



Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

Pastor, teacher, and staff minister call report

7/12/2022 - 7/18/2022

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 Mark Schutz	Hope LC Spearfish SD	Morning Star LC Jackson WI Associate Pastor	6/13/2022
Rev Martin Valleskey	Costa Maya Ministries	Rocky Mountain Lutheran High School Commerce City CO Pastor	6/13/2022
Rev Scott Bergemann	New Life LC - Central Kenosha WI	Trinity LC Saline MI Associate Pastor	6/15/2022
Rev Jeffery Drake	Trinity LC Hartford WI	St Paul's LC Fort Atkinson WI Associate Pastor	6/19/2022
Rev Benjamin Wessel	Woodlawn LC West Allis WI	Our Savior's LC Wausau WI Pastor	6/19/2022
Rev Joel Heckendorf	Light of the Valleys LC Reno NV	Board for Home Missions Administrator	6/20/2022
Rev Nathan Schulte	1 Latin America Team	Truth In Love Ministry Nampa ID Pastor	6/21/2022
Rev Nathan Seiltz	Multi-Language Productions	Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary Mequon WI Pastor; PSI Director	6/21/2022
Rev Zachary Pudlo	Crown of Life LC West Saint Paul MN	St Paul's LC Rapid City SD Associate Pastor	6/23/2022

Rev John Gierach	St John LC Ann Arbor MI	Our Redeemer's LC Martin SD Rock of Ages LC Gordon NE Pastor	6/25/2022
Rev Stephen Schmiel	Faith Evangelical LC Prior Lake MN	Riverview LC Appleton WI Associate Pastor	6/26/2022
Rev Jeffrey Sonntag	Shining Mountains LC Bozeman MT	Faith LC River Falls WI Pastor	6/26/2022
Rev Craig Engel	Immanuel LC Willmar MN	St Peter LC Saint Peter MN Associate Pastor	6/26/2022
Rev Aaron West	St Matthew LC Spokane WA	Bethlehem LC Menomonee Falls WI Associate Pastor	6/26/2022
Rev David Rosenau	St Mark LC Leesburg FL	Michigan Lutheran High School Saint Joseph MI President	6/26/2022
Rev James Heffner	St John LC Mishicot WI & Two Rivers WI	Salem LC Loretto MN Associate Pastor	6/27/2022
Rev Joel Lillo	St Paul LC Hortonville WI	St John LC Fairfax MN Pastor	6/28/2022
Rev Daniel Rautenberg	Native American Missions	Faith LC Harrison MI St John LC Clare MI Pastor	6/28/2022
Rev Joshua Martin	St John's LC Jefferson WI	Grace LC Manitowoc WI Pastor	6/29/2022
Rev Donald Windsperger Jr	Zion LC Colome SD	St Paul's LC Broken Bow NE Pastor	6/29/2022
Rev Adam Manian	St John LC Vesta MN Peace LC Echo MN	St John St James LC Reedsville WI Associate Pastor	6/30/2022
Rev Michael Sheppard	Mt Zion LC Ripon WI	Our Savior LC Perry MI Pastor	6/30/2022
Rev Nathan Wordell	Mount Olive LC Appleton WI	Wisconsin Lutheran College Milwaukee WI Professor	7/1/2022
Rev Nathan Wordell	Mount Olive LC Appleton WI	St Andrew LC Middleton WI Associate Pastor; Service & Outreach	7/1/2022

Rev Cale Mead	Christ LC Juneau AK	New Mission Start Canton GA Pastor	7/1/2022
Rev Timothy Leistekow	Peridot LC Peridot AZ	St Paul LC Oconto Falls WI Pastor	7/3/2022
Rev Lucas Proeber	St Paul LC Wisconsin Rapids WI	Trinity LC Neenah WI Associate Pastor	7/3/2022
Rev Benjamin Zamzow	St Mark LC Bemidji MN	Salem LC Woodbury MN Pastor	7/3/2022
Rev Peter Walther	Our Savior's LC East Brunswick NJ	St John LC Milwaukee WI Associate Pastor	7/3/2022
Rev Steven Saatkamp	Emmanuel LC Hudson WI	Ascension LC Escondido CA Pastor	7/3/2022
Rev Paul Wilde	Salem LC Owosso MI	Grace LC Neenah WI Pastor	7/5/2022
Rev Noah Willitz	Living Savior LC Missoula MT	Deer Valley LC Phoenix AZ Pastor	7/5/2022
Rev Steven Gabb	Hope LC Los Angeles CA	Hope LC Chino Valley AZ & Prescott AZ Pastor	7/5/2022
Rev Jacob Behnken	Good Shepherd LC Midland MI	Martin Luther College New Ulm MN Professor; Music & dean of chapel	7/5/2022
Rev Caleb Free	Risen Savior LC Lakewood Ranch FL	St John LC Sturgeon Bay WI Pastor	7/6/2022
Rev Eric Hansen	Crown of Life LC Corona CA	Crown of Life LC Warren MI Pastor	7/6/2022
Rev Silas Schmitzer	St Matthew LC Stoddard WI	Pilgrim LC Menomonee Falls WI Associate Pastor	7/6/2022
Rev Luke Italiano	Amazing Grace LC Florence KY	St John LC & Trinity LC Janesville MN Pastor	7/6/2022
Rev Andrew Schultz	St John (Barre Mills) LC La Crosse WI	Green Valley LC Henderson NV Pastor	7/6/2022
Rev Paul Bowe	Gethsemane LC Oklahoma City OK	Immanuel LC Manitowoc WI Associate Pastor	7/7/2022

Rev Joel Sauer	St Peter's LC Sturgeon Bay WI	Our Savior LC Grafton WI Pastor	7/7/2022
Rev Michael Ewart	St Peter LC - North Campus Appleton WI	St John LC St John's Saint John Antigua Pastor	7/7/2022
Rev Kenneth Rodrigue	Grace LC New London WI	Immanuel LC Lakeside AZ Pastor	7/9/2022
Rev Frederick Schleg	Beautiful Savior LC Everett WA	Palos LC Palos Heights IL Pastor	7/10/2022
Rev Benjamin Kempfert	Immanuel LC Waupaca WI	St John LC Riga MI Pastor	7/10/2022
Rev Julius Buelow	St Paul LC Saginaw MI	Good Shepherd LC Pipestone MN St John LC Lake Benton MN Pastor	7/10/2022
Rev Philip Schupmann	Resurrection LC Aurora IL	St Peter LC Juneau WI Pastor; Part-Time Call	7/10/2022
Rev Caleb Schultz	Cross of Life LC Mississauga ON Canada	Peace LC Hartford WI Associate Pastor	7/11/2022
Rev Kenley Mann	The Lutheran Home Belle Plaine MN	St Peter LC Elmwood WI St Matthew LC Spring Valley WI Pastor	7/12/2022
Rev Eric Schroeder	St John LC Wauwatosa WI	New Mission Start Windsor CO Pastor	7/13/2022
Rev M John Derme	Shepherd of the Mountains LC Reno NV	Faith LC Antioch IL Associate Pastor	7/14/2022
Rev Mark Kahrs	Calvary LC Glenwood MN	Ascension LC Antigo WI Pastor	7/14/2022

Teachers	Current call	New call	Date issued
Mrs Kellie Jensen		St Paul LS Wisconsin Rapids WI ECM Teacher; 3K, Provisional Call	6/12/2022
Mrs Jan Sparley		Parkland LS Tacoma WA Teacher; Grade 4	6/19/2022
Mrs Joy Young		Key to Life Christian Childcare & Community	6/19/2022

		Center Weston WI ECM Director	
Mrs Erica Eickert		Trinity LS Brillion WI Teacher; Grades 7-8, One-Year, Provisional Call	6/26/2022
Mrs Elizabeth Kuschel		First LS Elkhorn WI Teacher; Grades 5-8 Departmentalized, Less- Than-Half Time, One-Year Call	7/10/2022
Mr Steven Lehman		Shepherd of the Valley LS Menasha WI Teacher; Grades 5-6, Athletic Director, One- Year Call	7/12/2022
Mrs Dawn Boerneke		St John LS Lomira WI Teacher; Grades 3-4	7/12/2022
Mrs Kirstie Klug	Martin Luther College New Ulm MN	St Paul's LS New Ulm MN Teacher; Grades 1-2, One-Year Call	7/17/2022
Mrs Kimberly Youngerberg	Jesus Loves Me Learning Center North Mankato MN	St Peter LS Saint Peter MN Teacher; Grades 3-4, One-Year Call	7/17/2022

Staff Ministers	Current call	New call	Date issued
Mr Joshua Kramer		Faith LC Antioch IL Congregation Staff Minister; Director of Church Music & Parish Instruction	7/14/2022
Mr Kevin Walker	Bethlehem LS-North Germantown WI	St John LS Libertyville IL Principal & Staff Minister of Outreach	7/17/2022

CALLS ACCEPTED

Teachers	Current call	New call	Date accepted
Mrs Angelia Braatz	Holy Cross LS Madison WI	Holy Cross LS Madison WI Teacher; Grade 3, Provisional Call	6/1/2022
Ms Elizabeth Reimers	Grace LS Saint Joseph MI	Grace LS Saint Joseph MI Teacher; Grades 5-8	6/9/2022

		Departmentalized, Provisional Call	
Mrs Lisa Vieth	St John LS Lewiston MN	St John LS Lewiston MN Teacher; Grades 7-8, One-Year Call	6/14/2022
Mrs Brittany Ernst	Immanuel LS Greenville WI	Immanuel LS Greenville WI ECM Teacher; Less-Than- Half Time, One-Year Call	6/15/2022
Miss Morgann Jensen	Immanuel LS Greenville WI	Immanuel LS Greenville WI ECM Teacher; Half-Time, One-Year Call	6/15/2022
Mrs Ruth Pahmeier	Mount Olive LS Appleton WI	Mount Olive LS Appleton WI Teacher; Upper Grades, One-Year, Half Time Call	6/23/2022
Ms Jana Borchart	Rocky Mountain Lutheran High School Commerce City CO	Rocky Mountain Lutheran High School Commerce City CO Teacher; Chemistry, Half- Time One-Year Call	7/1/2022
Dr Susan Ratzburg		Peace LS Green Lake WI Teacher; Grades 3-4, One-Year Call	7/11/2022
Mrs Jeannine Kutz	Crown of Life LS West Saint Paul MN	Crown of Life LS West Saint Paul MN ECM Director & Teacher, Provisional Call	7/12/2022
Mr Joel Mathwig	St Paul LS North Fond du Lac WI	St Paul LS North Fond du Lac WI Teacher; Grades 5-6, Athletic Director, Provisional Call	7/12/2022
Mrs Michelle Wierschem	Bethlehem LS-South Menomonee Falls WI	Bethlehem LS-South Menomonee Falls WI Teacher; Learning Services Teacher, Three- Quarter Time, Provisional Call	7/13/2022
Mrs Paula Sulzle	St John LS Redwood Falls MN	St John LS Redwood Falls MN Teacher; Grade 6, Half- Time, One-Year Call	7/15/2022
Mrs Nancy Johnson	Jesus Loves Me Learning Center North Mankato MN	Jesus Loves Me Learning Center North Mankato MN ECM Teacher; ECM Teacher, 2K	7/15/2022
Mrs Sarah Beilke		Grace LS Saint Joseph MI Teacher; Grade 4, Departmentalized, Less-	7/17/2022

ASSIGNMENT

Teachers	Assignment	Date assigned
Miss Kelsey Birschbach	Zion LS Rhineland WI ECM Teacher; ECM Teacher, After School Care Coordinator, Permanent Assignment	7/13/2022

CALLS DECLINED

Pastors	Current call	New call	Date declined
Rev Bryan Gerlach	Commission on Worship	Redeemer LC Tucson AZ Associate Pastor	7/9/2022
Rev Christopher Ewings	Faith LC Anchorage AK	Gethsemane LC Davenport IA Pastor	7/10/2022
Rev Michael Neumann	St Paul LC Alexandria MN	St Luke LC New Lisbon WI Pastor	7/11/2022
Rev Matthew Rothe	The Way LC Fredericksburg VA	Living Hope LC Peoria IL Pastor	7/11/2022
Rev Luke Werre	Peace LC Sun Prairie WI	St John LC Kendall WI St Matthew LC Ontario WI Pastor	7/12/2022
Rev Benjamin Tomczak	Bethel LC Sioux Falls SD	St John's LC Dakota MN Pastor	7/12/2022
Rev James Roecker	St Andrew's LC Saint Paul Park MN	St John LC Fremont WI Pastor	7/13/2022
Rev James Seiltz	Salem LC Colorado Springs CO	St Paul LC North Freedom WI Pastor	7/14/2022
Rev Daniel Heiderich	Good News LC Lehi UT	St John LC Whitewater WI Pastor	7/15/2022
Rev Peter Sulzle	St John LC Redwood Falls MN	Peace LC Livonia MI Pastor	7/15/2022

Rev Daniel Schmidt	St Matthew's LC Oconomowoc WI	First German LC Manitowoc WI Associate Pastor	7/16/2022
Rev Harmon Lewis	Messiah LC Johns Creek GA	New Mission Start Wichita KS Pastor	7/16/2022
Rev Paul Biedenbender	Christ LC Denver CO	Mt Olive LC Las Vegas NV Pastor	7/16/2022
Rev Scott Bergemann	New Life LC - Central Kenosha WI	Timothy LC Saint Louis Park MN Pastor	7/16/2022
Rev Peter Metzger	St Peter LC St. Albert AB Canada	New Mission Start Collinsville IL Pastor	7/16/2022
Rev Scott Henrich	Shepherd of the Hills LC Knoxville TN	Immanuel LC Salem OR Pastor	7/16/2022
Rev Jonathan Leach	Truth In Love Ministry Nampa ID	Emanuel Redeemer LC Yale MI Pastor	7/17/2022
Rev Benjamin Schudlach	First LC La Crosse WI	Bethany LC Fort Atkinson WI Associate Pastor; Lead Campus Pastor	7/17/2022

Teachers	Current call	New call	Date declined
Mrs Melissa Nehls		St Paul's LS New Ulm MN Teacher; Grades 1-2, One-Year Call	7/11/2022
Mr Marc Meihack		St John LS Lomira WI Teacher; Grades 3-4	7/12/2022

RESIGNED

Teachers	Current call	Date resigned
Mrs Mary Dorn	St John LS Waterloo WI	6/30/2022
Mrs Abigail Georgson	Good Shepherd LS Sioux Falls SD	6/30/2022
Mrs Grace Marquardt	St Philip LS Milwaukee WI	6/30/2022
Miss Kailynn Lovett	Sola Fide Academy Lawrenceville GA	6/30/2022

RETIREMENT

Pastors	Current call	Date retired
Dr Ernst Wendland	One Africa Team (OAT)	7/31/2022
Teachers	Current call	Date retired
Mrs Joy Enter	St Paul's LS New Ulm MN	6/30/2022
Mr David Koester	Shepherd LS Albuquerque NM	6/30/2022

POSITION ELIMINATED

Teachers	Current call	Date effective
Mr Philip Moll	St Matthew's LS Winona MN	6/30/2022

CALL TERMINATED

Teachers	Current call	Date effective
Ms Michelle Ploetz	Green Valley Lutheran Preschool Henderson NV	7/31/2022