



Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

Pastor, teacher, and staff minister call report

7/6/2021 - 7/12/2021

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 Matthew Hennig	Christ LC North St Paul & Hugo MN	Amazing Grace LC Dickinson ND Missionary	6/3/2021
Rev Scott Oelhafen	Trinity LC Waukesha WI	St Paul's LC New Ulm MN Associate Pastor	6/6/2021
Rev Johnold Strey	Crown of Life LC Hubertus WI	Peace LC Janesville WI Pastor	6/9/2021
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 Andrew Johnston	One Latin America Team	Christ the Vine LC Temecula CA Pastor	6/13/2021
Rev Peter Martin	Faith LC Radcliff KY	Native American Administrative Committee Missionary; Native Christian Counselor	6/16/2021
Rev James Borgwardt	Redeemer LC Fond du Lac WI	Northwestern Publishing House Vice President of Publishing	6/17/2021
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 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 Steven Waldschmidt	Christ Alone LC Dardenne Prairie MO	Immanuel LC Greenville WI Associate Pastor	6/23/2021
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 Canada	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	Retired	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
Prof Thomas Kock	Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary Mequon WI	Atonement LC Milwaukee WI Pastor	7/6/2021
Rev Christian Marquardt	St James LC Milwaukee WI	Brooklyn LC Brooklyn Park MN Pastor	7/6/2021
Rev Philip Janisch	Trinity LC Brillion WI	Water of Life LC - Racine Campus & Caledonia Campus Racine WI Associate Pastor	7/7/2021
Rev James Buske	Lighthouse Youth Center Milwaukee WI	St Paul LC Livonia MI Associate Pastor	7/7/2021
Rev Luther Zuberbier	Deer Valley LC Phoenix AZ	Trinity LC Winner SD Pastor	7/7/2021
Rev Eric Melso	Living Hope LC Ooltewah TN	Jerusalem LC Morton Grove IL Pastor	7/8/2021
Rev Craig Birsching	St John LC Westland MI	Our Savior LC Grafton WI Associate Pastor	7/8/2021
Rev John Ruege Jr	St Paul's LC Marquette MI	St Martin LC Rapid River MI Pastor; New Dual Parish with St Paul, (Green Garden) Marquette MI	7/11/2021

Teachers	Current call	New call	Date issued
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Mrs Kim Pappenfuss		Cross of Glory LS Peoria AZ Teacher; Grades 5-8 Language Arts, Art, Half- Time, 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 Bethany Anderson	Pilgrim LS Menomonee Falls WI	Pilgrim LS Menomonee Falls WI ECM Director; Permanent Call	6/23/2021

Mrs Kristi Bredendick		Crown of Life LS West Saint Paul MN Teacher; Grade 1, One-Year Call	6/27/2021
Mrs Stephanie Wolfram		St Paul LS Wisconsin Rapids WI Teacher; Grades 1-2, Provisional 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
Mr Thomas Schwartz		St John-St James LS Reedsville WI Teacher; Principal Release-Time Teacher, Less-Than-Half-Time Call	7/11/2021
Mr Kyle Grotenhuis		Trinity-St Luke Clark St Campus Watertown WI Teacher; Grade 6, One-Year Call	7/11/2021

CALLS ACCEPTED

Pastors	Current call	New call	Date accepted
Rev Jonathan Meyer	Manitowoc Lutheran High School Manitowoc WI	Manitowoc Lutheran High School Manitowoc WI Teacher	7/8/2021
Rev Brian Diring	Our Shepherd LC Lancaster CA	St James LC North Branch MI Pastor	7/11/2021
Teachers	Current call	New call	Date accepted
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
Mr Eric Matz	Reformation LS San Diego CA	Reformation LS San Diego CA Teacher; Grade 2, One-Year Call	6/25/2021
Mrs Nancy Zander	St Paul LS Appleton WI	St Paul LS Appleton WI Teacher; Grade 1, One-Year Call	6/28/2021

Mrs Renee Erdmann	St Peter LS Appleton WI	St Peter LS Appleton WI Teacher; Spanish, One- Year, Less-Than-Half Time	7/7/2021
Mrs Heather Pagel	St Paul LS Franklin WI	St Paul LS Franklin WI Teacher; Upper Grades, One-Year Call	7/7/2021
Mrs Lori Monday	St Peter LS Appleton WI	St Peter LS Appleton WI Teacher; Upper Grade Math, One-Year, Half- Time Call	7/7/2021
Mrs Rebekah Foxen	Cross of Glory LS Peoria AZ	Cross of Glory LS Peoria AZ Teacher; Grades 1-8, Music, One-Year, Less- Than-Half-Time Call	7/7/2021
Mrs Heidi Hansen	King's Kids Learning Center Corona CA	King's Kids Learning Center Corona CA ECM Director; One-Year, Three-Quarter Time Call	7/9/2021
Ms Tamar Wendland	Peace LS Kissimmee FL	Peace LS Kissimmee FL Teacher; Grades 7-8, One-Year Call	7/9/2021

CALLS DECLINED

Pastors	Current call	New call	Date declined
Rev Matthew Krenke	St John's LC Jefferson WI	Lutheran Institutional Ministry Association Austin MN St John's LC Minneapolis MN Pastor	7/6/2021
Rev John Backus	Christ the Lord LC Clearwater FL	Salem LC Woodbury MN Pastor	7/6/2021
Rev Jared Oldenburg	Eternal Rock LC Castle Rock CO	St John LC Hastings MN Associate Pastor	7/6/2021
Rev Jonathan Werre	Good Shepherd LC Sioux Falls SD	St John LC Whitewater WI Pastor	7/7/2021
Rev Joel McKenney	St Paul LC Algoma WI	St John LC Burlington WI Associate Pastor	7/7/2021
Rev Keith Schleis	Abiding Faith LC Smyrna TN	Mt Calvary LC Waukesha WI Associate Pastor	7/7/2021

Rev Mark Rohrback	Redeemer LC Cedarburg WI	St Matthew LC Benton Harbor MI Pastor	7/8/2021
Rev Clinton Kreuziger	Crown of Life LC Marietta OH	Emmanuel LC Owatonna MN Pastor	7/8/2021
Rev Joel Gawrisch	New Life LC Shoreview MN	Redeemer LC Tucson AZ Associate Pastor	7/9/2021
Rev Brian Roloff	Ascension LC Plymouth MN	Faith LC Anderson CA Pastor	7/9/2021
Rev John Koelpin	Calvary LC Dallas TX	Salem LC Milwaukee WI Associate Pastor	7/10/2021
Rev Norman Burger Jr	Shepherd of the Hills LC Lansing MI	St John LC Mukwonago WI Associate Pastor	7/10/2021
Rev Jeffrey Schmidt	Emanuel LC Flint MI	St Paul LC Mauston WI Associate Pastor	7/10/2021
Rev Adam Zimpelmann	Good Shepherd LC Fond du Lac WI	Immanuel LC Woodville WI Pastor	7/10/2021
Rev Philip Casmer	Christ the Lord LC Brookfield WI	Christ LC Marshall MN Pastor	7/10/2021
Rev Nathaniel Biebert	Risen Savior LC Austin TX	St John LC Appleton WI Pastor	7/10/2021
Rev Stephen Kuehl	Shepherd of Peace LC Powell OH	Zion LC Rhineland WI Associate Pastor	7/10/2021
Rev Mark Westra	Prince of Peace LC Fairport NY	Grace LC Crivitz WI Pastor	7/10/2021

Teachers	Current call	New call	Date declined
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Mrs Haley Arndt		Trinity-St Luke Clark St Campus Watertown WI Teacher; Grade 6, One- Year Call	7/2/2021
Mrs Hannah Buske		Roots to Wings Learning Center Lake City MN ECM Teacher; Half-Time Call	7/6/2021
Ms Melissa Hebl		St Paul's LS Saginaw MI	7/6/2021

RESIGNED

Teachers	Current call	Date resigned
Mrs Stacy Bitter	St John LS Milwaukee WI	6/30/2021
Mrs Angie Engel	Abiding Word LS Houston TX	6/30/2021
Mrs Sarah Kuschel	St Croix Lutheran Academy West Saint Paul MN	6/30/2021

CALLED TO ETERNAL GLORY

Pastors	Home church	Death date
Rev Mark Anderson	First LC Lake Geneva WI	7/8/2021
Rev James Bartz	Grace LC Eau Claire MI	7/8/2021

Teachers	Home church	Death date
Mrs Vera Stark	Risen Savior LC Milwaukee WI	3/31/2021

RETIREMENT

Teachers	Current call	Date retired
Mrs Ruth Huebner	Luther Preparatory School Watertown WI	6/30/2021
Mrs Margaret McDonald	St James Preschool Milwaukee WI	7/15/2021
Prof Paul Bases	Martin Luther College New Ulm MN	6/30/2022