



Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

Pastor, teacher, and staff minister call report

6/29/2021 - 7/5/2021

The call report details when pastors, teachers, and staff ministers change positions within WELS. The Conference of Presidents oversees and coordinates the calling process.

CORRECTION: It was incorrectly reported that Teacher Jonathan Stern had resigned as of 6/30/21. We are sorry for the confusion.

NO DECISION REPORTED

Pastors	Current call	New call	Date issued
Rev Jeffrey Schmidt	Emanuel LC Flint MI	St Paul LC Mauston WI Associate Pastor	5/23/2021
Rev Matthew Hennig	Christ LC North St Paul & Hugo MN	Amazing Grace LC Dickinson ND Missionary	6/3/2021
Rev Stephen Kuehl	Shepherd of Peace LC Powell OH	Zion LC Rhineland WI Associate Pastor	6/6/2021
Rev Adam Zimpelmann	Good Shepherd LC Fond du Lac WI	Immanuel LC Woodville WI Pastor	6/6/2021
Rev Matthew Krenke	St John's LC Jefferson WI	Lutheran Institutional Ministry Association Austin MN St John's LC Minneapolis MN Pastor	6/6/2021
Rev John Koelpin	Calvary LC Dallas TX	Salem LC Milwaukee WI Associate Pastor	6/6/2021
Rev Scott Oelhafen	Trinity LC Waukesha WI	St Paul's LC New Ulm MN Associate Pastor	6/6/2021

Rev Jonathan Werre	Good Shepherd LC Sioux Falls SD	St John LC Whitewater WI Pastor	6/6/2021
Rev Johnold Strey	Crown of Life LC Hubertus WI	Peace LC Janesville WI Pastor	6/9/2021
Rev Jared Oldenburg	Eternal Rock LC Castle Rock CO	St John LC Hastings MN Associate Pastor	6/13/2021
Rev Brian Diring	Our Shepherd LC Lancaster CA	St James LC North Branch MI Pastor	6/13/2021
Rev Mark Westra	Prince of Peace LC Fairport NY	Grace LC Crivitz WI Pastor	6/13/2021
Rev John Backus	Christ the Lord LC Clearwater FL	Salem LC Woodbury MN Pastor	6/13/2021
Rev Joel McKenney	St Paul LC Algoma WI	St John LC Burlington WI Associate Pastor	6/13/2021
Rev Mark Kom	Crown of Life LC West Saint Paul MN	Star of Bethlehem LC New Berlin WI Associate Pastor	6/13/2021
Rev Gregory Lyon	Wisconsin Lutheran College Milwaukee WI	Grace LC Milwaukee WI Associate Pastor	6/13/2021
Rev Joel Gawrisch	New Life LC Shoreview MN	Redeemer LC Tucson AZ Associate Pastor	6/13/2021
Rev Andrew Johnston	One Latin America Team	Christ the Vine LC Temecula CA Pastor	6/13/2021
Rev Philip Casmer	Christ the Lord LC Brookfield WI	Christ LC Marshall MN Pastor	6/14/2021
Rev Norman Burger Jr	Shepherd of the Hills LC Lansing MI	St John LC Mukwonago WI Associate Pastor	6/15/2021
Rev Clinton Kreuziger	Crown of Life LC Marietta OH	Emmanuel LC Owatonna MN Pastor	6/16/2021
Rev Peter Martin	Faith LC Radcliff KY	Native American Administrative Committee Missionary; Native Christian Counselor	6/16/2021
Rev Brian Roloff	Ascension LC Plymouth MN	Faith LC Anderson CA Pastor	6/16/2021
Rev James Borgwardt	Redeemer LC Fond du Lac WI	Northwestern Publishing House	6/17/2021

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Rev Isaac Cherney	Redeemer LC Yakima WA	Fairview LC Milwaukee WI Pastor	6/19/2021
Rev Scott Schwertfeger	Zion LC Arlington WI	St Paul LC Saint James MN Pastor	6/20/2021
Rev David Parsons	Holy Cross LC Tucson AZ	King of Kings LC Willoughby OH Missionary	6/21/2021
Rev Keith Schleis	Abiding Faith LC Smyrna TN	Mt Calvary LC Waukesha WI Associate Pastor	6/22/2021
Rev Christian Winkel	Redemption LC Milwaukee WI	Abiding Savior LC Elk River MN Pastor	6/22/2021
Rev Timothy Gerbing	Christ LC Pewaukee WI	Resurrection LC Rochester MN Associate Pastor; Coordinating Pastor	6/22/2021
Rev Nathaniel Biebert	Risen Savior LC Austin TX	St John LC Appleton WI Pastor	6/23/2021
Rev Steven Waldschmidt	Christ Alone LC Dardenne Prairie MO	Immanuel LC Greenville WI Associate Pastor	6/23/2021
Rev Mark Rohrback	Redeemer LC Cedarburg WI	St Matthew LC Benton Harbor MI Pastor	6/24/2021
Rev Luke Italiano	Amazing Grace LC Florence KY	First LC Aurora NE Pastor	6/24/2021
Rev Walter Gawel IV	Victory LC Lexington KY	Trinity LC Kaukauna WI Pastor	6/27/2021
Rev Jonathan Bourman	Peace LC Aiken SC	Gethsemane LC Davenport IA Pastor	6/27/2021
Rev Caleb Kurbis	Living Savior LC Asheville NC	Prince of Peace LC Salt Lake City UT Associate Pastor	6/27/2021
Rev Seth Scheuerlein	St Luke's LC Grand Rapids MN	Grace LC Tucson AZ Pastor	6/27/2021
Rev Keegan Dowling	Abiding Word LC Orleans ON	Faith LC Harrison MI St John LC Clare MI Pastor	6/28/2021

Rev David Brandt	St John's LC Juneau WI	Good Shepherd LC West Bend WI Associate Pastor	6/28/2021
Rev Matthew Schaewe	Faith LC Sussex WI	Hope LC Indian River MI Pastor	6/29/2021
Rev Justin Heise	St Peter LC Saint Peter MN	Camp Phillip Wautoma WI Pastor	7/1/2021
Rev Benjamin Ehlers	Trinity LC Temple TX	Gethsemane LC Raleigh NC Pastor	7/1/2021
Rev Joshua Schultz	Mountain View LC Great Falls MT	St Paul LC Muskego WI Associate Pastor	7/1/2021
Rev Pieter Reid		Good Shepherd LC Midland TX Pastor	7/1/2021
Rev John Schwartz	Redeemer LC Pierre SD	Immanuel LC Manitowoc WI Associate Pastor	7/2/2021
Teachers	Current call	New call	Date issued
Mrs Melissa Minzlaff	Peace LS Livonia MI	Huron Valley Lutheran High School Westland MI Teacher; One-Year, Less- than-Half Time Call	6/4/2021
Mrs Kim Pappenfuss		Cross of Glory LS Peoria AZ Teacher; Grades 5-8 Language Arts, Art, Half- Time, One-Year Call	6/6/2021
Mrs Rebekah Foxen		Cross of Glory LS Peoria AZ Teacher; Grades 1-8, Music, One-Year, Less- Than-Half-Time Call	6/6/2021
Ms Melissa Hebl		St Paul's LS Saginaw MI Teacher; Grade 2, One- Year Call	6/6/2021
Mr John LeBlanc		Faith LS Fond du Lac WI Teacher; Release-Time Teacher, Grades 6-7, Three-Quarter-Time, Provisional Call	6/6/2021
Mrs Lori Monday	St Peter LS Appleton WI	St Peter LS Appleton WI Teacher; Upper Grade Math; One-Year, Half- Time Call	6/9/2021

Mrs Renee Erdmann	St Peter LS Appleton WI	St Peter LS Appleton WI Teacher ; Spanish, One- Year, Less-Than-Half Time	6/9/2021
Mrs Heather Pagel		St Paul LS Franklin WI Teacher; Upper Grades, One-Year Call	6/16/2021
Mr Eric Matz		Reformation LS San Diego CA Teacher; Grade 2, One- Year Call	6/20/2021
Mrs Hannah Buske		Roots to Wings Learning Center Lake City MN ECM Teacher; Half-Time Call	6/23/2021
Mrs Bethany Anderson	Pilgrim LS Menomonee Falls WI	Pilgrim LS Menomonee Falls WI ECM Director; Call made Permanent	6/23/2021
Mrs Kristi Bredendick		Crown of Life LS West Saint Paul MN Teacher; Grade 1, One- Year Call	6/27/2021
Mrs Nancy Zander		St Paul LS Appleton WI Teacher; Grade 1, One- Year Call	6/27/2021
Mrs Stephanie Wolfram		St Paul LS Wisconsin Rapids WI Teacher; Grades 1-2, Call made Provisional	6/27/2021
Mrs Heidi Hansen	St Mark LS Green Bay WI	King's Kids Learning Center Corona CA ECM Director; One-Year, Three-Quarter Time Call	6/27/2021
Ms Tamar Wendland		Peace LS Kissimmee FL Teacher; Grades 7-8, One-Year Call	6/27/2021
Mrs Megen Rupnow	Risen Savior LS Mankato MN	St Paul LS Fort Atkinson WI Teacher; Grades 1-2, One-Year Call	6/27/2021
Miss Danielle Hall		Jesus Loves Me Learning Center North Mankato MN ECM Teacher	6/28/2021

CALLS ACCEPTED

Teachers	Current call	New call	Date accepted
Miss Allison Bovee	Star of Bethlehem LS New Berlin WI	Star of Bethlehem LS New Berlin WI Teacher; Grade 4, One-Year Call	6/14/2021
Mr Robert Buss	St Paul LS Menomonie WI	St Paul LS Menomonie WI Principal; Grades 5-8, One-Year Call	6/27/2021
Mrs Susan Buss	St Paul LS Menomonie WI	St Paul LS Menomonie WI Teacher; Grade 2, One-Year Call	6/27/2021
Mrs Tracy Birkholz	Good Shepherd LS Burnsville MN	Good Shepherd LS Burnsville MN Teacher; Middle/Upper Grades, Less-Than-Half-Time Call	6/28/2021
Mrs Chelsey Hanel	Rocky Mountain Lutheran High School Commerce City CO	Rocky Mountain Lutheran High School Commerce City CO Teacher; English & Fine Arts	6/28/2021
Mrs Catherine Meier	Lakeside Lutheran High School Lake Mills WI	Lakeside Lutheran High School Lake Mills WI Teacher; Family & Consumer Science, Half-Time, One Year Call	6/28/2021
Ms Jena Winder	Riverview LS Appleton WI	Riverview LS Appleton WI Teacher; Grades 3-4, One-Year Call	6/28/2021
Mrs Kimberly Frey	St Paul LS Plymouth NE	St Paul LS Plymouth NE Teacher; Grades K-1, One-Year Call	6/29/2021
Mr David Koester	Shepherd LS Albuquerque NM	Shepherd LS Albuquerque NM Principal; One-Year, Half-Time, Provisional Call	7/1/2021
Miss Hannah Sievert	Rocky Mountain Lutheran High School Commerce City CO	Rocky Mountain Lutheran High School Commerce City CO Teacher; Health and Physical Education, Semester 1, Less-Than-Half Time, Provisional Call	7/1/2021
Mrs Dorann Mahnke	St Paul LS Onalaska WI	St Paul LS Onalaska WI Teacher; Grades 6-7, Educational Assistant, Less-Than-Half Time, One-Year Call	7/2/2021

Mrs Stephanie Draper	Christ-St Peter LS-East Campus Milwaukee WI	Christ-St Peter LS-West Campus Milwaukee WI Teacher; Grade 7, One- Year Call	7/2/2021
Mrs Heidi Williams	Little Lambs Learning Center Danube MN	Little Lambs Learning Center Danube MN ECM Director; Half-Time, One-Year Call	7/2/2021
Mrs Elise Oppermann	Crown of Life Christian Academy Fort Atkinson WI	Crown of Life Christian Academy Fort Atkinson WI ECM Teacher; 3K Lead & Grade 5 ELA, Three- Quarter Time Call	7/6/2021
Mrs Michelle Schoeller	Crown of Life Christian Academy Fort Atkinson WI	Crown of Life Christian Academy Fort Atkinson WI ECM Teacher; 2-Year-Old Lead, Dept. Physical Education, Summer Care Coordinator	7/6/2021
Mrs Christine Wilke	Crown of Life Christian Academy Fort Atkinson WI	Crown of Life Christian Academy Fort Atkinson WI Teacher; Grade 5 HR, Upper Grades Dept. Math, Provisional Call	7/6/2021

CALLS DECLINED

Pastors	Current call	New call	Date declined
Rev Jeffrey Bonack	St Paul LC Muskego WI	Trinity LC Jenera OH Associate Pastor	6/23/2021
Rev Peter Janke	East Asia	Summerlin LC Las Vegas NV Pastor	6/25/2021
Rev Paul Schroeder	King of Kings LC Apache Junction AZ	Timothy LC Saint Louis Park MN Pastor	6/28/2021
Rev Timothy Glende	St Peter LC - North Campus Appleton WI	Morning Star LC Jackson WI Associate Pastor	6/30/2021
Rev Jeremy Husby	Peace LC Hartford WI	Shepherd of Peace LC Norfolk NE Pastor	6/30/2021
Rev Ryan Landwehr	St Mark LC Spruce WI Our Savior LC Lena WI	St Matthew LC Spring Valley WI St Peter LC Elmwood WI Pastor	7/2/2021

Rev Paul Schulz	Risen Savior LC Chula Vista CA	Reformation LC Dousman WI Pastor	7/2/2021
Rev Paul Schulz	Risen Savior LC Chula Vista CA	Shepherd of the Valley LC West Fargo ND Pastor	7/2/2021
Rev Matthew Reis	Trinity LC Bangor MI	St Peter LC Monticello MN Pastor	7/2/2021
Rev Paul Meier	Immanuel LC Neenah WI	St John LC Goodhue MN Pastor	7/3/2021
Rev Matthew Ewart	NorthCross LC Lakeville MN	Zion LC Monroe MI Associate Pastor	7/3/2021
Rev Andrew Luehring	St John LC Kaukauna WI	Cross of Christ LC Coon Rapids MN Associate Pastor	7/3/2021

Teachers	Current call	New call	Date declined
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Mrs Hannah Buske		Mt Olive Lutheran Preschool Shakopee MN ECM Teacher; Less-Than- Half-Time Call	6/28/2021
Mrs Haley Arndt		Trinity-St Luke Clark St Campus Watertown WI Teacher; Grade 6, One- Year Call	7/2/2021

RESIGNED

Teachers	Current call	Date resigned
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Mr Timothy Mueller Jr	Star of Bethlehem LS New Berlin WI	6/30/2021
Mrs Erika Biesterfeld	Divine Savior Lutheran Academy Doral FL	6/30/2021
Mrs Kadie Westendorf	Divine Grace LS Lake Orion MI	6/30/2021