



Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

Pastor, teacher, and staff minister call report

5/4/2021 - 5/10/2021

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 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 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 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 Mark Schutz	Hope LC Spearfish SD	St Lucas LC Milwaukee WI Associate 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 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 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	4/21/2021

Missionary; Native
Christian Counselor

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
Rev Benjamin Schmuclach	First LC La Crosse WI	St Peter LC Monticello MN Pastor	5/2/2021
Rev Daniel Lange	Light of Life LC Covington WA	Grace LC Milwaukee WI Associate Pastor	5/2/2021
Rev Nathan Strutz	Resurrection LC Verona WI	Salem LC Milwaukee WI Associate Pastor	5/2/2021
Rev Daniel Schmidt	St Matthew's LC Oconomowoc WI	Resurrection LC Rochester MN Associate Pastor; Coordinating Pastor	5/2/2021
Rev Matthew Brown	Abiding Word LC Houston TX	Star of Bethlehem LC New Berlin WI Associate Pastor	5/4/2021
Rev Gary Koschnitzke	Retired	Christ LC Big Bend WI Pastor	5/4/2021
Rev Duane Schmeichel	Lamb of God LC Madison AL	Fairview LC Milwaukee WI Pastor	5/8/2021

Teachers	Current call	New call	Date issued
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Ms Evodia Noel		Grace LS Woodlands Saint George ECM Teacher; Kindergarten	4/5/2021
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

Mrs Megan Dills	St Marcus LS - Main Campus K4 - Gr 8 Milwaukee WI	Mount Lebanon LS Milwaukee WI Teacher; Grade 2	4/11/2021
Ms Kylene Gilbert		Redeemer LS Tucson AZ Teacher; Grade 2, Half- Time, One-Year, Provisional Call	4/11/2021
Mr Samuel Schlicht		Atonement LS Milwaukee WI Teacher; Grades 5-6, ELA	4/13/2021
Mrs Shana Beyersdorf		Our Savior LS Grafton WI Teacher; Primary Grades, One-Year, Provisional Call	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 Richard Holz		Holy Cross LS Madison WI Teacher; Grade 8, Athletic Director, Provisional Call	4/15/2021
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
Ms Lindsay Schneider		St Paul Lutheran Pre- Kindergarten Muskego WI ECM Teacher; 4K, One- Year, Provisional Call	4/21/2021
Mrs Ashley Olson		Mt Olive LS Mankato MN Teacher; Grade 3, One- Year, Provisional Call	4/26/2021
Mrs Ashley Boushek		Divine Savior Academy - Sienna Missouri City TX Teacher; Grade 2	4/27/2021
Mrs Erin LaPointe		St John LS Watertown WI ECM Teacher; Half-Time Call	4/29/2021
Mrs Kristin Schultz		Wisconsin Lutheran College Milwaukee WI Teacher; Nursing Faculty, Half-Time, Provisional Call	5/1/2021
Mr James Flegel		Wisconsin Lutheran College Milwaukee WI	5/1/2021

Director of Cultural
Diversity, Provisional Call

Mr Jeremy Thiesfeldt		St Paul LS Algoma WI Principal; Grades 6-8	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
Mrs Kellie Prins		Trinity LS Nicollet MN Teacher; Grades 3-4	5/3/2021
Mrs Kellsie Wasser	Trinity LS Nicollet MN	Trinity LS Nicollet MN ECM Teacher; EC Teacher, One-Year Call	5/3/2021
Mrs Melanie Achey		Peace LS Kissimmee FL Teacher; Grades 3-4	5/5/2021
Mr Jacob Beilke		Trinity LS Belle Plaine MN Principal; Grades 7-8, One-Year Call	5/9/2021

CALLS ACCEPTED

Pastors	Current call	New call	Date accepted
Rev Micah Koelplin	Good Shepherd LC Beloit WI	New Mission West San Antonio TX Pastor	5/1/2021
Rev Jonathan Kehren	Jerusalem LC Morton Grove IL	Ministry of Christian Giving Christian Giving Counselor; Western Wisconsin District	5/9/2021
Rev Jonathan Hackbarth	Salem LC Woodbury MN	St John's LC Sparta WI Associate Pastor	5/9/2021
Teachers	Current call	New call	Date accepted
Mrs Kelly Raabe	St John LS Mukwonago WI	St John LS Mukwonago WI Teacher; Kindergarten; Provisional Call	4/20/2021
Mrs Rosanna Mulske	St Paul LS Menomonie WI	St Paul LS Menomonie WI ECM Teacher; Half-Time, Provisional Call	4/30/2021

Mrs Kristin Watson	Precious Lambs Preschool Rochester MN	Divine Savior Academy - Sienna Missouri City TX Teacher; Kindergarten	5/2/2021
Mrs Jane Petoskey	St Stephen LS Adrian MI	St Stephen LS Adrian MI ECM Teacher; Call made Permanent	5/5/2021
Mrs Beth Vertz	Zion LS Egg Harbor WI	St Paul LS Algoma WI Teacher; Kindergarten, One-Year Call	5/6/2021
Mrs Rebecca Lange	Immanuel Lutheran Preschool Findlay OH	Holy Trinity LS Okauchee WI ECM Director	5/6/2021
Mrs Katrina Brohn	Morning Star LS Jackson WI	Bloomington LS Bloomington MN Teacher; Upper Grades Dept.	5/7/2021
Mrs Kendra Lund	Little Lambs Early Childhood Center Sault Ste. Marie MI	Little Lambs Early Childhood Center Sault Ste. Marie MI ECM Director & Teacher	5/7/2021
Miss Rebeca Barclay	Immanuel LC Sault Sainte Marie MI	Little Lambs Early Childhood Center Sault Ste. Marie MI ECM Teacher; One-Year, Provisional Call	5/7/2021
Mrs Beth Kramp	Redeemer LS Fond du Lac WI	Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Preschool Menasha WI ECM Teacher	5/8/2021
Ms Kirsten Gullerud		St Paul LS Appleton WI Teacher; Guided Studies Teacher, Half-Time, Grades K-8, Provisional Call	5/8/2021
Mrs Ashley Hepner		St Paul LS Green Bay WI Teacher; Grade 4, Spanish	5/9/2021

CALLS DECLINED

Pastors	Current call	New call	Date declined
Rev John Hering	Divine Peace LC Garland TX	Commission on Congregational Counseling Pastor; Counselor	5/3/2021

Rev Scott Bergemann	New Life LC Kenosha WI	Christ LC Eden Prairie MN Pastor	5/6/2021
Rev Paul Fritz	St John LC Fremont WI	St Paul LC Round Lake Park IL Pastor	5/6/2021
Rev Darin Warnecke	St John LC Sturgis MI	St Paul's LC Franklin WI Associate Pastor	5/6/2021
Rev Zachary Pudlo	Crown of Life LC West Saint Paul MN	Trinity LC Kaukauna WI Pastor	5/7/2021
Rev Matthew Scharf	Hope LC Manhattan KS	Bethany LC - Lynndale Campus Appleton WI Associate Pastor	5/7/2021
Rev Jonathan Scharf	Abiding Grace LC Covington GA	Trinity LC Waukesha WI Associate Pastor	5/8/2021
Rev Silas Schmitzer	St Matthew LC Stoddard WI	Water of Life LC - Racine Campus Racine WI Water of Life LC - Caledonia Campus Racine WI Associate Pastor	5/8/2021
Rev David Frey	Living Word LC Mission Viejo CA	Calvary LC Bellevue WA Pastor	5/8/2021

Teachers	Current call	New call	Date declined
Mr Joseph Shiery	St John LS Bay City MI	Abiding Word LS Houston TX Teacher; Grade 3	4/18/2021
Mrs Lindsay Voeltner	St Peter LS Weyauwega WI	Barre Patch Christian Childcare La Crosse WI ECM Director	4/26/2021
Dr Ryan Rathje	St Croix Lutheran Academy West Saint Paul MN	Martin Luther College New Ulm MN Professor; Education & Director of Field Experiences	4/28/2021
Mr Luke Beilke	Ascension LS and Preschool Sarasota FL	Shepherd LS Albuquerque NM Principal; Grades 4-5	4/30/2021
Mrs Tammie Kassulke	St Mark's LS Watertown WI	St Paul LS Beverly Hills FL Teacher; Grade 2	5/1/2021
Mr Timothy Kassulke	St Mark's LS Watertown WI	St Paul LS Beverly Hills FL Teacher; Grade 8	5/1/2021

Mrs Andrea Spanovich		Samuel LS Marshall MN ECM Director & Teacher	5/3/2021
Mr Brian Mensching	Cross of Christ LS Coon Rapids MN	St John's LS Burlington WI Principal; Grades 7-8	5/5/2021
Mrs Erin Mensching	Cross of Christ LS Coon Rapids MN	St John's LS Burlington WI Teacher; Grade 2, Music	5/5/2021
Mr Jonathan Biedenbender	Mt Calvary-Grace LS La Crosse WI	Trinity LS Marshfield WI Principal; Grades 6-8	5/6/2021
Mr Eric Brown	Christ the King Academy Palm Coast FL	Grace Christian Academy Falls Church VA Principal	5/6/2021
Mrs Janell Brown	Christ the King Academy Palm Coast FL	Grace Christian Academy Falls Church VA Teacher; Kindergarten	5/6/2021
Mrs Heather Biedenbender	Mt Calvary-Grace LS La Crosse WI	Trinity LS Marshfield WI Teacher; Kindergarten	5/6/2021
Mrs Nicole Steenbock		St Paul LS Green Bay WI Teacher; Grade 3	5/6/2021
Mr Kurt Maciejczak	Salem LS Milwaukee WI	Trinity LS Belle Plaine MN Principal; Grades 7-8	5/7/2021
Mr Ryan Loberger	Divine Savior Lutheran Academy Doral FL	St Paul LS Green Bay WI Principal	5/7/2021
Mrs Alison Kolander	Divine Savior Lutheran Academy Delray Beach FL	MLC Early Childhood Learning Center New Ulm MN ECM Director	5/7/2021
Mr Justin Ohm	Crown of Life LS West Saint Paul MN	St Philip LS Milwaukee WI Teacher; Grade 8	5/9/2021
Mr Kevin Zimmerman		Divine Savior Lutheran Academy Doral FL Teacher; Lower-Level Science, Coaching	5/9/2021
Mr Ryan Plath		Holy Trinity Lutheran Academy New Hope MN Teacher; Grades 7-8, One-Year Call, STEM, Athletic Director	5/9/2021
Mr Paul Braun	Good Shepherd LS West Bend WI	Holy Cross LS Madison WI Teacher; Grade 6, Technology	5/9/2021

RESIGNED

Teachers	Current call	Date resigned
Mr Dennis Leckwee	Kingdom Prep Lutheran High School Wauwatosa WI	6/30/2021
Mrs Alissa Schroeder	Trinity-St Luke Western Ave Campus Watertown WI	6/30/2021

CALLED TO ETERNAL GLORY

Pastors	Home church	Death date
Rev Ralph Waack	St John LC Manitowoc WI	5/6/2021

RETIREMENT

Teachers	Current call	Date retired
Mr Marc Meihack	Bethany LS Kenosha WI	6/30/2021