



Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

Pastor, teacher, and staff minister call report

7/25/2023 - 7/31/2023

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 Daniel Lewig | Trinity LC Lime Ridge WI St John LC Hillpoint WI | Risen Savior LC Mansfield OH Pastor | 7/6/2023 |
| Rev Timothy Spiegelberg | Carbon Valley LC Firestone CO | Crossroads Church Chicago IL Pastor | 7/9/2023 |
| Rev Nathan Zastrow | Grace LC Yakima WA | Morning Star LC Jackson WI Associate Pastor | 7/9/2023 |
| Rev Joshua Jensen | Grace LC Oshkosh WI | Christ Our Rock LC Rochester MN Pastor | 7/9/2023 |
| Rev Aaron Boehm | Shepherd of the Hills LC La Mesa CA | Christ LC Oakley MI Pastor | 7/9/2023 |
| Rev Michael Hollmann | St Mark LC Eau Claire WI | Hope LC Chino Valley AZ Hope LC-Prescott Prescott AZ Pastor | 7/10/2023 |
| Rev Daniel Rodewald | Paradise Valley LC Phoenix AZ | Christ LC in North St Paul & Hugo, MN North Saint Paul MN Associate Pastor | 7/12/2023 |
| Prof Joel Thomford | Martin Luther College New Ulm MN | Zion LC Valentine NE Pastor | 7/12/2023 |
| Rev Matthew Proeber | Peace LC | Cross of Christ LC | 7/12/2023 |

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| | Eagle River AK | Kingman AZ Pastor | |
| Rev Jeffrey Samelson | Christian Life Resources Hartford WI | Faith LC Radcliff KY Pastor | 7/16/2023 |
| Rev Samuel Crass | Zion LC Bonesteel SD St Paul LC Naper NE | Divinity-Divine Charity LC Whitefish Bay WI Pastor | 7/16/2023 |
| Rev Nathaniel Timmermann | Peace LC Otsego MI | St Paul's LC North Mankato MN Associate Pastor | 7/16/2023 |
| Rev Joel Free | St Paul LC Ixonia WI | Mt Olive LC Delano MN Pastor | 7/16/2023 |
| Rev Andrew Nemmers | Hope LC Houston TX | Trinity LC Watertown WI Associate Pastor | 7/16/2023 |
| Rev Aaron Platzer | Peace LC Loves Park IL | St John's LC Jefferson WI Associate Pastor | 7/16/2023 |
| Rev Adam Mueller | Redeemer LC Tucson AZ | St Paul's LC Stevensville MI Pastor | 7/16/2023 |
| Rev Joel Pankow | Trinity LC Bay City MI | Christ the King LC Port Charlotte FL Pastor | 7/16/2023 |
| Rev Roger Riedel | Grace LC Oronoco MN | Peace LC Granger IN Pastor | 7/16/2023 |
| Rev Aaron Nitz | Good Shepherd LC Cheyenne WY | St Paul's LC Rapid City SD Associate Pastor | 7/16/2023 |
| Rev Paul Marggraf | Retired | Mt Olive LC Delano MN Pastor Retirement Call | 7/16/2023 |
| Rev Benjamin Birner | Cross of Christ LC Liverpool NY | One Africa Team (OAT) Missionary | 7/17/2023 |
| Rev Patrick Freese | Trinity LC Abita Springs LA | St John LC Wauwatosa WI Associate Pastor | 7/18/2023 |
| Rev Frank Italiano Jr | Trinity LC Crete IL | Good Shepherd LC Midland MI Pastor | 7/18/2023 |
| Rev Timothy Johnson | Zion LC Mercer WI St Paul LC Hurley WI Bethany LC Bruce Crossing MI | St Stephen LC Fall River WI Pastor | 7/19/2023 |
| Rev Philip Hunter | Citrus Grove LC | Divine Savior Academy | 7/19/2023 |

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| | Wesley Chapel FL | Doral FL Pastor High School Theology | |
| Rev Dustin Bergene | Zion LC Bristol WI | St Paul LC Prescott WI Pastor | 7/20/2023 |
| Rev Carl Schroeder | St Peter's LC Sturgeon Bay WI | St John LC Burlington WI Associate Pastor | 7/20/2023 |
| Rev Benjamin Zahn | Amazing Grace LC Myrtle Beach SC | Green Valley LC Henderson NV Pastor | 7/20/2023 |
| Rev Jacob Reich | St John LC Bay City MI | St Mark LC Salina KS Pastor | 7/20/2023 |
| Rev Jordan Bence | The Vine LC Joplin MO | Emmanuel LC Hudson WI Pastor | 7/20/2023 |
| Rev Mark Gabb | St Paul LC Beverly Hills FL | Board for Home Missions Administrator | 7/20/2023 |
| Rev Daniel Wagenknecht | Christian Giving Counselor - S Atl & S Ctl | Grace LC Eau Claire MI Pastor | 7/23/2023 |
| Rev Martin Luchterhand | Crown of Life LC Fort Myers FL | First LC Green Bay WI Pastor | 7/23/2023 |
| Rev Shaun Arndt | Peace LC Sun Prairie WI | Good Shepherd LC Plymouth WI Pastor | 7/23/2023 |
| Rev S. Steinke | Mt Olive LC Bay City MI | St Luke LC Little Chute WI Pastor | 7/23/2023 |
| Rev Brian Krueger | Bloomington LC Bloomington MN | Beautiful Savior LC Cincinnati OH Pastor | 7/23/2023 |
| Rev Troy Schreiner | Victory LC Jacksonville FL | Faith LC Antioch IL Associate Pastor | 7/23/2023 |
| Rev Troy Schreiner | Victory LC Jacksonville FL | Hope LC Andover MN Pastor | 7/23/2023 |
| Rev Jay Bickelhaupt | Apostles LC Billings MT | Peace LC Trinity FL Pastor | 7/23/2023 |
| Rev Jon Hartmann | New Hope LC West Melbourne FL | Gloria Dei LC Grand Blanc MI Pastor | 7/23/2023 |
| Rev Patrick Wilcox | Faith LC Tacoma WA | Faith LC Sussex WI Associate Pastor | 7/23/2023 |

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| Rev Michael Killinger | Bethel LC Bay City MI | St Stephen LC Beaver Dam WI Associate Pastor | 7/23/2023 |
| Rev Frederick Guldberg | Star of Bethlehem LC Winston Salem NC | Rock of Ages LC Kansas City MO Pastor | 7/23/2023 |
| Rev Mark Bartsch | Retired | Immanuel LC Johnson Creek WI Pastor Retirement call | 7/23/2023 |
| Rev Jon Guenther | Retired | Holy Cross LC Standish MI Pastor Retirement call | 7/25/2023 |
| Rev David Pries | Eternal Love LC Appleton WI | Prince of Peace LC Fairport NY Pastor | 7/25/2023 |
| Rev David Warskow | Beautiful Savior LC Spooner WI | St John LC Hancock MN Calvary LC Glenwood MN Pastor | 7/26/2023 |
| Rev Matthew Brown | Abiding Word LC Houston TX | Hope LC Irmo SC Pastor | 7/26/2023 |
| Rev Nathanael Scharf | St Paul's LC New Ulm MN | Michigan Lutheran Seminary Saginaw MI Pastor Dean of Students | 7/26/2023 |
| Rev Jonathan Bergemann | Good Shepherd LC Downers Grove IL | Cross of Glory LC Peoria AZ Pastor | 7/27/2023 |
| Rev Jeffery Drake | Trinity LC Hartford WI | Living Hope LC Peoria IL Pastor | 7/27/2023 |
| Rev Andrew Schultz | St John (Barre Mills) LC La Crosse WI | Mission Board: Western Wisconsin District Pastor New Mission Kronenwetter WI | 7/29/2023 |
| Rev Benjamin Kuerth | Divine Savior LC-Doral Doral FL | Mission Board: South Atlantic District Pastor New Mission Panama City Beach | 7/29/2023 |

| Teachers | Current call | New call | Date issued |
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| Mrs Marlene Bruss | St John LS Maribel WI | St John LS Maribel WI Teacher; Grades K-2, One-Year Call | 7/11/2023 |
| Mrs Madeline Jenswold | | Loving Arms Child Care Center Wichita KS ECM Director | 7/26/2023 |

| Staff Ministers | Current call | New call | Date issued |
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| Mr Thomas Benzing | St Paul's LC New Ulm MN | Mt Calvary LC Redding CA Congregation Staff Minister | 7/23/2023 |

CALLS ACCEPTED

| Pastors | Current call | New call | Date accepted |
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| Rev Caleb Bassett | Redeemer LC Fallbrook CA | Our Redeemer LC Madison WI Associate Pastor | 7/26/2023 |

| Teachers | Current call | New call | Date accepted |
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| Mrs Amanda Irwin | Good Shepherd LS Wisconsin Rapids WI | Good Shepherd LS Wisconsin Rapids WI ECM Director and 3K- Kindergarten Teacher, Half-Time Provisional Call | 7/23/2023 |
| Mrs Sarah Pfaff-Cavadini | Christ-St John's LS Mindoro WI | Christ-St John's LS Mindoro WI Teacher; Grades 3-4, Provisional Call | 7/25/2023 |

CALLS DECLINED

| Pastors | Current call | New call | Date declined |
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| Rev Robert Wassermann | Mt Calvary LC La Crosse WI | St John LC Kendall WI St Matthew LC Ontario WI Pastor | 7/23/2023 |
| Rev Clark Schultz | Shepherd of the Hills LC West Bend WI | Bethany LC Fort Atkinson WI Associate Pastor Lead Campus Pastor | 7/23/2023 |
| Rev Craig Wilke | Sure Foundation LC Brandon SD | Christ LC Pewaukee WI Associate Pastor | 7/23/2023 |
| Rev Michael Bartsch | Retired | St John LC Centuria WI Redeemer LC Saint Croix Falls WI Pastor | 7/25/2023 |
| Rev Jeffrey Schmidt | Emanuel LC Flint MI | Grace LC Geneva NE Trinity LC Grafton NE Pastor | 7/25/2023 |

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| Rev Scott Schultz | Cross of Christ LC Portage WI | Grace LC Manitowoc WI Pastor | 7/25/2023 |
| Rev James Seiltz | Salem LC Colorado Springs CO | Grace LC Ringle WI Pastor | 7/26/2023 |
| Rev Thomas Mielke | Christian Giving Counselor - NW II | Zion LC Greenleaf WI Associate Pastor | 7/26/2023 |
| Rev David Schneider | Cross of Christ LC Universal City TX | Christus LC Delavan WI Pastor | 7/26/2023 |
| Rev Steven Lange | Hope LC Louisville KY | Manitowoc Lutheran High School Manitowoc WI Pastor; Theology Department | 7/26/2023 |
| Rev Benjamin Berger | Ascension LC Harrisburg PA | Risen Savior LC Mc Farland WI Pastor | 7/26/2023 |
| Rev Benjamin Berger | Ascension LC Harrisburg PA | Mission Board: South Atlantic District Pastor New Mission Panama City Beach | 7/26/2023 |
| Rev Jared Natsis | Rock of Ages LC Madison TN | St John LC Lewiston MN Pastor | 7/27/2023 |
| Rev Paul Spaude | St Matthew's LC Niles IL | Living Savior LC Kalispell MT Pastor | 7/27/2023 |
| Rev Tristan Paustian | Bethlehem LC Hortonville WI | Shepherd of the Lakes LC Fairmont MN Pastor | 7/27/2023 |
| Rev Tristan Paustian | Bethlehem LC Hortonville WI | Our Redeemer LC Yorktown VA Pastor | 7/27/2023 |
| Rev Nathan Laska | Trinity LC Carson ND St John LC Carson ND Immanuel LC Elgin ND | St Peter LC Chilton WI Pastor | 7/27/2023 |
| Rev Paul Prange | Ministerial Education Waukesha WI | Manitowoc Lutheran High School Manitowoc WI President | 7/28/2023 |
| Rev Adam Zimpelmann | Good Shepherd LC Fond du Lac WI | Christ Alone LC Thiensville WI Associate Pastor | 7/29/2023 |
| Rev Erik Janke | May River LC Bluffton SC | Our Shepherd LC Lancaster CA Pastor | 7/29/2023 |

| Rev Michael Quandt | Redemption LC Saint George UT | Immanuel LC Sault Sainte Marie MI Pastor | 7/30/2023 |
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| Rev Michael Cherney | Trinity LC El Paso TX | Mission Board: Pacific Northwest District Pastor New Mission Idaho Falls, ID | 7/30/2023 |
| Teachers | Current call | New call | Date declined |
| Mrs Lisa Vieth | | Christ-St John's LS Mindoro WI Teacher; Grades 3-4, One-Year Call | 7/15/2023 |
| Ms Monica Swenson | | Illinois Lutheran Elementary School Crete IL Teacher; Grade 3 | 7/26/2023 |

RETIREMENT

| Pastors | Current call | Date retired |
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| Rev Philip Birner | One Africa Team (OAT) | 8/31/2023 |
| Rev Robert Duehlmeyer Jr | St Paul LC Sodus MI | 6/16/2024 |
| Teachers | Current call | Date retired |
| Mr John Lange | St Luke's LS Vassar MI | 6/30/2024 |

LIMITED LENGTH CALL EXPIRED

| Teachers | Current call | Date effective |
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| Miss Amanda Rehberger | New Hope Lutheran Academy West Melbourne FL | 6/30/2023 |

POSITION ELIMINATED

| Pastors | Current call | Date effective |
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| Rev Jeffrey Samelson | Christian Life Resources Hartford WI | 7/31/2023 |