



Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

Pastor, teacher, and staff minister call report

5/11/2021 - 5/17/2021

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 Allen Kirschbaum	Spirit of Life LC Caledonia MI	New Mission Amarillo TX Pastor	4/11/2021
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 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 Jonathan Brohn	Salem LC Stillwater MN	Christ the Rock LC Farmington NM Missionary	4/25/2021

Rev Benjamin Zahn	Amazing Grace LC Myrtle Beach SC	Morning Star LC Jackson WI Associate Pastor	4/27/2021
Rev Benjamin Schmudlach	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
Rev Jason Strong	Light of the World LC Fairbanks AK	Good Shepherd LC West Bend WI Associate Pastor	5/9/2021
Dr Mark Paustian	Martin Luther College New Ulm MN	Northwestern Publishing House Vice President of Publishing	5/10/2021
Rev John Boggs	Divine Savior LC-West Palm Beach West Palm Beach FL	Immanuel LC Greenville WI Associate Pastor	5/12/2021
Rev Joshua Hanson	Christ LC Lodi CA	Emmanuel LC Owatonna MN Pastor	5/12/2021

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

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 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 Kristin Schultz		Wisconsin Lutheran College Milwaukee WI Teacher; Nursing Faculty, Half-Time, Provisional Call	5/1/2021
Mrs Kellie Prins		Trinity LS Nicollet MN Teacher; Grades 3-4	5/3/2021
Mrs Amy Grulke	Our Savior LS Grafton WI	Trinity LS Waukesha WI ECM Teacher	5/10/2021
Mrs Amber Frelitz	St Paul LS Tomah WI	Christ-St John's LS West Salem WI Teacher; Upper Grades Administrative Release- Time Teacher, Half-Time, One-Year Call	5/11/2021
Mrs Emily Grunwald		Luther Preparatory School Watertown WI Professor; Mathematics	5/13/2021
Mr Ryan Plath		St Croix Lutheran Academy West Saint Paul MN Teacher; Dorm Supervisor, Lower-Level Math	5/15/2021
Mrs Sarah Habben		Mt Calvary Early Childhood Ministry Flagstaff AZ ECM Director & Teacher	5/16/2021
Mrs Kristen Hillmann	St John-St James LS Reedsville WI	St John-St James LS Reedsville WI Teacher; Principal Release-Time Teacher, Less-Than-Half-Time Call	5/16/2021
Mrs Kristine Pufahl	Christ LS Big Bend WI	Emmanuel LS Tempe AZ Teacher; Upper Grades, One-Year Call	5/16/2021

Mr Craig Kiecker	Emmanuel LS Tempe AZ	Emmanuel LS Tempe AZ Principal; One-Year Call	5/16/2021
Mrs Carol Campbell	Emmanuel LS Tempe AZ	Emmanuel LS Tempe AZ ECM Teacher; Provisional Call	5/16/2021
Mrs Dawn Harting		Scarville LS Scarville IA Teacher; Kindergarten- Grade 8	5/16/2021

CALLS ACCEPTED

Pastors	Current call	New call	Date accepted
Prof Michael Otterstatter	Martin Luther College New Ulm MN	Beautiful Savior LC Summerville SC Pastor	5/15/2021
Rev Timothy Bode	Abiding Savior LC Elk River MN	St John LC Mukwonago WI Associate Pastor	5/15/2021
Rev Mark Kaesmeyer	Cross of Christ LC Coon Rapids MN	West Lutheran High School Plymouth MN Development Director; Director of Mission Advancement	5/16/2021
Teachers	Current call	New call	Date accepted
Mr Thomas Strauss		St Peter LS Helenville WI ECM Teacher; 4K/5K, One-Year, Provisional Call	4/14/2021
Ms Lindsay Schneider		St Paul Lutheran Pre- Kindergarten Muskego WI ECM Teacher; 4K, One- Year, Provisional Call	4/28/2021
Mrs Kristine Westra		Bethlehem LS Hortonville WI ECM Director; One-year Call	5/10/2021
Mrs Stephanie Lamas		St John LS Milwaukee WI Teacher; Extended Learning Teacher, Half- Time Call	5/12/2021
Mr Richard Holz		Holy Cross LS Madison WI Teacher; Grade 8, Athletic Director, Provisional Call	5/12/2021

Ms Kylene Gilbert		Redeemer LS Tucson AZ Teacher; Grade 2, Half-Time, One-Year, Provisional Call	5/12/2021
Mrs Amanda Bergemann		Good Shepherd Lutheran Academy Downers Grove IL Teacher; Kindergarten	5/14/2021
Mr Samuel Schlicht		Atonement LS Milwaukee WI Teacher; Grades 5-6, English Language Arts	5/14/2021
Mrs Kellsie Wasser	Trinity LS Nicollet MN	Trinity LS Nicollet MN ECM Teacher; One-Year Call	5/15/2021
Mrs Melanie Achey		Peace LS Kissimmee FL Teacher; Grades 3-4	5/16/2021
Ms Kaylee Grube		St Jacobi LS Greenfield WI Teacher; Grade 4, One-Year, Provisional Call	5/16/2021
Mr James Flegel		Wisconsin Lutheran College Milwaukee WI Director of Cultural Diversity; Provisional Call	5/16/2021

CALLS DECLINED

Pastors	Current call	New call	Date declined
Rev Stephen Schmiel	Faith Evangelical LC Prior Lake MN	Our Savior LC Grafton WI Associate Pastor	5/10/2021
Rev Mark Kahrs	Calvary LC Glenwood MN	St Paul LC Roscoe SD St John LC Bowdle SD Pastor	5/11/2021
Rev Dustin Blumer	Amazing Love LC Frankfort IL	Mt Olive LC Overland Park KS Pastor	5/12/2021
Rev John Paustian	Zion LC Morgan MN	St John LC Burlington WI Associate Pastor	5/13/2021
Rev Matthew Vik	St Paul's LC Fort Atkinson WI	Brooklyn LC Brooklyn Park MN Pastor	5/13/2021

Rev Bryan Prell	Petra LC Sauk Rapids MN	Reformation LC Dousman WI Pastor	5/14/2021
Rev Benjamin Radtke	St Martin's LC Watertown SD	Zion LC Monroe MI Associate Pastor	5/14/2021
Rev M John Derme	Shepherd of the Mountains LC Reno NV	St John LC Mukwonago WI Associate Pastor	5/14/2021
Rev Kyle Bitter	St John LC Wauwatosa WI	Manitowoc Lutheran High School Manitowoc WI Teacher; Religion Department	5/14/2021
Rev Michael Willitz	Lord of Love LC Deforest WI	St John LC Goodhue MN Pastor	5/14/2021
Rev Jason Jobs	St John LC Markesan WI	Grace LC Dakota MN Trinity (Wilson Twp) LC Winona MN Pastor	5/15/2021
Rev Mark Schutz	Hope LC Spearfish SD	St Lucas LC Milwaukee WI Associate Pastor	5/15/2021
Rev Joshua Odell	St John LC Phelps WI Christ LC Eagle River WI	St Paul LC Saint James MN Pastor	5/15/2021
Rev David Backus	Eternal Love LC Appleton WI	Shepherd of Peace LC Norfolk NE Pastor	5/15/2021
Rev Peter Sulzle	St John LC Redwood Falls MN	St Paul LC Livonia MI Associate Pastor	5/16/2021
Rev Joel Schwartz	Peace LC Trinity FL	Timothy LC Saint Louis Park MN Pastor	5/16/2021

Teachers	Current call	New call	Date declined
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Mr Jeremy Thiesfeldt		St Paul LS Algoma WI Principal; Grades 6-8	5/10/2021
Mrs Cindy Thiesfeldt	Redeemer LS Fond du Lac WI	St Paul LS Algoma WI Teacher; Grades 1-2	5/10/2021
Mrs Shana Beyersdorf		Our Savior LS Grafton WI Teacher; Primary Grades, One-Year, Provisional Call	5/11/2021
Mr Jacob Beilke		Trinity LS Belle Plaine MN	5/11/2021

Principal; Grades 7-8,
One-Year Call

Miss Kimberly Ehlke	Trinity LS Caledonia WI	Crown of Life Christian Academy Fort Myers FL Teacher; Grades 3-4	5/12/2021
Mrs Erin LaPointe		St John LS Watertown WI ECM Teacher; Half-Time Call	5/13/2021

RESIGNED

Teachers	Current call	Date resigned
Ms Susan Keller	Christ Alone LS Thiensville WI	6/30/2021
Mrs Tamara Melott	Ascension Lutheran Preschool Plymouth MN	6/30/2021
Mrs Jennifer Hackbarth	Salem Preschool Woodbury MN	6/30/2021
Mrs Sarah Barai	St Marcus LS - Main Campus K4 - Gr 8 Milwaukee WI	6/30/2021
Ms Stephanie Kudek	Atonement LS Milwaukee WI	6/30/2021
Mrs Megan Dills	St Marcus LS - Main Campus K4 - Gr 8 Milwaukee WI	6/30/2021

RETIREMENT

Pastors	Current call	Date retired
Rev Richard Kogler	Gift Planning Counselor-AzCa Phoenix AZ	12/31/2021