



Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

Pastor, teacher, and staff minister call report

8/29/2023 - 9/4/2023

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 |
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| Rev Matthew Brown | Abiding Word LC Houston TX | Hope LC Irmo SC Pastor | 7/26/2023 |
| Rev Jonathan Bergemann | Good Shepherd LC Downers Grove IL | Cross of Glory LC Peoria AZ Pastor | 7/27/2023 |
| Rev N. Mielke III | Ascension LC Sarasota FL | Apostles LC San Jose CA Associate Pastor | 7/30/2023 |
| Rev Jacob Hanneman | Shepherd of the Plains LC Fort Morgan CO | St John LC Riga MI Pastor | 8/6/2023 |
| Rev Benjamin Schmudlach | First LC La Crosse WI | Grace LC Kenai AK Pastor | 8/6/2023 |
| Rev Thomas Glende | Beautiful Savior LC Fayetteville NC | Mt Olive LC Lincoln NE Pastor | 8/7/2023 |
| Rev Jonathan Werre | Good Shepherd LC Sioux Falls SD | Our Redeemer LC Yorktown VA Pastor | 8/9/2023 |
| Rev Theodore Bodjanac | Shepherd of the Hills LC Fredericksburg TX | St Paul's LC Broken Bow NE Pastor | 8/9/2023 |
| Rev Lucas Proeber | St Paul LC Wisconsin Rapids WI | New Mission Start Bentonville AR Pastor | 8/10/2023 |

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| Rev Scott Bergemann | New Life LC - Central Kenosha WI | Salem LC Owosso MI Pastor | 8/10/2023 |
| Rev Edward Frey Jr | WLCFS-Christian Family Solutions Germantown WI | Wisconsin Lutheran Institutional Ministries Inc Oconomowoc WI Director of Ministry | 8/11/2023 |
| Rev Michael Bartsch | Immanuel LC Johnson Creek WI | Peace LC Wilmot WI Pastor | 8/13/2023 |
| Rev Michael Jensen | St Mark's LC Watertown WI | St Peter's LC Fond du Lac WI Associate Pastor | 8/13/2023 |
| Rev Geoffrey Cortright | Saviour of the Nations LC Vancouver BC Canada | Christ LC Pewaukee WI Associate Pastor | 8/13/2023 |
| Rev Timothy Schwartz | Zion LC Columbus WI | King of Kings LC Frankenmuth MI Mt Sinai LC Montrose MI Pastor | 8/13/2023 |
| Rev David Frey | Living Word LC Mission Viejo CA | Grace LC Geneva NE Trinity LC Grafton NE Pastor | 8/14/2023 |
| Rev Darin Warnecke | St John LC Sturgis MI | Our Savior's LC Wausau WI Pastor | 8/16/2023 |
| Rev Darin Aden | St John St James LC Reedsville WI | New Mission Start Idaho Falls ID Pastor | 8/16/2023 |
| Rev Mark Wagner | Retired | 316NOW Milwaukee WI Administrator | 8/16/2023 |
| Rev Kurt Uhlenbrauck | St Jacob LC Grass Lake MI | St Peter LC Chilton WI Pastor | 8/17/2023 |
| Rev Steven Hillmer | St Matthew's LC Oconomowoc WI | Immanuel LC Sault Sainte Marie MI Pastor | 8/17/2023 |
| Rev Timothy Patoka | Grace LC Tucson AZ | Messiah LC Green Bay WI Associate Pastor | 8/20/2023 |
| Rev Jonathan Loescher | Bethany LC Hustisford WI | Petra LC Sauk Rapids MN Pastor | 8/20/2023 |
| Rev Clayton Welch | Bethlehem LC Manassas VA | Bethany LC Fort Atkinson WI Associate Pastor; Lead Campus Pastor | 8/20/2023 |

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| Rev Joel Tullberg | Shepherd of the Hills LC Lansing MI | Trinity LC Watertown WI Associate Pastor | 8/20/2023 |
| Rev Joel Schulz | Divine Savior LC-Delray Beach FL Delray Beach FL | Crossroads Church Chicago IL Pastor | 8/20/2023 |
| Rev Peter Metzger | St Peter LC St. Albert AB Canada | Shepherd of the Lakes LC Fairmont MN Pastor | 8/20/2023 |
| Rev Marques Nelson | St Paul's LC North Mankato MN | Peace LC Granger IN Pastor | 8/20/2023 |
| Rev Gary Kluball | King of Kings LC Clifton Park NY | Christ the King LC Port Charlotte FL Pastor | 8/20/2023 |
| Rev Scott Wolfram | Divine Word LC Plover WI | Peace LC King of Prussia PA Pastor | 8/20/2023 |
| Rev James Fischer | Retired | Holy Cross LC Standish MI Pastor; Retirement Call | 8/22/2023 |
| Rev Geoffrey Rue | St Paul LC East Troy WI | St John LC Lewiston MN Pastor | 8/22/2023 |
| Rev Matthew Westra | Living Promise LC Morristown TN | Christ LC Oakley MI Pastor | 8/22/2023 |
| Rev Harmon Lewis | Messiah LC Johns Creek GA | Michigan Lutheran Seminary Saginaw MI Pastor; Dean of Students | 8/22/2023 |
| Rev Mark Kom | Crown of Life LC West Saint Paul MN | Hope LC Chino Valley AZ & Prescott AZ Associate Pastor | 8/22/2023 |
| Rev Steven Bode | Zion LC Allenton WI | Manitowoc Lutheran High School Manitowoc WI Pastor; Theology Department | 8/23/2023 |
| Rev Jason Hacker | Grace LC Waukesha WI | Manitowoc Lutheran High School Manitowoc WI President | 8/23/2023 |
| Rev Michael Kampman | St Paul LC North Fond du Lac WI | Christ Our Rock LC Rochester MN Pastor | 8/23/2023 |
| Rev Kenneth Rodrigue | Grace LC New London WI | St John LC Burlington WI Associate Pastor | 8/24/2023 |

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| Rev James Winterstein | Pilgrim LC Mesa AZ | St Mark LC Salina KS Pastor | 8/24/2023 |
| Rev Matthew Kuske | St Paul LC Lomira WI | Zion LC Greenleaf WI Associate Pastor | 8/27/2023 |
| Rev Christopher Ewings | Faith LC Anchorage AK | Lamb of God LC West Lafayette IN Pastor | 8/27/2023 |
| Rev Michael Weigand | Faith LC Fond du Lac WI | St Paul's LC Stevensville MI Pastor | 8/27/2023 |
| Rev Jason Baldwin | Hope LC Saint Charles MI | First LC Green Bay WI Pastor | 8/27/2023 |
| Rev Matthew Vik | St Paul's LC Fort Atkinson WI | Christ LC North St Paul & Hugo MN Associate Pastor | 8/27/2023 |
| Rev Thomas Meissner | Lamb of God LC Columbus OH | St Lucas LC Milwaukee WI Associate Pastor | 8/27/2023 |
| Rev Julius Buelow | St Paul LC Saginaw MI | Risen Savior LC Mc Farland WI Pastor | 8/27/2023 |
| Rev Michael Duncan | Retired | Christ LC Eagle River WI Associate Pastor | 8/27/2023 |
| Rev Jeffrey Sonntag | Shining Mountains LC Bozeman MT | Mt Olive LC Delano MN Pastor | 8/27/2023 |
| Rev Kurt Schaser | St John's LC Newburg WI | Peace LC Trinity FL Pastor | 8/27/2023 |
| Rev Seth Bode | Bethlehem LC Carmel IN | St Paul's LC Rapid City SD Associate Pastor | 8/27/2023 |
| Rev Patrick Brown | Bethany LC - Parkway Campus Appleton WI | Christ Alone LC Thiensville WI Associate Pastor | 8/28/2023 |
| Rev Daniel Burgess | Water of Life LC Las Vegas NV | Good Shepherd LC Midland MI Pastor | 8/29/2023 |
| Rev Aaron West | St Matthew LC Spokane WA | St John LC Wauwatosa WI Associate Pastor | 8/29/2023 |
| Rev Andrew Lindke | St Mark LC Normal IL | Peace LC Livonia MI Pastor | 8/29/2023 |

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| Rev Peter Sulzle | St John LC Redwood Falls MN | Cross of Christ LC Kingman AZ Pastor | 8/29/2023 |
| Rev Andrew Schwartz | Christ the King LC Bremerton WA | Green Valley LC Henderson NV Pastor | 8/29/2023 |
| Pastor David Strucely | Atonement LC Plano TX | Eastside LC Madison WI Associate Pastor | 8/30/2023 |
| Rev Jonathan Bauer | Good News LC Mount Horeb WI | Resurrection LC Chesapeake VA Pastor | 8/31/2023 |
| Rev Nathaniel Winkel | Mountain Valley LC Eagle CO | Emmanuel LC Hudson WI Pastor | 8/31/2023 |
| Rev Joel Heckendorf | Light of the Valleys LC Reno NV | Grace LC Glendale AZ Associate Pastor | 8/31/2023 |
| Rev Paul Biedenbender | Christ LC Denver CO | New Mission Start Panama City Beach FL Pastor | 9/2/2023 |
| Rev Albert Meier II | Peace LC Milbank SD St John LS Summit SC | Divinity-Divine Charity LC Milwaukee WI Pastor | 9/4/2023 |

| Teachers | Current call | New call | Date issued |
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| Mrs Susan Lueneburg | Retired | St John LS Milwaukee WI Teacher; Special Needs, Retirement Call | 8/30/2023 |

CALLS ACCEPTED

| Pastors | Current call | New call | Date accepted |
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| Rev Allen Kirschbaum | Spirit of Life LC Caledonia MI | St Paul's LC Fort Atkinson WI Associate Pastor | 8/28/2023 |
| Rev John Baumann | Retired | St John LC (Town of Lake Mills) Waterloo WI Pastor; Quarter Time, One-Year, Retirement Call | 8/30/2023 |

| Staff Ministers | Current call | New call | Date accepted |
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| Mrs Julia Boggs | Luther Preparatory School Watertown WI | St John LC (Town of Lake Mills) Waterloo WI Congregation Staff Minister of Music; Three- | 8/30/2023 |

CALLS DECLINED

| Pastors | Current call | New call | Date declined |
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| Pastor Jon Cox | Bethel LC Galesville WI & Arcadia WI | Grace LC Ringle WI Pastor | 8/24/2023 |
| Rev Benjamin Kuerth | Divine Savior LC-Doral Doral FL | New Mission Start Panama City Beach FL Pastor | 8/28/2023 |
| Rev Robert Guenther | St John's LC New Ulm MN | First German LC Manitowoc WI Associate Pastor | 8/29/2023 |
| Rev Noah Bater | Prince of Peace LC Thousand Oaks CA | Good Shepherd LC Omaha NE Pastor | 8/30/2023 |
| Rev Dennis Rawerts | Trinity LC Aberdeen SD | Christus LC Delavan WI Pastor | 8/31/2023 |
| Rev Joseph Johnson | Amazing Grace LC Portland OR | Risen Savior LC Mansfield OH Pastor | 8/31/2023 |
| Rev Caleb Schoeneck | Beautiful Savior LC College Station TX | Living Shepherd LC Laramie WY Pastor | 9/1/2023 |
| Rev Philip Bigelow | St Matthew's LC Oconomowoc WI | Bethany LC Manitowoc WI Associate Pastor | 9/1/2023 |
| Rev Daniel Voigt | Calvary LC Sheboygan WI | St Peter LC Savanna IL Trinity LC Mount Carroll IL Pastor | 9/2/2023 |
| Rev Michael Killinger | Bethel LC Bay City MI | St Stephen LC Beaver Dam WI Associate Pastor | 9/2/2023 |
| Rev Dr Jacob Haag | Redeemer LC Ann Arbor MI | Zion LC South Milwaukee WI Pastor | 9/4/2023 |

RESIGNED

| Teachers | Current call | Date resigned |
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| Mrs Dawn Strand | Wisconsin Lutheran High School Milwaukee WI | 12/31/2023 |

CALLED TO ETERNAL GLORY

| Pastors | Home church | Death date |
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Rev Loren Fritz

Immanuel LC
Waupaca WI

9/3/2023