



Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

Pastor, teacher, and staff minister call report

7/5/2022 - 7/11/2022

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 Christopher Ewings	Faith LC Anchorage AK	Gethsemane LC Davenport IA Pastor	5/29/2022
Rev James Seiltz	Salem LC Colorado Springs CO	St Paul LC North Freedom WI Pastor	6/5/2022
Rev Luke Werre	Peace LC Sun Prairie WI	St John LC Kendall WI St Matthew LC Ontario WI Pastor	6/5/2022
Rev James Roecker	St Andrew's LC Saint Paul Park MN	St John LC Fremont WI Pastor	6/8/2022
Rev Michael Neumann	St Paul LC Alexandria MN	St Luke LC New Lisbon WI Pastor	6/12/2022
Rev Mark Schutz	Hope LC Spearfish SD	Morning Star LC Jackson WI Associate Pastor	6/13/2022
Rev Daniel Heiderich	Good News LC Lehi UT	St John LC Whitewater WI 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 Scott Bergemann	New Life LC - Central Kenosha WI	Timothy LC Saint Louis Park MN Pastor	6/15/2022
Rev Paul Biedenbender	Christ LC Denver CO	Mt Olive LC Las Vegas NV Pastor	6/16/2022
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 Bryan Gerlach	Commission on Worship	Redeemer LC Tucson AZ Associate Pastor	6/19/2022
Rev Benjamin Tomczak	Bethel LC Sioux Falls SD	St John's LC Dakota MN Pastor	6/20/2022
Rev Peter Metzger	St Peter LC St. Albert AB Canada	New Mission Start Collinsville IL Pastor	6/20/2022
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 Benjamin Schudlach	First LC La Crosse WI	Bethany LC Fort Atkinson WI Associate Pastor; Lead Campus Pastor	6/21/2022
Rev Matthew Rothe	The Way LC Fredericksburg VA	Living Hope LC Peoria IL Pastor	6/22/2022
Rev Daniel Schmidt	St Matthew's LC Oconomowoc WI	First German LC Manitowoc WI Associate Pastor	6/23/2022
Rev Peter Sulzle	St John LC Redwood Falls MN	Peace LC Livonia MI Pastor	6/23/2022
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	6/25/2022

		Rock of Ages LC Gordon NE Pastor	
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 Harmon Lewis	Messiah LC Johns Creek GA	New Mission Start Wichita KS Pastor	6/27/2022
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 Coordinator	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
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		Associate Pastor; Service & Outreach	
Rev Scott Henrich	Shepherd of the Hills LC Knoxville TN	Immanuel LC Salem OR Pastor	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

Teachers	Current call	New call	Date issued
Mrs Lisa Vieth		St John LS Lewiston MN Teacher; Grades 7-8, One-Year Call	4/30/2022
Mrs Angelia Braatz		Holy Cross LS Madison WI Teacher; Grade 3, Provisional Call	5/21/2022
Mr Marc Meihack		St John LS Lomira WI Teacher; Grades 3-4	6/12/2022
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 Center Weston WI ECM Director	6/19/2022
Mrs Nancy Johnson		Jesus Loves Me Learning Center North Mankato MN ECM Teacher; ECM Teacher, 2K	6/21/2022
Ms Jana Borchardt		Rocky Mountain Lutheran High School Commerce City CO Teacher; One Semester, Half-Time Call	6/22/2022
Mrs Erica Eickert		Trinity LS Brillion WI Teacher; Grades 7-8, One-Year, Provisional Call	6/26/2022

Mrs Paula Sulzle	St John LS Redwood Falls MN	St John LS Redwood Falls MN Teacher; Grade 6	6/26/2022
Mrs Melissa Nehls		St Paul's LS New Ulm MN Teacher; Grades 1-2, One-Year Call	6/26/2022
Dr Susan Ratzburg		Peace LS Green Lake WI Teacher; Grades 3-4, One-Year Call	7/3/2022
Mrs Sarah Beilke		Grace LS Saint Joseph MI Teacher; Grade 4, Departmentalized, Less- Than Half-Time, Provisional Call	7/10/2022
Mrs Elizabeth Kuschel		First LS Elkhorn WI Teacher; Less-Than-Half Time Call	7/10/2022

CALLS ACCEPTED

Pastors	Current call	New call	Date accepted
Rev Timothy Westendorf	Abiding Word LC Highlands Ranch CO	Mt Calvary LC Waukesha WI Associate Pastor	7/7/2022
Rev Curt Backhaus	St Paul LC Tomah WI	Risen Savior LC Austin TX Pastor	7/9/2022
Rev Ian Headrick	Our Redeemer LC Yorktown VA	St Paul LC Mount Calvary WI Pastor	7/9/2022
Teachers	Current call	New call	Date accepted
Miss Michelle Myers	Christ Alone Lutheran Academy - Grades K-2 Montello WI	Christ Alone Lutheran Academy - Grades K-2 Montello WI Teacher; Grades 1-2	4/17/2022
Mrs Calla Schoch	St Croix Lutheran Academy West Saint Paul MN	St Croix Lutheran Academy West Saint Paul MN Teacher; Grades 6-8 Dept. Science	6/17/2022
Mrs Johanna Manke	St John LS Lomira WI	St John LS Lomira WI Teacher; School Resource Teacher, Half-Time Call	7/10/2022
Mrs Jennifer Adelmeyer	St John LS Lomira WI	St John LS Lomira WI Principal; Principal - One-	7/10/2022

Year Call, ECM Director &
Kindergarten - Permanent
Call

Staff Ministers	Current call	New call	Date accepted
Mrs Kirsten George	NorthCross LC Lakeville MN	NorthCross LC Lakeville MN Congregation Staff Minister; Children's Ministry Director, Three- Quarter Time Call	7/9/2022

CALLS DECLINED

Pastors	Current call	New call	Date declined
Rev Nathanael Scharf	St Paul's LC New Ulm MN	Manitowoc Lutheran High School Manitowoc WI Teacher; Religion	7/5/2022
Rev Duane Rodewald	Abiding Peace LC Simpsonville SC	St John LC St John's Saint John Antigua Pastor	7/6/2022
Rev Aaron Schultz	Messiah LC Green Bay WI	Salem LC Owosso MI Associate Pastor	7/6/2022
Rev Caleb Schoeneck	Beautiful Savior LC College Station TX	Good Shepherd LC Holmen WI Pastor	7/6/2022
Rev Michael Weigand	Faith LC Fond du Lac WI	Resurrection LC Aurora IL Associate Pastor	7/7/2022
Rev Aaron Schultz	Messiah LC Green Bay WI	St John LC Caledonia MN Associate Pastor	7/7/2022
Rev Seth Dorn	St Stephen LC Beaver Dam WI	St John LC Wauwatosa WI Associate Pastor	7/7/2022
Rev Joel Hoff	Trinity LC Neenah WI	Asia One Team Missionary	7/7/2022
Rev Mark Henrich	Hope LC Toronto ON Canada	Immanuel LC Greenville WI Associate Pastor	7/8/2022
Rev Jonathan Loescher	Bethany LC Hustisford WI	Grace LC Spring Hill FL Pastor	7/8/2022
Rev Jonathan Kolander	St Mark's LC Citrus Heights CA	Resurrection LC Rochester MN Associate Pastor; Coordinating Pastor	7/9/2022

Rev Joshua Kesting	St Paul LC Neosho WI	Grace LC Eau Claire MI Pastor	7/9/2022
Rev Nathaniel Winkel	Mountain Valley LC Eagle CO	Immanuel LC Neenah WI Pastor	7/9/2022
Rev Jacob Hanneman	Shepherd of the Plains LC Fort Morgan CO	New Life LC Rockford IL Pastor	7/9/2022
Rev Peter Hagen	Resurrection LC Maumee OH	St John LC Wetaskiwin AB Canada Mighty Fortress LC Red Deer AB Canada Pastor	7/9/2022
Rev Darin Warnecke	St John LC Sturgis MI	Valley View LC Helena MT Pastor	7/9/2022

Teachers	Current call	New call	Date declined
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Mrs Cathlyn Wilk		Zion LS K-8th Grade Hartland WI Teacher; Grades 2-4, Dept. Half-Time, One- Year Call	7/8/2022
Mr Joshua Gorske		Shepherd of the Valley LS Menasha WI Teacher; Grades 5-6, Athletic Director	7/10/2022
Mr Joshua Gorske		St Paul LS North Fond du Lac WI Teacher; Grades 5-6, Athletic Director	7/10/2022

Staff Ministers	Current call	New call	Date declined
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Mr Mark Blauert	Wisconsin LS-Elementary School (3-5) Racine WI	St John LS Libertyville IL Principal & Staff Minister of Outreach	7/7/2022
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RESIGNED

Pastors	Current call	Date resigned
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Rev Timothy Kemnitz	Mt Olive LC Lincoln NE	7/13/2022
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Teachers	Current call	Date resigned
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Mrs Rachel Zietlow	St Marcus LS - Harambee Campus - K4 - Gr 2 Milwaukee WI	6/30/2022
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Mrs Jenelle Rollinger	St Marcus LS - Main Campus K4 - Gr 8 Milwaukee WI	6/30/2022
Mrs Amber Johnson	Crown of Life LS West Saint Paul MN	6/30/2022
Mr Benjamin Lundsten	Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School New Ulm MN	6/30/2022
Ms Heidi Remmele	St John LS Redwood Falls MN	6/30/2022

CALLED TO ETERNAL GLORY

Teachers	Home church	Death date
Mrs Susan Dick	Immanuel LC Manitowoc WI	7/4/2022
Mrs Joan Lanphear	Salem LC Milwaukee WI	7/6/2022

RETIREMENT

Pastors	Current call	Date retired
Rev Jeffrey Limpert	Christ Our Rock LC Rochester MN	7/12/2022

Teachers	Current call	Date retired
Mrs Cynthia Gruenewald	St Paul LS Livonia MI	6/30/2022

LIMITED LENGTH CALL EXPIRED

Pastors	Current call	Date effective
Rev Paul Prange	St John's LS Burlington WI	6/30/2022