



## Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

### Pastor, teacher, and staff minister call report

5/2/2017 - 5/8/2017

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 Paul Bowe	Immanuel LC Waupaca WI	Gethsemane LC Oklahoma City OK Pastor	4/2/2017
Rev Philip Gieschen	St John LC Phelps WI Christ LC Eagle River WI	Christian Giving Counselor MN South & NE Districts	4/4/2017
Rev Brian Doeblen	Mt Calvary LC Redding CA	Wisconsin Lutheran High School Milwaukee WI Pastor; Theology	4/7/2017
Rev Kevin Klug	Abiding Love LC Loveland CO	King of Kings LC Little Rock AR Pastor	4/9/2017
Rev Matthew Westra	Living Promise LC Morristown TN	Prince of Peace LC Salt Lake City UT Associate Pastor	4/11/2017
Rev Steven Bode	Zion LC Allenton WI	Our Savior LC Harrisonville MO Pastor	4/17/2017
Rev Jeremy Mattek	Garden Homes LC Milwaukee WI	Divine Savior LC Doral FL Pastor	4/18/2017
Rev Nathan Krause	Abiding Shepherd LC Cottage Grove WI	Shepherd of the Hills LC Duluth MN Pastor	4/18/2017
Rev Rodney Rixe	Trinity LC Hoskins NE	St John LC Lake City MN Pastor	4/18/2017

Rev Frederick Guldberg	Star of Bethlehem LC Winston Salem NC	Abiding Word LC Maineville OH Pastor	4/20/2017
Rev Steven Korth	Mt Olive LC Bay City MI	Holy Cross LC Standish MI Pastor	4/20/2017
Rev Paul Prange	Ministerial Education Waukesha WI	Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary Mequon WI Professor of Historical Theology & Homiletics	4/22/2017
Rev Samuel Degner	Bethel LC Menasha WI	Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary Mequon WI Professor of Evangelism & New Testament	4/22/2017
Rev Paul Doletzky	Salem LC Escanaba MI	Ascension LC Crossville TN Pastor	4/22/2017
Rev John Koelpin	Calvary LC Dallas TX	St Mark's LC Citrus Heights CA Lead Pastor	4/23/2017
Rev Benjamin Schaefer	First German LC Manitowoc WI	Mt Olive LC Shakopee MN Pastor	4/23/2017
Rev Jon Hartmann	Atonement LC Milwaukee WI	Siloah LC Milwaukee WI Pastor	4/23/2017
Rev Matthew Arnold	St Paul LC Oconto Falls WI	St John LC Sparta WI Pastor	4/23/2017
Rev Larry Schwanke	St John LC Milton WI	Zion LC Rhineland WI Associate Pastor	4/23/2017
Rev Newlin Schafer	St Peter LC Weyauwega WI	Good Shepherd LC Jacksonville FL Pastor	4/23/2017
Rev Kevin Westra	Beautiful Savior LC Grove City OH	St John LC Baraboo WI Associate Pastor	4/24/2017
Rev Philip Moldenhauer	Our Redeemer LC Madison WI	Salem LC Owosso MI Associate Pastor	4/25/2017
Rev David Bivens	Christ the Lord LC Houston TX	Mt Lebanon LC Milwaukee WI Associate Pastor	4/30/2017
Rev Mark Schutz	Hope LC Spearfish SD	Immanuel LC Manitowoc WI Associate Pastor	4/30/2017

Rev Mathew Pfeifer	Lincoln Heights LC Des Moines IA	Zion LC Greenleaf WI Associate Pastor	4/30/2017
Rev Steven Lange	Hope LC Louisville KY	St Peter LC Plymouth MI Associate Pastor	4/30/2017
Rev Christopher Esmay	Beautiful Savior LC Topeka KS	Beautiful Savior LC Spooner WI Pastor	4/30/2017
Rev Timothy Spaude	St Jacobi LC Greenfield WI	St Paul LC Wisconsin Rapids WI Associate Pastor	5/1/2017
Rev Mark Gartner	St Luke LC Watertown WI	St John LC Appleton WI Associate Pastor	5/2/2017
Rev Joseph Fricke	St Paul LC Mauston WI	Grace LC Scroggins TX Pastor	5/2/2017
Rev Lucas Bitter	Beautiful Savior LC Marietta GA	Atlanta Mission Intown GA Pastor	5/3/2017
Rev Eric Steinbrenner	St Paul LC Livonia MI	Trinity LC Belle Plaine MN Associate Pastor	5/7/2017

<b>Teachers</b>	<b>Current call</b>	<b>New call</b>	<b>Date issued</b>
Mr Christopher Avery	Bethany LS Kenosha WI	St John's LS Burlington WI Principal & Upper Grades Departmentalized	4/2/2017
Mrs Melissa Heuer	Risen Savior LS Milwaukee WI	St Lucas LS Milwaukee WI Teacher; Grade 1	4/13/2017
Mrs Katherine Wakefield		St Bartholomew LS Kawkawlin MI ECM Director; Provisional Call	4/17/2017
Mrs Amy Pearson		Prairie LS Lower Site Gibbon MN Teacher; Kindergarten	4/17/2017
Ms Emily Ostgaard		St Lucas LS Milwaukee WI ELA Teacher; Middle School, Provisional Call	4/20/2017
Mrs Rebekah Bohlmann	Bethlehem LC Germantown WI	Salem LS-Greenfield MN Greenfield MN Teacher; Grade 4, One- Year, Half-Time Call	4/23/2017
Mrs Lisa Wigley	Atonement LS Milwaukee WI	Risen Savior LS Milwaukee WI Teacher	4/23/2017

Mr Michael Plocher	St Paul LS New Ulm MN	Crown of Life LS West Saint Paul MN Teacher; Grade 7 & Upper Grades Departmentalized	4/23/2017
Mr Brian Papenfuss	St John LS Lomira WI	Our Savior LS Grafton WI Teacher; Grades 3-5	4/23/2017
Miss Kristin Mantey	Cornerstone Early Learning Center Hugo MN	Holy Word LC Pflugerville TX ECM Director	4/23/2017
Mrs Joann Kasten		Martin Luther LS Oshkosh WI Teacher; Grades 1-2, Half-Time Call	4/23/2017
Miss Audrey Metzger	Good Shepherd Lutheran Academy Deltona FL	Good Shepherd LS Burnsville MN Teacher; Grade 3	4/23/2017
Mr Kaleb Buch	St Luke LS Oakfield WI	Risen Savior Christian Academy Pooler GA Principal & Grades 5-6	4/23/2017
Mr Kevin Bode	Emmanuel LS Tempe AZ	St John LC Libertyville IL Teacher	4/24/2017
Mr Jordan Schmitzer	Grace LS Oshkosh WI	Divine Savior Lutheran Academy Doral FL Teacher; Grade 5	4/25/2017
Mrs Brenda Koester	St John LS Goodhue MN	St Paul LS Fort Atkinson WI Teacher; Grade 3	4/27/2017
Mrs Tamatha Schauer		St John LS Watertown WI Teacher; Kindergarten, Provisional Call	4/27/2017
Mr Todd Jahns	Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School Jackson WI	Wisconsin Lutheran College Milwaukee WI Professor; Sports & Exercise Science	4/28/2017
Dr Kurt Pflughoeft		Wisconsin Lutheran College Milwaukee WI Professor; Computer Science, Provisional Call	4/28/2017
Ms Jessica Gehrke		Wisconsin Lutheran College Milwaukee WI Professor; Communications, Provisional Call	4/28/2017
Dr Benjamin Schwall		Wisconsin Lutheran College	4/28/2017

		Milwaukee WI Professor; Business, Provisional Call	
Dr Ryan Latterman		Wisconsin Lutheran College Milwaukee WI Professor; Chemistry, Provisional Call	4/28/2017
Mrs Joann Kasten		Shepherd of the Valley LS Menasha WI Teacher; Individualized Instruction, Half-Time Call	4/29/2017
Mrs Gena Hayes		Shepherd of the Valley LS Menasha WI Teacher; Grades 3-4, One-Year, Half-Time Call	4/29/2017
Mrs Amber Simpson		King of Grace LS Golden Valley MN Teacher; Grade 4	4/30/2017
Mr Brandon Stubalt	Mt Lebanon LS-Omega Campus Gr 5-8 Milwaukee WI	Apostles LS San Jose CA Teacher; Grade 4 or 7 <sup>th</sup> & Vice Principal	4/30/2017
Miss Sarah Seelow	St John's LS Burlington WI	Resurrection LS Aurora IL Teacher; Grades 2-3	4/30/2017
Miss Mikaela Raddatz	Bethany LS Manitowoc WI	Mt Lebanon LS-Omega Campus Gr 5-8 Milwaukee WI Teacher; Grades 6	4/30/2017
Mr William Hinz	St Paul LS Fort Atkinson WI	Redeemer LS Fond du Lac WI Principal & Grades 7-8	4/30/2017
Mr Chad Marohn	St John LS Lannon WI	St Paul LS Howards Grove WI Principal & Grades 7-8	4/30/2017
Miss Amy Biedenbender	Zion LS Toledo OH	Siloah LS Milwaukee WI Teacher; Grade 4	4/30/2017
Mr Chad Grambsch	Zion LS Columbus WI	St John LS Lomira WI Principal & Grades 3-4	4/30/2017
Mrs Katelyn Essig	Resurrection LS Aurora IL	Resurrection LS Aurora IL Teacher; Kindergarten- Grade 1	4/30/2017
Mrs Crystal Schultz	St John LS Juneau WI	St John LS Juneau WI ECM Director & Teacher	4/30/2017
Mrs Rebecca Zellmer	St John LS Juneau WI	St John LS Juneau WI Teacher; Extended	4/30/2017

Learning & Admin  
Release Time

Mr Merlin Meitner		Pilgrim LS Mesa AZ Teacher; Grades 5-8 Departmentalized, Retirement Call	4/30/2017
Mrs Jocelyn Vogel	St Mark LS Lincoln NE	St Mark LS Lincoln NE Teacher; Grades 2-5	4/30/2017
Ms Emily Ostgaard		Bloomington LS Bloomington MN Teacher; Grade 5, Provisional Call	5/1/2017
Mr Thomas Hansen	St Croix Lutheran Grades 6-12 West Saint Paul MN	Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School Jackson WI Teacher; English	5/1/2017
Ms Kristin Lehmann		St Croix Lutheran Grades 6-12 West Saint Paul MN Teacher; Chinese	5/1/2017
Mr Albert Karnopp		St John LS Goodhue MN Principal & Grades 6-8	5/2/2017
Mr Jeffrey Loberger	Christ the King School Palm Coast FL	Resurrection LS Rochester MN Principal & Grade 6	5/3/2017
Mr Jason Schultz	Divine Savior Lutheran Academy Doral FL	St Marcus LS Milwaukee WI Lead Teacher; Religion & Catechism	5/5/2017
Ms Anita Meyer	Resurrection LC Rochester MN	Trinity LS Belle Plaine MN Teacher; Grades 5-6	5/7/2017
Mrs Kristine Westra	Beautiful Savior LS Grove City OH	St John LS Baraboo WI ECM Teacher	5/7/2017
Mrs Jonnica Mayer		Cross of Christ LS Coon Rapids MN Teacher; Grades 3-4	5/7/2017

Staff Ministers	Current call	New call	Date issued
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Mr Kevin Poston	St John LS Lannon WI	Atonement LC Milwaukee WI Staff Minister	4/30/2017
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## CALLS ACCEPTED

Teachers	Current call	New call	Date accepted
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Mr Ryan Radloff		First LS La Crosse WI Teacher; Grades 7-8	4/15/2017
Dr Jeremy Zima		Wisconsin Lutheran College Milwaukee WI Professor; Music, Provisional Call	4/30/2017
Mrs Kathryn Felgenhauer	Hope Lutheran Early Learning Center- Preschool Manhattan KS	St Mark Little Lions Preschool Salina KS ECM Director	5/1/2017
Mrs Becky Kuepers		Our Redeemer LS Madison WI ECM Director; Provisional Call	5/1/2017
Mrs Kelly Loberger	Arizona Lutheran Academy Phoenix AZ	Divine Savior Lutheran Academy Doral FL Teacher; Grade 1	5/2/2017
Mr Bryan Scriver	Good Shepherd LS Downers Grove IL	Lord of Life LS Friendswood TX Teacher; Grades 4-5 & Vice Principal	5/2/2017
Miss Hannah Hackbarth	Lord and Savior LS Crystal Lake IL	St John LS Waterloo WI Teacher; Grades 3-4	5/2/2017
Mrs Amanda Berg	St John's Lutheran Preschool Wood Lake MN	St Philip LS Milwaukee WI Teacher; 5K	5/3/2017
Mrs Melanie Giddings		FVL Schools Inc Appleton WI Director of Curriculum; One-Year, Half-Time Call	5/3/2017
Mr Timothy Schubkegel		Good Shepherd LS Sioux Falls SD Principal	5/4/2017
Mrs Taryn Volbrecht		St Paul LS Muskego WI Teacher; Kindergarten, Provisional Call	5/4/2017
Mrs Michelle Schoeller	Bethany Lutheran Preschool Fort Atkinson WI	Bethany LC Fort Atkinson WI ECM Teacher; Part-Time Call	5/5/2017
Mrs Lauren Plagenz		Loving Shepherd LS Milwaukee WI Teacher; Grade 3 & 4, One-Year Call	5/5/2017
Mr David Leonard	St Mark LS Eau Claire WI	Friedens LS Kenosha WI Teacher; Grade 8	5/6/2017

Mrs Andrea Hahm	Trinity LS Belle Plaine MN	Holy Trinity LS New Hope MN Teacher; Kindergarten	5/6/2017
Mr Scott Sievert	St Croix Lutheran Grades 6-12 West Saint Paul MN	Divine Savior Lutheran Academy Doral FL Teacher; High School English	5/7/2017

<b>Staff Ministers</b>	<b>Current call</b>	<b>New call</b>	<b>Date accepted</b>
Miss Jessica Rohde	Trinity LS Marinette WI	Trinity LC Marinette WI Staff Minister; Discipleship Coordinator, Half-Time Call	5/5/2017

## **CALLS DECLINED**

<b>Pastors</b>	<b>Current call</b>	<b>New call</b>	<b>Date declined</b>
Rev Aaron Weber	Zion LC South Milwaukee WI	Salem LC Stillwater MN Associate Pastor	4/23/2017
Rev Michael Borgwardt	Crossroads Church Chicago IL	Atlanta Mission Intown GA Pastor	4/29/2017
Rev Christian Winkel	Redemption LC Milwaukee WI	Zion LC Torrance CA Pastor	5/3/2017
Rev Randall Johnson	Our Savior LC Perry MI	Christian Giving Counselor SA District	5/4/2017
Rev Michael Kampman	St Paul LC North Fond du Lac WI	Emanuel First LC Lansing MI Associate Pastor	5/6/2017
Rev Abram Degner	Christ the Lord LC Houston TX & Missouri City TX-Sienna Plantation	Grace LC Yakima WA Pastor	5/6/2017
Rev Caleb Kurbis	Living Savior LC Asheville NC	Cross of Life LC Mississauga ON Canada Pastor	5/7/2017

<b>Teachers</b>	<b>Current call</b>	<b>New call</b>	<b>Date declined</b>
Mrs Katherine Hosbach	St Matthew LS Janesville WI	St John LS Bay City MI Teacher; Grades 3-4	4/25/2017
Mrs Anne Thorson	St Matthew's Preschool and Daycare Benton Harbor MI	St John's LS Dowagiac MI ECM Director	4/29/2017



Mr Adam Reinhard	Little Lambs Preschool Mandan ND	Bethlehem LS-North Germantown WI ECM Director	4/30/2017
Mr Steven Bremer	Wisconsin Lutheran High School Milwaukee WI	Salem LS Stillwater MN Principal & Grades 5-8	5/2/2017
Mrs Michelle Wachal	St John LS Libertyville IL	Salem LS Owosso MI ECM Director & PreK- Kindergarten	5/2/2017
Mr Nathan Lauber		St Paul LS Fort Atkinson WI Teacher; Grade 5	5/3/2017
Mr Stephen Schultz	Faith LS Antioch IL	Lord and Savior LS Crystal Lake IL Principal & Grades 5-8	5/4/2017
Miss Anne Hagglund	Resurrection LS Rochester MN	St Marcus LS Milwaukee WI Lead Teacher; Religion & Catechism	5/4/2017
Mrs Lorien Leonhard		St John LS Manitowoc WI Teacher; Grade 2	5/4/2017
Mr Tyler Schoen	Garden Homes LS Milwaukee WI	Wisconsin Lutheran High School Milwaukee WI Teacher; Chemistry	5/4/2017
Mr Shawn Riesop	Star of Bethlehem LS New Berlin WI	St Lucas LS Milwaukee WI Teacher; Grade 6	5/6/2017
Miss Lisa McKenney	Little Lambs Preschool Fort Collins CO	St Paul LC Cudahy WI Teacher; Kindergarten	5/7/2017
Mr Thomas Stelter	Emmanuel LS Tempe AZ	Holy Trinity LS New Hope MN Teacher; Grades 7-8	5/7/2017

## RESIGNED

Teachers	Current call	Date resigned
Miss Haley Rieck	Mt Lebanon LS-Alpha Campus PK-4 Milwaukee WI	6/30/2017

## CALLED TO ETERNAL GLORY

Pastors	Home church	Death date
Rev Richard Hennig	St Matthew LC Benton Harbor MI	5/2/2017

Rev Martin Schwartz

St Andrew's LC  
Saint Paul Park MN

5/5/2017

**Teachers**

**Home church**

**Death date**

Mr Lester Ring

St Paul LC  
New Ulm MN

3/30/2017

**RETIREMENT**

**Pastors**

**Current call**

**Date retired**

Rev Larry Zahn

Messiah LC  
Alpharetta GA

7/31/2017

Rev Scott Stone

St John LC  
Vacaville CA

12/31/2017

**POSITION ELIMINATED**

**Teachers**

**Current call**

**Date effective**

Mr William Scharf

St John LS  
Saint Paul MN

6/30/2017

Miss Cindy Lendt

St John LS  
Saint Paul MN

6/30/2017