



Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

Pastor, teacher, & staff minister call report

5/9/2023 - 5/15/2023

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

NO DECISION REPORTED

Pastors	Current call	New call	Date issued
Rev Joel Sauer	St Peter's LC Sturgeon Bay WI	Mountain View LC Calgary AB Canada Pastor	4/16/2023
Rev Ross Else	Emmaus LC Phoenix AZ	Mt Olive LC Lincoln NE Pastor	4/16/2023
Rev Peter Schlicht	Eastside LC Madison WI	Good Shepherd LC West Bend WI Associate Pastor	4/18/2023
Rev Nathaniel Walther	Grace LC Minot ND	Messiah LC Green Bay WI Associate Pastor	4/20/2023
Rev Benjamin Schaefer	Mt Calvary LC Redding CA	Manitowoc Lutheran High School Manitowoc WI President	4/22/2023
Rev Dustin Blumer	Amazing Love LC Frankfort IL	Manitowoc Lutheran High School Manitowoc WI Pastor; Theology Department	4/22/2023
Rev Lincoln Albrecht	River of Life LC Goodyear AZ	Immanuel LC Salem OR Pastor	4/23/2023
Rev Jasper Sellnow	St Paul LC Mauston WI St Paul LC Friendship WI	Zion LC South Milwaukee WI Pastor	4/23/2023

Rev John Steinbrenner	Cross of Christ LC Boise ID	Peace LC Trinity FL Pastor	4/23/2023
Rev Matthew Natsis	Good Shepherd LC Livermore CA	St Paul's LC Rapid City SD Associate Pastor	4/23/2023
Rev Jason Jobs	St John LC Markesan WI	St John LC Centuria WI Redeemer LC Saint Croix Falls WI Pastor	4/25/2023
Rev John Stelljes	Mt Olive LC Shakopee MN	St Lucas LC Milwaukee WI Associate Pastor	4/26/2023
Rev Caleb Bassett	Redeemer LC Fallbrook CA	St Stephen LC Beaver Dam WI Associate Pastor	4/30/2023
Rev Peter Zaferos	Mt Olive LC Suamico WI	Faith LC Sussex WI Associate Pastor	4/30/2023
Rev Craig Born	Risen Savior LC Navarre FL	Petra LC Sauk Rapids MN Pastor	4/30/2023
Rev Jesse Johnston	Mt Calvary LC Harrison WI	Morning Star LC Jackson WI Associate Pastor	4/30/2023
Rev Gregory Sitzman	Zion LC Monroe MI	Zion LC Monroe MI Pastor; Administrative Pastor	4/30/2023
Rev Newlin Schafer	Good Shepherd LC Jacksonville FL	Bethany LC Manitowoc WI Associate Pastor	5/1/2023
Rev Newlin Schafer	Good Shepherd LC Jacksonville FL	Faith LC West Newton PA Pastor	5/1/2023
Rev Joel Neumann	Faith LC Black River Falls WI	Wisconsin Lutheran Institutional Ministries Inc Oconomowoc WI Director of Ministry	5/2/2023
Rev Scott Miller	Light of Life LC Greenwood IN	Grace LC Ringle WI Pastor	5/4/2023
Rev Aaron Voss	Living Water LC Wind Lake WI	Resurrection LC Chesapeake VA Pastor	5/7/2023
Rev Eric Melso	Living Hope LC Chattanooga TN	Christ Alone LC Thiensville WI Associate Pastor	5/7/2023
Rev Austin Ziche	Immanuel LC Hadar NE	Redeemer LC Maple Grove MN Pastor	5/7/2023

Rev Todd Engel	St John LC Red Wing MN	Bethany LC Fort Atkinson WI Associate Pastor; Lead Campus Pastor	5/7/2023
Rev Benjamin Sadler	Victory of the Lamb LC Franklin WI	Christ LC North St Paul & Hugo MN Associate Pastor	5/8/2023
Rev Samuel Pappenfuss	St Paul LC Crandon WI	Our Savior's LC Wausau WI Pastor	5/9/2023
Rev Benjamin Schone	Abiding Word LC Houston TX	Green Valley LC Henderson NV Pastor	5/10/2023

Teachers	Current call	New call	Date issued
Miss Cheryl Henckel	Little Lambs Childcare Center West Bend WI	St Paul LS Lake Mills WI ECM Director & Teacher	4/13/2023
Mr Steven Biedenbender	St Paul's LS New Ulm MN	Morrison Zion LS Greenleaf WI Teacher; Grades 7-8	4/16/2023
Mrs Abby Zuberbier	Emanuel LS New London WI	Emanuel LS New London WI Administrator; Guided Studies Administrator	4/17/2023
Mr Anthony Navarro	Mt Olive LS Mankato MN	Mt Olive LS Mankato MN Teacher; One-Year Call	4/23/2023
Mrs Barbara Halvorson		Mt Olive LS Mankato MN Teacher; One-Year Call	4/23/2023
Mrs Madeline Rasmussen	Mt Olive LS Delano MN	Mt Olive LS Delano MN Teacher; Kindergarten, Provisional Call	4/30/2023
Mr Adam Westra		Divine Savior Academy Doral FL Teacher; Theology Instructor, Provisional Call	5/2/2023
Mr Paul Berger	Christ Alone LS Thiensville WI	Salem LS Milwaukee WI Principal; One-Year Call	5/3/2023
Mr Michael Vlieger	Risen Savior LS Mankato MN	Risen Savior LS Mankato MN Principal; Grades 5-6, One-Year Call	5/3/2023
Mr Christopher Joch		Trinity LS Waukesha WI Principal; Provisional Call	5/7/2023

Mrs Lauren Woodhouse		Trinity LS Waukesha WI Teacher; Grade 6	5/7/2023
Mrs Megan Spaude		St Paul LS Stevensville MI Teacher; Grades 7-8	5/7/2023
Ms Violet Dumke		Lord of Life LS Thornton CO Teacher; Grades 1-2, Provisional Call	5/7/2023
Mrs Jill Russow	Christ Alone LS Thiensville WI	Christ Alone LS Thiensville WI Teacher; Upper Grades, Three-Quarter Time, Provisional Call	5/7/2023
Mrs Erin Moldenhauer	Redeemer LS Tucson AZ	Redeemer LS Tucson AZ ECM Teacher; One-Year, Three-Quarter Time, Provisional Call	5/7/2023
Mrs Rebekah Birkholz		Reformation LS San Diego CA Teacher; Grades 7-8, One-Year Call	5/7/2023
Mr Timothy Schuh		St Martin's LS Watertown SD Principal; One-Year, Provisional Call	5/8/2023
Mrs Hannah Laitinen	Hannah's World Austin TX	Divine Savior Academy - Sienna Missouri City TX Teacher; Grade 8 HR, Middle Grades English Language Arts	5/11/2023
Mr Kevin Hahm		St Mark LS Lincoln NE Teacher; Grades 5-6	5/11/2023

CALLS ACCEPTED

Pastors	Current call	New call	Date accepted
Rev Daniel Laitinen	Multi-Language Productions	Divine Savior LC-Sienna Missouri City TX Pastor	5/15/2023
Teachers	Current call	New call	Date accepted
Mrs Colleen Bauer	Christ the Lord LS Brookfield WI	Christ the Lord LS Brookfield WI ECM Director; Provisional, Full-Time Call	4/7/2023
Mrs Rebecca Engels		St Mark LS Green Bay WI	4/11/2023

		Teacher; Grade 2, Provisional Call	
Mr Henry Tomhave		Garden Homes LS Milwaukee WI Teacher; Grade 4	4/21/2023
Mrs Dyann Nommensen	St Paul's LS Fort Atkinson WI	Divine Savior Academy Doral FL ECM Teacher	5/8/2023
Mr Jared Witkowiak	Holy Trinity Lutheran Academy New Hope MN	St Paul LS Muskego WI Teacher; Grade 7, Athletic Director	5/8/2023
Mrs Mary Dellar		Mt Calvary LS Waukesha WI Teacher; Grade 3, Provisional Call	5/8/2023
Mr Terrance Greening	Grace LS Glendale AZ	Bethany LS Hustisford WI Teacher; Grades 5-8, Administrative Release Teacher, One-Year, Three-Quarter Time Call	5/9/2023
Mrs Laurie Biersack	St Paul LS East Troy WI	Christ LS Big Bend WI ECM Director & 4K Teacher	5/9/2023
Mr Daniel Unke	Garden Homes LS Milwaukee WI	Luther High School Onalaska WI Teacher; Instructor, Boys Varsity Basketball Coach	5/10/2023
Mrs Ruth Lee		Jesus Loves Me Learning Center North Mankato MN ECM Teacher	5/12/2023
Mrs Rebecca Berg	Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School New Ulm MN	Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School New Ulm MN Teacher; English, Music, Full-Time, Permanent Call	5/13/2023
Mrs Sarah Williams		Redeemer LS Tucson AZ Teacher; Kindergarten, One-Year Call	5/13/2023
Mr Joshua Bodden		Abiding Word LS Houston TX Teacher; Grades 7-8, Technology Coordinator, One-Year Call	5/13/2023
Mrs Katherine Herrmann		Abiding Word LS Houston TX Teacher; Grade 3, One- Year Call	5/13/2023

Mr Kurt Walker	Holy Word Christian Academy Austin TX	CrossLife Christian Academy Pflugerville TX Teacher; Grade 2-3	5/13/2023
Mrs Natalie Priebe	Emmanuel LS Tempe AZ	Emmanuel LS Tempe AZ Teacher; Grade 5, Half-Time, One-Year Call	5/15/2023

CALLS DECLINED

Pastors	Current call	New call	Date declined
Rev Joshua Schultz	Mountain View LC Great Falls MT	New Mission Start Marquette MI Pastor	5/8/2023
Pres Matthew Crass	Luther Preparatory School Watertown WI	St John LC Tappen ND Pastor	5/9/2023
Rev Wayne Shevey	Wisconsin Lutheran College Milwaukee WI	Gloria Dei LC Grand Blanc MI Pastor	5/9/2023
Rev Aaron Mueller	St Paul LC Howards Grove WI	St Paul's LC North Mankato MN Associate Pastor	5/10/2023
Rev James Backus	St Mark's LC Watertown WI	Crown of Life LC Yucaipa CA Pastor	5/10/2023
Rev Peter Sternberg	St John LC Red Wing MN	St Paul's LC Menomonie WI Associate Pastor	5/11/2023
Rev Daniel Iwinski	Immanuel LC Medford WI	Divine Savior LC Shawano WI Pastor	5/11/2023
Rev Timothy Denney	Shepherd of the Hills LC Duluth MN	Faith LC Radcliff KY Pastor	5/11/2023
Rev John Schwartz	Redeemer LC Pierre SD	Good Shepherd LC Omaha NE Pastor	5/11/2023
Rev Caleb Kurbis	Living Savior LC Asheville NC	Riverview LC Appleton WI Associate Pastor	5/12/2023
Rev Michael Duncan	Asia One Team	Zion LC Ogema WI St John LC Rib Lake WI Pastor; Retirement Call	5/13/2023
Rev John Berg	Divinity LC Saint Paul MN	Victory LC Lexington KY Pastor	5/13/2023

Rev Matthew Schaewe	Faith LC Sussex WI	Faith LC River Falls WI Pastor	5/13/2023
Rev Andrew Ewings	Resurrection LC Verona WI	Salem LC Woodbury MN Pastor	5/13/2023
Teachers	Current call	New call	Date declined
Mrs Lauri Lettner	Immanuel LS La Crosse WI	St Paul LS Tomah WI Teacher; Grade 1	4/25/2023
Miss Brigetta Guelker	Southridge Early Learning Center Kennewick WA	Cornerstone Early Learning Center Hugo MN ECM Director	5/6/2023
Mr Kevin Needham	St Paul's LS Saginaw MI	Christ-St John's LS West Salem WI Principal; Grades 7-8	5/8/2023
Mr Gerald Hosbach	Garden Homes LS Milwaukee WI	New Hope Lutheran Academy West Melbourne FL Teacher; Grades 7-8, Half-Time, One-Year Call	5/10/2023
Mrs Laurel Dose	St Paul LS Columbus OH	St Philip LS Milwaukee WI Teacher; Lower Grades	5/10/2023
Mr Tyler Geisthardt		Winnebago Lutheran Academy Fond du Lac WI Teacher; Math Dept Chair, Coach, Provisional Call	5/12/2023
Mr Aaron Hartwig	St Paul LS North Fond du Lac WI	St John LS Lomira WI School Staff Minister; School Shepherd & Grades 3-4	5/13/2023
Staff Ministers	Current call	New call	Date declined
Mr Kevin Walker	Bethlehem LS-North Germantown WI	Victory LC Jacksonville FL Congregation Staff Minister	5/10/2023
Mr Christopher Dean		Divine Savior LC-Delray Beach FL Delray Beach FL Congregation Staff Minister; Provisional Call	5/10/2023
RESIGNED			
Teachers	Current call		Date resigned

Mr Luke Hartzell	Divine Savior Academy Doral FL	6/30/2023
Mr Ryan Plath	St Croix Lutheran Academy West Saint Paul MN	6/30/2023

RETIREMENT

Pastors	Current call	Date retired
Rev John Hartwig	WELS Military Services	8/31/2023
Rev Stephen Schlicht	Immanuel LC Black Creek WI	11/5/2023
Rev Steven Oldre	St Peter (Hamburg) LC Chaseburg WI	12/31/2023