm MN	Beautiful Savior LC Summerville SC Pastor	4/20/2021
Rev Steven Gabb	Hope LC Los Angeles CA	Christ the Vine LC Temecula CA Pastor	4/21/2021
Rev Thomas Glende	Beautiful Savior LC Fayetteville NC	Native American Administrative Committee Missionary; Native Christian Counselor	4/21/2021
Rev Michael Kampman	St Paul LC North Fond du Lac WI	Christ LC Marshall MN Pastor	4/25/2021
Rev Bryan Prell	Petra LC Sauk Rapids MN	Reformation LC Dousman WI Pastor	4/25/2021

Rev Jonathan Brohn	Salem LC Stillwater MN	Christ the Rock LC Farmington NM Missionary	4/25/2021
Rev Peter Sulzle	St John LC Redwood Falls MN	St Paul LC Livonia MI Associate Pastor	4/27/2021
Rev Benjamin Zahn	Amazing Grace LC Myrtle Beach SC	Morning Star LC Jackson WI Associate Pastor	4/27/2021
Teachers	Current call	New call	Date issued
Mr Luke Beilke	Ascension LS and Preschool Sarasota FL	Shepherd LS Albuquerque NM Principal; Grades 4-5	3/21/2021
Mrs Rosanna Mulske	St Paul LS Menomonie WI	St Paul LS Menomonie WI ECM Teacher; Half Time, Provisional Call	3/24/2021
Mr Joseph Shiery	St John LS Bay City MI	Abiding Word LS Houston TX Teacher; Grade 3	3/28/2021
Ms Evodia Noel		Grace LS Woodlands Saint George ECM Teacher; Kindergarten	4/5/2021
Mrs Alison Kolander	Divine Savior Lutheran Academy Delray Beach FL	MLC Early Childhood Learning Center New Ulm MN ECM Director	4/8/2021
Mrs Lindsay Voeltner	St Peter LS Weyauwega WI	Barre Patch Christian Childcare La Crosse WI ECM Director	4/11/2021
Mr Eric Brown	Christ the King Academy Palm Coast FL	Grace Christian Academy Falls Church VA Principal	4/11/2021
Mrs Sarah Gabb	St Paul First LS North Hollywood CA	Building Blocks Christian Academy Los Angeles CA ECM Teacher; Half-Time Call	4/11/2021
Mr Timothy Kassulke	St Mark's LS Watertown WI	St Paul LS Beverly Hills FL Teacher; Grade 8	4/11/2021
Mrs Tammie Kassulke	St Mark's LS Watertown WI	St Paul LS Beverly Hills FL Teacher; Grade 2	4/11/2021
Mrs Megan Dills	St Marcus LS - Main Campus K4 - Gr 8 Milwaukee WI	Mount Lebanon LS Milwaukee WI Teacher; Grade 2	4/11/2021

Mrs Rebecca Lange	Immanuel Lutheran Preschool Findlay OH	Holy Trinity LS Okauchee WI ECM Director	4/11/2021
Mr Kurt Maciejczak	Salem LS Milwaukee WI	Trinity LS Belle Plaine MN Principal; Grades 7-8	4/11/2021
Ms Kylene Gilbert		Redeemer LS Tucson AZ Teacher; Grade 2, Half- Time, One-Year, Provisional Call	4/11/2021
Mrs Andrea Spanovich		Samuel LS Marshall MN ECM Director & Teacher	4/12/2021
Mr Brian Mensching	Cross of Christ LS Coon Rapids MN	St John's LS Burlington WI Principal; Grades 7-8	4/12/2021
Mrs Erin Mensching	Cross of Christ LS Coon Rapids MN	St John's LS Burlington WI Teacher; Grade 2, Music	4/12/2021
Mrs Beth Kramp	Redeemer LS Fond du Lac WI	Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Preschool Menasha WI ECM Teacher	4/13/2021
Mr Samuel Schlicht		Atonement LS Milwaukee WI Teacher; Grades 5-6, ELA	4/13/2021
Mrs Heather Biedenbender	Mt Calvary-Grace LS La Crosse WI	Trinity LS Marshfield WI Teacher; Kindergarten	4/14/2021
Mrs Shana Beyersdorf		Our Savior LS Grafton WI Teacher; Primary Grades	4/14/2021
Mr Jonathan Biedenbender	Mt Calvary-Grace LS La Crosse WI	Trinity LS Marshfield WI Principal; Grades 6-8	4/14/2021
Dr Ryan Rathje	St Croix Lutheran Academy West Saint Paul MN	Martin Luther College New Ulm MN Professor; Education & Director of Field Experiences	4/14/2021
Miss Kimberly Ehlke	Trinity LS Caledonia WI	Crown of Life Christian Academy Fort Myers FL Teacher; Grades 3-4	4/14/2021
Mr Ryan Loberger	Divine Savior Lutheran Academy Doral FL	St Paul LS Green Bay WI Principal	4/15/2021
Mr Richard Holz		Holy Cross LS Madison WI Teacher; Grade 8, Athletic Director, Provisional Call	4/15/2021

Mrs Ashley Hepner		St Paul LS Green Bay WI Teacher; Grade 4, Spanish	4/15/2021
Mrs Nicole Steenbock		St Paul LS Green Bay WI Teacher; Grade 3	4/15/2021
Mr Paul Braun	Good Shepherd LS West Bend WI	Holy Cross LS Madison WI Teacher; Grade 6, Technology	4/15/2021
Mr Justin Ohm	Crown of Life LS West Saint Paul MN	St Philip LS Milwaukee WI Teacher; Grade 8	4/15/2021
Mr Kevin Zimmerman		Divine Savior Lutheran Academy Doral FL Teacher; Lower-Level Science, Coaching	4/15/2021
Mrs Jane Petoskey	St Stephen LS Adrian MI	St Stephen LS Adrian MI ECM Teacher; Call made Permanent	4/19/2021
Mrs Rachel Neumann	St Paul LS Tomah WI	St Paul LS Tomah WI Teacher; Administrative Leave, Grades 7-8, One- Year Call	4/20/2021
Mrs Kelly Raabe	St John LS Mukwonago WI	St John LS Mukwonago WI Teacher; Kindergarten, Provisional Call	4/20/2021
Ms Lindsay Schneider		St Paul Lutheran Pre- Kindergarten Muskego WI ECM Teacher; 4K, One- Year, Provisional Call	4/21/2021
Mrs Janell Brown	Christ the King Academy Palm Coast FL	Grace Christian Academy Falls Church VA Teacher; Kindergarten	4/25/2021
Mrs Ashley Olson		Mt Olive LS Mankato MN Teacher; Grade 3, One- Year, Provisional Call	4/26/2021
Ms Kirsten Gullerud		St Paul LS Appleton WI Teacher; Guided Studies Teacher, Half-Time, Grades K-8, Provisional Call	4/27/2021
Mrs Erin LaPointe		St John LS Watertown WI ECM Teacher; Half-Time Call	4/29/2021

Mrs Kendra Lund	Little Lambs Early Childhood Center Sault Ste. Marie MI	Little Lambs Early Childhood Center Sault Ste. Marie MI ECM Director & Teacher	4/29/2021
Miss Rebeca Barclay	Immanuel LC Sault Sainte Marie MI	Little Lambs Early Childhood Center Sault Ste. Marie MI ECM Teacher; One-Year, Provisional Call	4/29/2021
Mr Jeremy Thiesfeldt		St Paul LS Algoma WI Principal; Grades 6-8	5/2/2021
Mrs Beth Vertz	Zion LS Egg Harbor WI	St Paul LS Algoma WI Teacher; Kindergarten, One-Year Call	5/2/2021
Mrs Cindy Thiesfeldt	Redeemer LS Fond du Lac WI	St Paul LS Algoma WI Teacher; Grades 1-2	5/2/2021
Mrs Kristine Westra		Bethlehem LS Hortonville WI ECM Director; One-year Call	5/2/2021

CALLS ACCEPTED

Teachers	Current call	New call	Date accepted
Mrs Bethany Parsons	St Paul LS Green Bay WI	St Paul LS Green Bay WI Teacher; Extended Learning (Special Ed), Full-Time, Call made Permanent	4/25/2021
Mrs Sarah McElroy		Riverview LS Appleton WI ECM Teacher; Half-Time Call	4/27/2021
Mr Daniel Whitney		Risen Savior LS Mankato MN Principal; Grades 7-8, One-Year Call	4/28/2021
Miss Judith Thrans	St Mark LS Citrus Heights CA	Bay Pines LS Seminole FL Teacher; Grades 1-2	4/28/2021
Mrs Christina Johnson	First LS La Crosse WI	First LS La Crosse WI ECM Teacher; 3K, One- Year Call	4/28/2021
Mr Thomas Stob	Zion LS Denver CO	Salem LS Stillwater MN Teacher; Grades 3-4, Athletic Director	4/28/2021

Mrs Elisabeth Arnold		Michigan Lutheran Seminary Saginaw MI Teacher; Art, Art History, One-Year, Half-Time Call	4/29/2021
Mr Gary Gray	Arizona Lutheran Academy Phoenix AZ	Peace LS Hartford WI Teacher; Grade 8, Middle School Math & Science, One-Year Call	4/29/2021
Mr Steven White	St Paul LS South Haven MI	Peace LS Sun Prairie WI Principal; Grade 8	4/29/2021
Mrs Laura Montez		Divine Savior Lutheran Academy Delray Beach FL Principal; Grade 4	4/30/2021
Mrs Natalie Thiel		Lord of Life LS Thornton CO Teacher; Grades 1-2	5/2/2021

CALLS DECLINED

Pastors	Current call	New call	Date declined
Rev Andrew Schroer	Redeemer LC Edna TX	Grace LC Milwaukee WI Associate Pastor	4/10/2021
Rev Allen Kirschbaum	Spirit of Life LC Caledonia MI	Good Shepherd LC West Bend WI Associate Pastor	4/27/2021
Rev Tony Hansen	Great Plains Lutheran High School Watertown SD	Trinity LC Jenera OH Associate Pastor	4/28/2021
Rev Mark Tiefel	Emanuel LC New London WI	Christ LC Big Bend WI Pastor	4/29/2021
Rev Caleb Bassett	Redeemer LC Fallbrook CA	Northwestern Publishing House Vice President of Publishing	4/29/2021
Rev Aaron Jensen	St Stephen LC Adrian MI	First LC Aurora NE Pastor	4/29/2021
Rev Tyler Shinnick	Martin Luther LC Neenah WI	Salem LC Loretto MN Associate Pastor	4/30/2021
Rev Micah Koelplin	Good Shepherd LC Beloit WI	Abiding Hope LC Ocala FL Pastor	4/30/2021

Rev Micah Koelpin	Good Shepherd LC Beloit WI	Calvary LC Canyon Country CA Pastor	4/30/2021
Rev Robert Krueger	Immanuel LC Findlay OH	Ministry of Christian Giving Christian Giving Counselor; Michigan & North Atlantic Districts	5/1/2021
Rev Nathan Buege	Victory of the Lamb LC Katy TX	Gethsemane LC Davenport IA Pastor	5/1/2021
Rev Jason Liebenow	St Paul LC Tipler WI St Mark's LC Iron River MI St John's LC Florence WI	St John LC & Emanuel LC Fairfax MN Pastor	5/1/2021
Rev Andrew Schroeder	California Lutheran High School Wildomar CA	Winnebago Lutheran Academy Fond du Lac WI Pastor; Religion Teacher & Chairman	5/2/2021

Teachers	Current call	New call	Date declined
Mr Kevin Needham	St Paul's LS Saginaw MI	Christ LS Eagle River WI Principal; Principal, Grades 5-8	4/16/2021
Mrs Pamela Perry	Salem LS Owosso MI	Trinity LS Jenera OH Teacher; Grades 1-2	4/22/2021
Mr Anthony Perry	Salem LS Owosso MI	Trinity LS Jenera OH Principal; Grades 7-8	4/22/2021
Mr Christopher Maki	St Croix Lutheran Academy West Saint Paul MN	Mount Lebanon LS Grades 5 - 8 Milwaukee WI Teacher; Grade 8, Dept. Math	4/22/2021
Mrs Bethany Babinec	St John LS Watertown WI	St Paul LS Menomonie WI Teacher; Kindergarten	4/24/2021
Miss Deborah Schultz	Emanuel Lutheran Preschool Tawas City MI	Peace LS Livonia MI ECM Director & Lead Teacher	4/26/2021
Ms Autumn Tietz		St Paul LS Menomonie WI Teacher; Grade 1, One- Year, Provisional Call	4/26/2021
Mrs Sarah Lofsness	St John LS Libertyville IL	Zion LS Denver CO ECM Director	4/27/2021

Mrs Erin Becker		St Paul's LS Saginaw MI Teacher; Grade 2, Athletics, Less-Than-Half- Time Call	4/27/2021
Mrs Crystal Kesting	Emanuel LS New London WI	St Paul Lutheran Child Center Winneconne WI ECM Teacher; 4K Lead	4/27/2021
Mr Erick Schalo	St Peter LS Weyauwega WI	David's Star LS Jackson WI Teacher; Grade 4, Technology Coordinator	4/28/2021
Mr Scott Sievert	Illinois Lutheran Elementary School Crete IL	St Paul LS Algoma WI Principal; Grades 6-8	4/29/2021
Mr David Backus	St John LS Manitowoc WI	Emmanuel LS Tempe AZ Principal	4/29/2021
Mr Timothy Vogel	Shepherd of the Hills LS La Mesa CA	St John LS Saginaw MI Principal; Grades 5-8	4/29/2021
Mr Bradley Gurgel	St Peter LS Saint Peter MN	Peace LS Livonia MI Principal; Grades 7-8	4/29/2021
Miss Heather Schmidt	St Paul LS Franklin WI	Garden Homes LS Milwaukee WI Teacher; Grade 3	4/29/2021
Mr Tyler Morgan	Divine Savior Academy - Sienna Missouri City TX	Garden Homes LS Milwaukee WI Teacher; Grade 7	4/29/2021
Mr Joel Plocher	Holy Trinity LS Des Moines WA	Illinois Lutheran High School Crete IL Teacher; Grades 7-9, 11 - Science, Technology	4/30/2021
Mrs Laura Pufahl	Trinity LS Waukesha WI	First German LS Manitowoc WI ECM Director & Teacher	4/30/2021
Mrs Kelli Plocher	Holy Trinity LS Des Moines WA	Illinois Lutheran Elementary School Crete IL Teacher; Kindergarten	4/30/2021
Mr Casey Pufahl	Wisconsin Lutheran High School Milwaukee WI	First German LS Manitowoc WI Teacher; Grades 5-6, Music	4/30/2021
Mrs Rachel Markgraf	Prairie LS Lower Site Gibbon MN	Ascension LS and Preschool Sarasota FL Teacher; Grades 1-2	4/30/2021

Mr Nathan Deering	Lord of Life LS Thornton CO	St Matthew's LS Stoddard WI Teacher; Grades 3-5	4/30/2021
Mr Scott Nerby	St Paul LS Tomah WI	Mt Olive LS Overland Park KS Teacher; Grades 5-8	5/1/2021
Mr Joel Lauber	Good Shepherd LS Omaha NE	Our Savior's LS Zion IL Principal; Grades 6-8	5/1/2021
Mr Jonathan Ross	Divine Savior Lutheran Academy Doral FL	Luther Preparatory School Watertown WI Professor; Mathematics	5/1/2021
Mr John Kaesmeyer	Christ the Lord LS Brookfield WI	Bethany LS Port Orchard WA Teacher; Vice-Principal, Athletic Director, 5-6 homeroom, 3-8 Departmentalized	5/2/2021
Mr Kurt Steffen	St Paul LS Muskego WI	St Paul LS Beverly Hills FL Teacher; Grade 6	5/2/2021
Mr Scott Nerby	St Paul LS Tomah WI	St Paul LS Tomah WI Principal; Half-Time Grades 5-6, Half-Time Principal	5/2/2021
Mr Timothy Hemling	Divine Savior Lutheran Academy Doral FL	Parkland LS Tacoma WA Teacher; Grades 7-8 Homeroom, Grades 5-8 Dept. Language Arts & History	5/2/2021
Mrs Christine Rindfleisch	St John LS Wauwatosa WI	Salem LS Stillwater MN Teacher; Grades 5-6 Homeroom, Grades 5-8, Dept., Technology Director	5/2/2021

RESIGNED

Teachers	Current call	Date resigned
Mrs Jennifer Neumann	Redeemer LS Fond du Lac WI	6/30/2021

CALLED TO ETERNAL GLORY

Pastors	Home church	Death date
Rev Edward Lindemann	St Paul LC Ixonia WI	4/29/2021

RETIREMENT

Teachers	Current call	Date retired
Mrs Doris Winkel	Grace Lutheran Preschool Muskegon MI	5/31/2021