



## Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

### Pastor, teacher, and staff minister call report

9/20/2022 - 9/26/2022

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 Joel Hoff	Trinity LC Neenah WI	Multi-Language Productions TELL Missionary	8/9/2022
Rev Robert Weiss	St Peter LC Chilton WI	Pilgrim LC Minneapolis MN Pastor	8/21/2022
Rev Matthew Krenke	St John's LC Jefferson WI	Mt Olive LC Las Vegas NV Pastor	8/21/2022
Rev Andrew Ewings	Resurrection LC Verona WI	Grace LC Spring Hill FL Pastor	8/28/2022
Rev Joshua Schultz	Mountain View LC Great Falls MT	Immanuel LC Salem OR Pastor	8/28/2022
Rev Thomas Jeske	Living Hope LC Omaha NE	St Peter LC Juneau WI Pastor; Part-Time Call	8/29/2022
Rev Joel McKenney	St Paul LC Algoma WI	St John LC Fox Lake WI Pastor	8/30/2022
Rev Frank Italiano Jr	Trinity LC Crete IL	Good Shepherd LC West Bend WI Associate Pastor	9/1/2022
Rev John Schwartz	Redeemer LC Pierre SD	St Peter LC Modesto CA Pastor	9/1/2022

Rev Stephen Wiesenauer	Asia One Team	Asia One Team Missionary	9/5/2022
Rev Joel Schwartz	Peace LC Trinity FL	St John LC Wauwatosa WI Associate Pastor	9/6/2022
Rev Peter Sternberg	St John LC Red Wing MN	St John LC Lewiston MN Associate Pastor	9/7/2022
Rev Andrew Schrimpf	Cross of Glory LC Baton Rouge LA	St John LC Fairfax MN Pastor	9/7/2022
Rev Jasper Sellnow	St Paul LC Mauston WI & Friendship WI	First German LC Manitowoc WI Associate Pastor	9/8/2022
Rev Jonathan Werre	Good Shepherd LC Sioux Falls SD	Crown of Life LC Warren MI Pastor	9/8/2022
Rev Steven Waldschmidt	Christ Alone LC Dardenne Prairie MO	Our Redeemer LC Yorktown VA Pastor	9/8/2022
Rev Jacob Jenswold	Rock of Ages LC Kansas City MO	New Mission Start Wichita KS Pastor	9/8/2022
Rev Andrew Johnston	1 Latin America Team	St John LC St John's Saint John Antigua Pastor	9/8/2022
Rev David Karow	St John LC Rock Springs WI	Grace LC Crivitz WI Pastor	9/11/2022
Rev James Buske	Lighthouse Youth Center Milwaukee WI	Our Redeemer LC Madison WI Associate Pastor	9/11/2022
Rev James Buske	Lighthouse Youth Center Milwaukee WI	Bethany LC Fort Atkinson WI Associate Pastor; Lead Campus Pastor	9/11/2022
Rev Aaron Mueller	St Paul LC Howards Grove WI	Trinity LC Waukesha WI Associate Pastor	9/11/2022
Rev Joshua Zarling	Good Shepherd's LC West Allis WI	Trinity LC Watertown WI Associate Pastor	9/11/2022
Rev Scott Schultz	Cross of Christ LC Portage WI	Redeemer LC Tomahawk WI Pastor	9/11/2022
Rev Thomas Spiegelberg II	Saving Grace LC Mobile AL	Abiding Word LC Highlands Ranch CO Pastor	9/11/2022
Rev Timothy Shrimpton	Gloria Dei LC Belmont CA	St John LC Wetaskiwin AB Canada	9/11/2022

		Mighty Fortress LC Red Deer AB Canada Pastor	
Dr John Boeder	Martin Luther College New Ulm MN	Ascension LC Escondido CA Pastor	9/11/2022
Rev Russell Wilke III	St Paul LC Mauston WI	Mt Olive LC Lincoln NE Pastor	9/13/2022
Rev Craig Birsching	St John LC Westland MI	St John LC Sturgeon Bay WI Pastor	9/13/2022
Rev Mark Barenz	Retired	Zion LC Ogema WI St John LC Rib Lake WI Pastor; Retirement Call	9/14/2022
Rev John Steinbrenner	Cross of Christ LC Boise ID	Board for Home Missions Administrator	9/15/2022
Rev Joseph Dietrich	Our Savior LC Bylas AZ	Our Redeemer's LC Martin SD Rock of Ages LC Gordon NE Pastor	9/15/2022
Rev Gerhardt Juergens	St John LC Tappen ND	Immanuel LC Lakeside AZ Pastor	9/15/2022
Rev Samuel Pappenfuss	St Paul LC Crandon WI	Our Savior LC Kasson MN Pastor	9/18/2022
Rev Peter Schlicht	Eastside LC Madison WI	Resurrection LC Rochester MN Associate Pastor; Coordinating Pastor	9/18/2022
Rev Benjamin Ehlers	Trinity LC Temple TX	St Luke LC Little Chute WI Pastor	9/18/2022
Rev Steven Prah	Foundation LC Peyton CO	St Paul's LC Rapid City SD Associate Pastor	9/18/2022
Rev Christian Winkel	Redemption LC Milwaukee WI	Salem LC Owosso MI Associate Pastor	9/19/2022
Rev Lincoln Albrecht	River of Life LC Goodyear AZ	New Mission Start Collinsville IL Pastor	9/20/2022
Rev Michael Ewart	St Peter LC - North Campus Appleton WI	Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary Mequon WI Professor; PSI Director	9/21/2022

Rev Jacob Schwartz	Star of Bethlehem LC New Berlin WI	Living Hope LC Peoria IL Pastor	9/21/2022
Rev James Renz	Retired	St John LC Darfur MN Pastor; Retirement Call	9/21/2022
Rev Nathaniel Walther	Grace LC Minot ND	Grace LC Manitowoc WI Pastor	9/21/2022
Rev Marc VonDeylen	Lord of Life LC Friendswood TX	St John LC Kendall WI St Matthew LC Ontario WI Pastor	9/21/2022
Rev Norval Kock	Manitowoc Lutheran High School Manitowoc WI	Manitowoc Lutheran High School Manitowoc WI Teacher; Religion	9/22/2022
Rev Peter Kesting	Zion LC Fremont WI	St Paul's LC Fort Atkinson WI Associate Pastor	9/22/2022
Rev Daniel Iwinski	Immanuel LC Medford WI	Immanuel LC Neenah WI Pastor	9/22/2022

<b>Teachers</b>	<b>Current call</b>	<b>New call</b>	<b>Date issued</b>
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Mrs Jamie Johnson	Arizona Lutheran Academy Phoenix AZ	Arizona Lutheran Academy Phoenix AZ Teacher; Math, Science, Provisional Call	9/12/2022
Mrs Patricia Wenzel	Wisconsin Lutheran High School Milwaukee WI	Wisconsin Lutheran High School Milwaukee WI Teacher; Family & Consumer Education, Provisional Call	9/14/2022
Mrs Katie Chavez	Wisconsin Lutheran High School Milwaukee WI	Wisconsin Lutheran High School Milwaukee WI Teacher; School Counselor, Permanent Call	9/14/2022
Ms Brett Long		St Peter LS Appleton WI Teacher; Grade 2, Provisional Call	9/15/2022

<b>Staff Ministers</b>	<b>Current call</b>	<b>New call</b>	<b>Date issued</b>
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Mr Matthew Herbst	Michigan Lutheran High School Saint Joseph MI	Michigan Lutheran High School Saint Joseph MI President	9/21/2022
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## CALLS ACCEPTED

<b>Pastors</b>	<b>Current call</b>	<b>New call</b>	<b>Date accepted</b>
Rev Brent Merten	Fount of Life LC Colorado Springs CO	Christ LC Juneau AK Pastor	9/23/2022
Rev David Birsching	St Paul LC Tacoma WA	Faith LC Harrison MI Pastor	9/24/2022
Rev Mark Westra	Prince of Peace LC Fairport NY	Bethlehem LC Menomonee Falls WI Associate Pastor	9/24/2022
Rev Walter Gawel IV	Victory LC Lexington KY	Mount Olive LC Appleton WI Associate Pastor	9/24/2022

<b>Teachers</b>	<b>Current call</b>	<b>New call</b>	<b>Date accepted</b>
Mrs Ashley Franzo	Mt Calvary-Grace LS La Crosse WI	Mt Calvary-Grace LS La Crosse WI Teacher; Kindergarten, Limited Duration Call	9/18/2022
Mr Mark Steiner		Arizona Lutheran Academy Phoenix AZ Teacher; Math, 6-month Limited Duration Call	9/19/2022
Mrs Angela Vogt	St John LS Manitowoc WI	St John LS Manitowoc WI Teacher; Grades 3-4, Permanent Call	9/21/2022

## CALLS DECLINED

<b>Pastors</b>	<b>Current call</b>	<b>New call</b>	<b>Date declined</b>
Rev Emile Burgess	Crown of Life LC West Saint Paul MN	Trinity LC Marinette WI Pastor	9/16/2022
Rev Brett Brauer	Trinity LC Watertown WI	Faith LC Antioch IL Associate Pastor	9/19/2022
Rev Jason Free	Christ the Lord LC Brookfield WI	Peace LC King of Prussia PA Pastor	9/19/2022
Rev Stephen Melso	Bethany LC Manitowoc WI	Peace LC Livonia MI Pastor	9/20/2022

Rev Benjamin Blumer	NorthCross LC Lakeville MN	New Mission Start Windsor CO Pastor	9/20/2022
Rev Michael Gehl	St John LC Greenleaf WI	St John LC Janesville MN & Trinity LC Pastor	9/22/2022
Rev Todd Engel	St John LC Red Wing MN	St John LC Whitewater WI Pastor	9/23/2022
Rev Paul Schulz	Risen Savior LC Chula Vista CA	Redeemer LC Mandan ND Pastor	9/24/2022
Rev Joel Stuebs	St Peter LC Mishicot WI	New Life LC Rockford IL Pastor	9/24/2022
Rev Joel Voss	Emanuel First LC Lansing MI	Water of Life LC - Caledonia Campus Racine WI Associate Pastor	9/24/2022
Rev Samuel Biebert	Christ LC Cambridge MN	Our Savior's LC East Brunswick NJ Pastor	9/24/2022

## RESIGNED

Teachers	Current call	Date resigned
Mrs Dana Gramarossa	Mt Calvary-Grace LS La Crosse WI	9/23/2022
Ms Shannon Farley	Grace Lutheran Child Learning Center Sahuarita AZ	10/14/2022
Miss Shannon Eggers	Michigan Lutheran High School Saint Joseph MI	6/30/2023
Mrs Jayde Faugstad	Bethany LS Port Orchard WA	6/30/2023

## CALLED TO ETERNAL GLORY

Pastors	Home church	Death date
Rev Walter Schumann	Trinity LC Watertown WI	9/21/2022

## RETIREMENT

Teachers	Current call	Date retired
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Prof Ronald Ohm	Martin Luther College New Ulm MN	6/30/2023
Mrs Victoria Burger	Precious Child Early Learning Center Morton Grove IL	6/30/2023
Mr Mark Leverage	Wisconsin Lutheran High School Milwaukee WI	6/30/2023