



## Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

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

5/16/2017 - 5/22/2017

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 Jeremy Mattek	Garden Homes LC Milwaukee WI	Divine Savior LC Doral FL Pastor	4/18/2017
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 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 Kevin Westra	Beautiful Savior LC Grove City OH	St John LC Baraboo WI Associate Pastor	4/24/2017
Rev Christopher Esmay	Beautiful Savior LC Topeka KS	Beautiful Savior LC Spooner WI Pastor	4/30/2017
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 Steven Lange	Hope LC Louisville KY	St Peter LC Plymouth MI Associate 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 Tod Vertz	St Paul LC Grant Park IL	Salem LC Sturgeon Bay WI Pastor	5/7/2017
Rev Jason Oakland	Martin Luther LC Neenah WI	St Paul LC Ixonah WI Pastor	5/7/2017
Rev Michael Helwig	Crown of Life LC Hubertus WI	Living Savior LC Asheville NC Pastor	5/7/2017
Rev Eric Steinbrenner	St Paul LC Livonia MI	Trinity LC Belle Plaine MN Associate Pastor	5/7/2017
Rev Scott Schultz	Cross of Christ LC Portage WI	St John LC Two Rivers WI Associate Pastor	5/8/2017
Rev Ger Lor		Grace Hmong LC Kansas City KS Pastor	5/8/2017
Rev Joel Spaude	St Peter LC Fort Collins CO	St John's LC New Ulm MN Associate Pastor	5/9/2017
Rev Heath Butler	Bethlehem LC Manassas VA	Luther High School Onalaska WI Pastor; Dean of Students	5/10/2017
Rev Peter Zietlow	St John LC & Emmanuel LC Montello WI	Friendly Counselor India	5/10/2017
Rev Matthew Vogt	Water of Life LC Las Vegas NV	Grace LC Vail AZ & Benson AZ Associate Pastor	5/11/2017

Rev Jay Bickelhaupt	Apostles LC Billings MT	Director of Discipleship Waukesha WI	5/12/2017
Rev Jonathan Hein	Beautiful Savior LC Summerville SC Commission on Congregational Counseling, Part-Time	Director; Commission on Congregational Counseling, Full-Time	5/12/2017
Rev Robert Pasbrig	Institutional Ministries Inc Wauwatosa WI	Peace LC Hartford WI Visitation Pastor; Retirement Call	5/14/2017
Rev Benjamin Enstad	St John LC Sturgeon Bay WI	Redeemer LC Maple Grove MN Pastor	5/15/2017
Rev Daniel Bondow	Grace LC Milwaukee WI	Emanuel First LC Lansing MI Associate Pastor	5/18/2017

<b>Teachers</b>	<b>Current call</b>	<b>New call</b>	<b>Date issued</b>
Miss Kristin Mantey	Cornerstone Early Learning Center Hugo MN	Holy Word LC Pflugerville TX ECM Director	4/23/2017
Mr Todd Jahns	Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School Jackson WI	Wisconsin Lutheran College Milwaukee WI Professor; Sports & Exercise Science	4/28/2017
Ms Jessica Gehrke		Wisconsin Lutheran College Milwaukee WI Professor; Communications, Provisional Call	4/28/2017
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
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 Learning & Admin Release-Time	4/30/2017
Ms Emily Ostgaard		Bloomington LS Bloomington MN Teacher; Grade 5, Provisional Call	5/1/2017

Mr Albert Karnopp		St John LS Goodhue MN Principal & Grades 6-8	5/2/2017
Mr Jason Schultz	Divine Savior Lutheran Academy Doral FL	St Marcus LS Milwaukee WI Teacher; Lead 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
Mr Micah Walz	St Jacobi LS Greenfield WI	Star of Bethlehem LS New Berlin WI Teacher; Grade 8 & Vice Principal	5/8/2017
Mrs Valerie Schmidt		Bethlehem LS-North Germantown WI Teacher	5/9/2017
Ms Anita Meyer	Resurrection LC Rochester MN	Resurrection LS Rochester MN Teacher; One-Year Call	5/10/2017
Mrs Emily Seeber	Good Shepherd LS Cedar Rapids IA	St Paul LS Fort Atkinson WI Teacher; Grade 5	5/11/2017
Mr Mark Kaiser	Emmaus LS Phoenix AZ	St Croix Lutheran Grades 6-12 West Saint Paul MN Teacher; English	5/11/2017
Ms Maria Gines	Zion LS Monroe MI	St John's LS Dowagiac MI ECM Director	5/14/2017
Mr Stephen Schultz	Faith LS Antioch IL	St John's LS Pardeeville WI Principal	5/14/2017
Mrs Claire Rehberger	St John LS Fremont WI	St Paul LS Appleton WI Teacher	5/14/2017
Mrs Jill Schultz		St John's LS Pardeeville WI ECM Teacher	5/14/2017
Mrs Janet Swanson		St Peter LS Helenville WI Teacher; 4K	5/14/2017
Mrs Kathryn Blumer	Good Shepherd LS Downers Grove IL	Precious Lambs Early Childhood Learning Center Downers Grove IL ECM Director	5/15/2017

Mr Paul Frisque	St Jacobi LS Greenfield WI	St John LC Libertyville IL Teacher; Grades 7-8	5/17/2017
Mr Peter Buege	King of Kings LS Garden Grove CA	Risen Savior Christian Academy Pooler GA Principal & Grades 5-6	5/17/2017
Miss Emily Waldek	Trinity LS Hoskins NE	St Paul LS Columbus OH Teacher; Grades 3-4, One-Year Call	5/17/2017
Mrs Samantha Loescher		St Paul LS Muskego WI Teacher; Grade 3, One- Year Call	5/18/2017
Mrs Jenilee Voss		Wisconsin Lutheran College Milwaukee WI Professor; Physical Education, Provisional Call	5/19/2017
Ms Morgan Lautz		Mt Lebanon LS – Omega Campus Milwaukee WI Teacher; Grade 8, Provisional Call	5/21/2017
Ms Kayla Schoch		Salem LS Stillwater MN Teacher; Upper Grades, One-Year, Half-Time Call	5/21/2017
Mr Roger Zolldan		Salem LS Stillwater MN Admin Principal; One- Year Call	5/21/2017
Mrs Connie Frederickson		St Paul Lutheran Child Center Winneconne WI ECM Director	5/21/2017
Mr William Scharf	St John LS Saint Paul MN	Salem LS Stillwater MN Teacher; Upper Grades, One-Year Call	5/21/2017
Mrs Stephanie Huff		St John LS Caledonia MN Teacher; Grades 3-4	5/21/2017
Mr Timothy Hochmuth	Good Shepherd's LS West Allis WI	Our Savior LS Grafton WI Teacher; Grades 3-5	5/21/2017
Mrs Katrina Wascher		Mt Olive LS Delano MN ECM Director	5/21/2017
Mrs Carole Panzer		Growing in Grace Preschool	5/21/2017

Spring Hill FL  
ECM Director

Mrs Wendy Graf

St Paul LS  
East Troy WI  
Teacher; Grades 3-4,  
Part-Time Call

5/21/2017

<b>Staff Ministers</b>	<b>Current call</b>	<b>New call</b>	<b>Date issued</b>
Mr Kevin Poston	St John LS Lannon WI	Atonement LC Milwaukee WI Staff Minister	4/30/2017

## **CALLS ACCEPTED**

<b>Pastors</b>	<b>Current call</b>	<b>New call</b>	<b>Date accepted</b>
Rev Newlin Schafer	St Peter LC Weyauwega WI	Good Shepherd LC Jacksonville FL Pastor	5/19/2017
Rev Brian Doeblner	Mt Calvary LC Redding CA	Wisconsin Lutheran High School Milwaukee WI Pastor; Theology	5/20/2017

<b>Teachers</b>	<b>Current call</b>	<b>New call</b>	<b>Date accepted</b>
Mrs Jocelyn Vogel	St Mark LS Lincoln NE	St Mark LS Lincoln NE Teacher; Grades 2-5	5/5/2017
Mrs Dana Gramarossa		Mt Calvary – Grace LS La Crosse WI Teacher; Kindergarten, Provisional Call	5/15/2017
Mrs Rebecca Wockenfuss	Mt Lebanon LS-Alpha Campus PK-4 Milwaukee WI	Mt Lebanon LS-Alpha Campus PK-4 Milwaukee WI Teacher; Dean of Students, Provisional Call	5/16/2017
Mrs Katelyn Essig	Resurrection LS Aurora IL	Resurrection LS Aurora IL Teacher; Kindergarten- Grade 1	5/16/2017
Ms Rachel Wendt	Mt Lebanon LS-Alpha Campus PK-4 Milwaukee WI	Mt Lebanon LS-Alpha Campus PK-4 Milwaukee WI Teacher; Grade 1, Provisional Call	5/16/2017
Mrs Brenda Koester	St John LS Goodhue MN	St Paul LS Fort Atkinson WI Teacher; Grade 3	5/17/2017
Mrs Joann Kasten		Shepherd of the Valley LS Menasha WI Teacher; Individualized	5/18/2017

Instruction, Half-Time  
Call

Mr Chad Marohn	St John LS Lannon WI	St Paul LS Howards Grove WI Principal & Grades 7-8	5/18/2017
Mrs Tiffany Vanderhoof		St Stephen LS Beaver Dam WI Teacher; Upper Grades, Half-Time Call	5/19/2017
Ms Kristin Lehmann		St Croix Lutheran Grades 6-12 West Saint Paul MN Teacher; Chinese	5/19/2017
Mrs Jonnica Mayer		Cross of Christ LS Coon Rapids MN Teacher; Grades 3-4	5/20/2017
Mr Benjamin Leibl	Good Shepherd LS Omaha NE	Grace LS Oshkosh WI Principal & Grades 7-8	5/20/2017
Mrs Katherine Wakefield		St Bartholomew LS Kawkawlin MI ECM Teacher; Provisional Call	5/21/2017
Dr Ryan Latterman		Wisconsin Lutheran College Milwaukee WI Professor; Chemistry, Provisional Call	5/21/2017
Mrs Tamatha Schauer		St John LS Watertown WI Teacher; Kindergarten, Provisional Call	5/21/2017
Miss Na Bin Song		Immanuel LS Waukegan IL ECM Teacher; Half-Time Call	5/21/2017

## CALLS DECLINED

Pastors	Current call	New call	Date declined
Rev Jon Hartmann	Atonement LC Milwaukee WI	Siloah LC Milwaukee WI Pastor	5/19/2017
Rev Frederick Guldberg	Star of Bethlehem LC Winston Salem NC	Abiding Word LC Maineville OH Pastor	5/19/2017
Rev Nathan Krause	Abiding Shepherd LC Cottage Grove WI	Shepherd of the Hills LC Duluth MN Pastor	5/20/2017

Rev Rodney Rixe	Trinity LC Hoskins NE	St John LC Lake City MN Pastor	5/20/2017
Rev Mathew Pfeifer	Lincoln Heights LC Des Moines IA	Zion LC Greenleaf WI Associate Pastor	5/20/2017
Rev Benjamin Schaefer	First German LC Manitowoc WI	Mt Olive LC Shakopee MN Pastor	5/20/2017
Rev Paul Prange	Ministerial Education Waukesha WI	Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary Mequon WI Professor of Historical Theology & Homiletics	5/21/2017

<b>Teachers</b>	<b>Current call</b>	<b>New call</b>	<b>Date declined</b>
Mr Michael Plocher	St Paul LS New Ulm MN	Crown of Life LS West Saint Paul MN Teacher; Grade 7 & Upper Grades Departmentalized	5/12/2017
Miss Amy Biedenbender	Zion LS Toledo OH	Siloah LS Milwaukee WI Teacher; Grade 4	5/16/2017
Mrs Lisa Wigley	Atonement LS Milwaukee WI	Risen Savior LS Milwaukee WI Teacher	5/17/2017
Miss Mikaela Raddatz	Bethany LS Manitowoc WI	Mt Lebanon LS-Omega Campus Gr 5-8 Milwaukee WI Teacher; Grades 6	5/18/2017
Miss Sarah Seelow	St John's LS Burlington WI	Resurrection LS Aurora IL Teacher; Grades 2-3	5/19/2017
Mrs Bonnie Wilcox	Good Shepherd's LS West Allis WI	Star of Bethlehem LS New Berlin WI Teacher; Extended Learning, Part-Time Call	5/19/2017
Mr Chad Grambsch	Zion LS Columbus WI	St John LS Lomira WI Principal & Grades 3-4	5/20/2017
Dr Kurt Pflughoeft		Wisconsin Lutheran College Milwaukee WI Professor; Computer Science, Provisional Call	5/21/2017
Dr Benjamin Schwall		Wisconsin Lutheran College Milwaukee WI Professor; Business, Provisional Call	5/21/2017



Mr Jeffrey Loberger	Christ the King School Palm Coast FL	Resurrection LS Rochester MN Principal & Grade 6	5/21/2017
Mr William Hinz	St Paul LS Fort Atkinson WI	Redeemer LS Fond du Lac WI Principal & Grades 7-8	5/22/2017

## RESIGNED

Teachers	Current call	Date resigned
Mr Noah Bain	Peace LS Green Lake WI	5/17/2017
Miss Anna Ungemach	Precious Little Blessings Glencoe MN	6/5/2017
Mrs Lori Gieschen	Christ LS Eagle River WI	6/30/2017

## RETIREMENT

Pastors	Current call	Date retired
Rev Donald Swartz	Mt Olive LC Monroe WI	8/27/2017
Rev Peter Kassulke	St James LC Milwaukee WI	8/31/2017
Rev Robert Johannes	St Peter LC Mishicot WI	12/31/2017