



Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

Pastor, teacher, & staff minister call report

5/16/2023 - 5/22/2023

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

Note: Due to the upcoming holiday, the next call report will be posted on Tuesday, May 30, 2023.

NO DECISION REPORTED

Pastors	Current call	New call	Date issued
Rev John Steinbrenner	Cross of Christ LC Boise ID	Peace LC Trinity FL 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 Caleb Bassett	Redeemer LC Fallbrook CA	St Stephen LC Beaver Dam WI Associate Pastor	4/30/2023
Rev Jesse Johnston	Mt Calvary LC Harrison WI	Morning Star LC Jackson WI Associate 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 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
Rev Joel Spaude	St Peter LC Fort Collins CO	Grace LC Kenai AK Pastor	5/14/2023
Rev Brett Ehlke	St Paul LC Onalaska WI	Mt Olive LC Delano MN Pastor	5/14/2023
Rev Douglas Van Sice	Huntersville LC Cornelius NC	St John LC Hancock MN Pastor	5/16/2023
Rev Philip Casmer	Christ the Lord LC Brookfield WI	Cross of Glory LC Peoria AZ Pastor	5/18/2023

Teachers	Current call	New call	Date issued
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 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 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
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
Mr Christopher Joch		Wisconsin LS-Middle School (6-8) Racine WI Principal; Provisional Call	5/15/2023
Mr Tyler Dorn	Fox Valley Lutheran High School Appleton WI	Fox Valley Lutheran High School Appleton WI Teacher & Communications Media Specialist	5/16/2023
Mrs Megan Berg		St Paul LS Bangor WI Teacher; Grades 3-4, One-Year Call	5/17/2023
Ms Colleen Haag	St John LS Red Wing MN	St Mark LS Bemidji MN Teacher; Grades 3-8	5/18/2023
Mrs Jeannie Konecne		St Mark LS Bemidji MN	5/18/2023

		Teacher; Grades K-2, Provisional Call	
Mr Caleb Solofra		Divine Savior Academy Doral FL Teacher; Grade 5, Provisional Call	5/18/2023
Mrs Lisa Gray		Christ-St John's LS West Salem WI Teacher; Grades 3-4	5/18/2023
Mrs Heidi Paulsen		St Croix Lutheran Academy West Saint Paul MN Teacher; High School Math, Provisional Call	5/18/2023
Mr Courtney Meyer		St Peter's LS Fond du Lac WI Principal; Grade 5, One- Year Provisional Call	5/21/2023
Mr Samuel Evans	Petra LS Sauk Rapids MN	Samuel LS Marshall MN Teacher; Grades 6-8	5/21/2023
Mr Timothy Schroeder		Resurrection LS Rochester MN Teacher; Grades 7-8, One-Year Call	5/21/2023
Mrs Abigail Flitter		St John-St James LS Reedsville WI Teacher; Grades 4-5, One-Year Call	5/21/2023
Mrs Brooke Butkovich		St Paul LS Appleton WI Teacher; Grade 7 Homeroom, Dept Health, PE, Athletics, One-Year Call	5/21/2023
Mr Jonathan Sydow		St John's LS Sparta WI Teacher; Grades 7-8, One-Year, Provisional Call	5/21/2023
Mrs Leah Unke	Peace LS Hartford WI	First LS La Crosse WI Teacher; Grade 2	5/21/2023
Mrs Leah Unke	Peace LS Hartford WI	Mt Calvary-Grace LS La Crosse WI ECM Teacher; & Kindergarten	5/21/2023
Mr Samuel Evans	Petra LS Sauk Rapids MN	Trinity LS Jenera OH Teacher; Grades 7-8	5/21/2023
Mr Ezekiel Kroll		Garden Homes LS Milwaukee WI Teacher; Grade 6 Homeroom, Grades 5-8 Social Studies	5/21/2023

Mr John Festerling		Samuel LS Marshall MN Principal; Less than Half-Time, Retirement Call	5/21/2023
Ms Sharon Snyder	Messiah's Children Preschool Nampa ID	Messiah's Children Preschool Nampa ID ECM Teacher; 3-Year-Old, Less-than-Half-Time, One-Year Call	5/21/2023
Mrs Stephanie Wetzel		Messiah's Children Preschool Nampa ID ECM Teacher; 4-Year-Old, One-Year, Less-Than- Half-Time Call	5/21/2023

Staff Ministers	Current call	New call	Date issued
Mr Daniel Kleist	St Peter LC Fort Collins CO	Divine Savior LC-Delray Beach FL Delray Beach FL Congregation Staff Minister	5/21/2023
Mr Daniel Kleist	St Peter LC Fort Collins CO	Mt Calvary LC Redding CA Congregation Staff Minister	5/21/2023
Mr Philip Krueger	Christ-St Peter LS - Centennial Campus Milwaukee WI	Centennial LC Milwaukee WI Congregation Staff Minister; Half-Time Call	5/21/2023

CALLS ACCEPTED

Pastors	Current call	New call	Date accepted
Rev Gregory Sitzman	Zion LC Monroe MI	Zion LC Monroe MI Pastor; Administrative Pastor	5/21/2023
Rev Peter Schlicht	Eastside LC Madison WI	Good Shepherd LC West Bend WI Associate Pastor	5/21/2023

Teachers	Current call	New call	Date accepted
Mr Timothy Schuh		St Martin's LS Watertown SD Principal; One-Year, Provisional Call	5/16/2023
Mrs Bethany Carter	Carlsbad Christian Academy Carlsbad CA	Carlsbad Christian Academy Carlsbad CA	5/16/2023

		Teacher; Three-quarter time, Provisional Call	
Mr Jeffrey Koepsell	Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School New Ulm MN	Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School New Ulm MN Teacher; Religion Instructor, One-Year Call	5/17/2023
Mrs Laura Schroeder	St Paul LS Livonia MI	St Paul LS Livonia MI Teacher; Grade 2, One-Year, Half-Time Call	5/17/2023
Miss Anna Jorgensen		Christ-St Peter LS - Centennial Campus Milwaukee WI Teacher; Grades 3-4, Provisional Call	5/18/2023
Mrs Megan Spaude		St Paul LS Stevensville MI Teacher; Grades 7-8	5/19/2023
Mr Paul Berger	Christ Alone LS Thiensville WI	Salem LS Milwaukee WI Principal; One-Year Call	5/21/2023
Mr Michael Vlieger	Risen Savior LS Mankato MN	Risen Savior LS Mankato MN Principal; Grades 5-6, One-Year Call	5/21/2023
Ms Violet Dumke		Lord of Life LS Thornton CO Teacher; Grades 1-2, Provisional Call	5/21/2023

CALLS DECLINED

Pastors	Current call	New call	Date declined
Rev John Stelljes	Mt Olive LC Shakopee MN	St Lucas LC Milwaukee WI Associate Pastor	5/16/2023
Rev Lincoln Albrecht	River of Life LC Goodyear AZ	Immanuel LC Salem OR Pastor	5/17/2023
Rev Jasper Sellnow	St Paul LC Mauston WI & Friendship WI	Zion LC South Milwaukee WI Pastor	5/18/2023
Rev Peter Zaferos	Mt Olive LC Suamico WI	Faith LC Sussex WI Associate Pastor	5/18/2023
Rev Nathaniel Walther	Grace LC Minot ND	Messiah LC Green Bay WI Associate Pastor	5/18/2023

Rev Ross Else	Emmaus LC Phoenix AZ	Mt Olive LC Lincoln NE Pastor	5/19/2023
Rev Benjamin Schaefer	Mt Calvary LC Redding CA	Manitowoc Lutheran High School Manitowoc WI President	5/19/2023
Rev Matthew Natsis	Good Shepherd LC Livermore CA	St Paul's LC Rapid City SD Associate Pastor	5/19/2023
Rev Joel Sauer	St Peter's LC Sturgeon Bay WI	Mountain View LC Calgary AB Canada Pastor	5/20/2023
Rev Craig Born	Risen Savior LC Navarre FL	Petra LC Sauk Rapids MN Pastor	5/20/2023
Rev Dustin Blumer	Amazing Love LC Frankfort IL	Manitowoc Lutheran High School Manitowoc WI Pastor; Theology Department	5/21/2023

Teachers	Current call	New call	Date declined
-----------------	---------------------	-----------------	----------------------

Mr Steven Biedenbender	St Paul's LS New Ulm MN	Morrison Zion LS Greenleaf WI Teacher; Grades 7-8	5/6/2023
Miss Cheryl Henckel	Little Lambs Childcare Center West Bend WI	St Paul LS Lake Mills WI ECM Director & Teacher	5/11/2023
Mr David Stucht		St John LS Libertyville IL Principal & Staff Minister of Outreach	5/20/2023
Mr Christopher Sulit		Arizona Lutheran Academy Phoenix AZ Teacher; Upper-Level Math	5/21/2023

RESIGNED

Teachers	Current call	Date resigned
-----------------	---------------------	----------------------

Mrs Pamela Perry	Salem LS Owosso MI	6/30/2023
Mr Ryan Plath	St Croix Lutheran Academy West Saint Paul MN	6/30/2023

RETIREMENT

Pastors	Current call	Date retired
----------------	---------------------	---------------------

Rev Paul Mueller	Cross of Christ LC Kingman AZ	6/30/2023
------------------	----------------------------------	-----------