



## Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

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

6/20/2017 - 6/26/2017

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

**NOTE:** *The next call report will be posted after the holiday on Monday, July 10, 2017.*

#### NO DECISION REPORTED

Pastors	Current call	New call	Date issued
Rev Peter Leyrer	Pilgrim LC Minneapolis MN	Risen Savior LC Milwaukee WI Associate Pastor	5/23/2017
Rev Thomas Spiegelberg II	Trinity LC Castries St Lucia Castries	Saving Grace LC Mobile AL Pastor	5/24/2017
Rev Tyler Peil	St John LC Stanton NE	Prince of Peace LC Salt Lake City UT Associate Pastor	5/26/2017
Rev Jonathan Scharf	Abiding Grace LC Covington GA	Divine Savior LC Doral FL Pastor	5/28/2017
Rev Aaron Nitz	St Mark LC Bemidji MN	St Paul's LC Broken Bow NE Pastor	5/30/2017
Rev Eugene Andrus PhD	Trinity LC Johnson MN Mt Olive LC Graceville MN	St John's LC Wood Lake MN Pastor	5/30/2017
Rev Jacob Hanneman	Trinity LC Terry MT Salem LC Circle MT Good Shepherd LC Wolf Point MT	Good Shepherd LC Beaverton MI St John LC Gladwin MI Pastor	5/30/2017
Rev Scott Bergemann	Mt Zion LC Kenosha WI	St Paul LC Howards Grove WI Associate Pastor	5/31/2017

Rev Carl Otto	St Paul LC Saginaw MI	Redeemer LC Fond du Lac WI Pastor; Quarter-Time Call	5/31/2017
Rev Robert Wendland	Malawi Mission	Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary Mequon WI Professor; Historical Theology & Homiletics	6/3/2017
Rev Sean De Frain	St John LC Tarzana CA	New Hope LC Racine WI Pastor	6/4/2017
Rev Stephen Kuehl	Shepherd of Peace LC Powell OH	St Paul LC Muskego WI Associate Pastor	6/4/2017
Rev Andrew Schwartz	Christ the King LC Bremerton WA	Mt Olive LC Shakopee MN Pastor	6/5/2017
Rev Daniel Foelske	Trinity LC Mount Carroll IL St Peter LC Savanna IL	Salem LC Loretto MN Associate Pastor	6/6/2017
Rev Jonathan Kolander	Bethlehem LC Menomonee Falls WI	St Mark's LC Citrus Heights CA Lead Pastor	6/7/2017
Rev Jeremy Koehler	St John LC Mequon WI	Shepherd of the Hills LC Duluth MN Pastor	6/8/2017
Rev Daniel Voigt	St John LC Saint Paul MN	Abiding Word LC Maineville OH Pastor	6/8/2017
Rev Paul Jenkins	St Mark LC Normal IL	Our Savior LC Springville NY Pastor	6/11/2017
Rev Kenneth Bittorf	CRM	St Peter LC Rib Lake WI St Andrew LC Medford WI Pastor	6/11/2017
Rev Chadwick Graham	Grace LC Oshkosh WI	St John LC Lannon WI Associate Pastor	6/11/2017
Rev Mark Luetzow	Bethel LC Bay City MI	Zion LC Rhineland WI Associate Pastor	6/11/2017
Rev Michael Neumann	St Paul LC Alexandria MN	Beautiful Savior LC Spooner WI Pastor	6/11/2017
Rev Charles Vannieuwenhoven	Northdale LC Tampa FL	Grace LC Vail AZ & Benson AZ Associate Pastor	6/11/2017

Rev Joel Free	St Luke LC New Lisbon WI	St Paul LC Ixonnia WI Pastor	6/11/2017
Rev Christopher Johnson	St Mark LC De Pere WI & Green Bay WI	Cross of Life LC Mississauga ON Canada Pastor	6/11/2017
Rev Geoffrey Kieta	Peace LC Livonia MI	Grace LC Scroggins TX Pastor	6/11/2017
Rev Roger Zehms	St John LC Lomira WI	St John LC Lomira WI Pastor; One-Year, Retirement Call	6/11/2017
Rev Kirk Lahmann	St John LC Burlington WI	St John LC Two Rivers WI Associate Pastor	6/12/2017
Rev David Karow	St John LC Rock Springs WI	St Paul LC Wisconsin Rapids WI Associate Pastor	6/12/2017
Rev John Hildebrant	CRM	Trinity LC Friesland WI Grace LC Dalton WI Pastor	6/13/2017
Rev Gary Pufahl	Christ LC Big Bend WI	St John's LC New Ulm MN Associate Pastor	6/13/2017
Rev Scott Wolfram	Divine Word LC Plover WI	St John LC Bay City MI Associate Pastor	6/14/2017
Rev Brian Schmidt	St Paul LC Mauston WI & Adams WI	Trinity LC Caledonia WI Associate Pastor	6/14/2017
Rev Eric Hansen	St Mark LC De Pere WI & Green Bay WI	First LC Elkhorn WI Pastor	6/15/2017
Rev Luke Myslik	Zion LC Peshtigo WI	Mt Sinai LC Montrose MI Pastor	6/15/2017
Pres Joel Petermann	Michigan Lutheran Seminary Saginaw MI	St Peter LC Plymouth MI Associate Pastor	6/15/2017
Rev Christopher Kruschel	Living Savior LC Valrico FL	Ascension LC Crossville TN Pastor	6/17/2017
Rev Keith Siverly	St Mark LC Mankato MN	Trinity LC Belle Plaine MN Associate Pastor	6/18/2017
Rev Adam Bode	Riverview LC Appleton WI	Zion LC Crete IL Associate Pastor	6/18/2017

Rev Brady Coleman	Pilgrim LC Mesa AZ	Siloah LC Milwaukee WI Pastor	6/18/2017
Rev Karl Walther	St Mark's LC Watertown WI	Star of Bethlehem LC Santa Maria CA Pastor	6/19/2017
Rev Ronald Gorske	CRM	Mount Olive LC Appleton WI Visitation Pastor	6/19/2017
Rev Christian Christenson	First LC La Crescent MN	Luther High School Onalaska WI Pastor; Dean of Students	6/20/2017
Rev Joel Schwartz	Peace LC Trinity FL	Mt Calvary LC Redding CA Pastor	6/21/2017

<b>Teachers</b>	<b>Current call</b>	<b>New call</b>	<b>Date issued</b>
Mrs Samantha Loescher		St Paul LS Muskego WI Teacher; Grade 3, One-Year Call	5/18/2017
Mrs Rachel Faulkner		Jesus Loves Me Learning Center Jackson MI ECM Director	5/21/2017
Mrs Angela Vogt		St John LS Manitowoc WI Teacher; Grade 2, Provisional Call	5/21/2017
Mrs Terry Krueger		Peace LS Green Lake WI Teacher; Grades 3-4, One-Year Call	5/21/2017
Ms Alison Riesop		Mt Lebanon LS – Omega Campus Milwaukee WI Teacher; Grade 6, Provisional Call	5/28/2017
Mrs Alysa Balfour		St Luke LS Oakfield WI Teacher; Grades 3-4, Part-Time Call	6/4/2017
Mr Nate Menges		Cross of Christ LS Coon Rapids MN Teacher; Grade 5, Provisional Call	6/4/2017
Miss Connie Kurtzweg	Precious Lambs Preschool Rochester MN	St John's LS Sleepy Eye MN Teacher; PreK & Kindergarten	6/4/2017
Mrs Elise Oppermann	Bay Pines LS Seminole FL	Bay Pines LS Seminole FL	6/4/2017

Teacher; Three Quarter-  
Time Call

Mrs Sarah Mayer		Morning Star LS Jackson WI Teacher; Grades 3-4, One-Year, Half-Time Call	6/11/2017
Mrs Nicole Trebesch	Light of Life Preschool Covington WA	St Luke LC Watertown WI ECM Teacher; Half-Time Call	6/11/2017
Mrs Jennifer Carter	St Mark LS Eau Claire WI	St Mark LS Eau Claire WI Teacher	6/11/2017
Ms Roseanne Millner		God's Treasures Child Care Winthrop MN ECM Director	6/15/2017
Ms Kristen Miller		St Paul LS Muskego WI Teacher; Spanish, One- Year Call	6/15/2017
Mrs Rebecca Finke		St John LC Libertyville IL Teacher; Grades 7-8, One-Year Call	6/18/2017
Mrs Jill Kaiser	Emmaus LS Phoenix AZ	Salem LS Stillwater MN Teacher; PreK, Part-Time Call	6/19/2017
Mrs Kaila Bink	St Marcus LC Milwaukee WI	St John LS Lannon WI ECM Teacher; 3K, Provisional Call	6/19/2017
Mr Mark Gunderson		St Marcus LS Milwaukee WI Lead Teacher; Religion	6/21/2017
Ms Laura Folsom		Pilgrim LS Mesa AZ Teacher; Grades 5-8 departmentalized, Half- Time, Provisional Call	6/25/2017
Mrs Sarah Tonn		St John LS Milwaukee WI Teacher; 3K, One-Year, Half-Time Call	6/25/2017

## CALLS ACCEPTED

Pastors	Current call	New call	Date accepted
Rev Lucas Bitter	Beautiful Savior LC Marietta GA	Atlanta Mission Intown GA Pastor	6/11/2017

Rev Jonathan Hein	Beautiful Savior LC Summerville SC Commission on Congregational Counseling, Part-Time	Conference of Presidents Director; Commission on Congregational Counseling, Full-Time	6/20/2017
Rev Ger Lor		Grace Hmong LC Kansas City KS Pastor	6/22/2017
Rev Shaun Arndt	Good Shepherd LC Holmen WI	Peace LC Sun Prairie WI Associate Pastor	6/25/2017
Rev David Endorf	St John St Peter LC Cleveland WI	St John LC Sparta WI Associate Pastor	6/25/2017

<b>Teachers</b>	<b>Current call</b>	<b>New call</b>	<b>Date accepted</b>
Mr Greg Obermiller	Trinity LS Marinette WI	St John LS Lomira WI Principal & Grades 3-4	6/18/2017
Ms Lauren Faust		St. John's LS Lannon WI Teacher; Grades 3-4, Provisional Call	6/19/2017
Mrs Greta Backus		Shepherd of the Valley LS Menasha WI Teacher; Grades 3-4, Half-Time Call	6/19/2017
Mrs Katrina Brohn		Morning Star LS Jackson WI Teacher; Grades 5-6, One-Year Call	6/20/2017
Mrs Jill Bartelt		St John LS Lannon WI Teacher; Upper Grades Departmentalized, Provisional Call	6/20/2017
Mrs Janean Plocher	Emmaus LS Phoenix AZ	Emmaus LS Phoenix AZ Teacher; Grades 5-6, One-Year Call	6/21/2017
Mrs Melinda Bigelow		St Peter LS Appleton WI Teacher; 5K, One-Year Call	6/21/2017
Mrs Laura Krause	East Fork Lutheran High School Whiteriver AZ	East Fork LS Whiteriver AZ Teacher; Grades 2-3, One-Year Call	6/23/2017
Mrs Alexa Foelske		Cross of Glory LS Peoria AZ Teacher; Upper Grades Departmentalized, Part- Time Call	6/23/2017

Mr Jeremy Thiesfeldt		Redeemer LS Fond du Lac WI Principal; Interim, Part-Time Call	6/24/2017
Mrs Susan Schmitz		Redeemer LS Fond du Lac WI Teacher; Grades 7-8, One-Year Call	6/24/2017
Miss Cindy Lendt	St John LS Saint Paul MN	Good Shepherd LS Burnsville MN Teacher; Grade 3	6/24/2017
Mrs Ruth Lee		Trinity LC Belle Plaine MN Teacher; Grades 1-2, One-Year Call	6/26/2017

Staff Minister	Current call	New call	Date accepted
Mrs Rebekah Mueller		Divine Savior LC Doral FL Staff Minister	6/23/2017

## CALLS DECLINED

Pastors	Current call	New call	Date declined
Rev Michael Helwig	Crown of Life LC Hubertus WI	Living Savior LC Asheville NC Pastor	6/17/2017
Rev Seth Dorn	St Stephen LC Beaver Dam WI	Immanuel LC Mosinee WI Pastor	6/20/2017
Dr Terry Schultz	Dominican Republic Mission	Pilgrim LC Minneapolis MN Pastor	6/22/2017
Rev Darren Knoll	Shepherd of the Hills LC West Bend WI	Good Shepherd LC Cheyenne WY Pastor	6/22/2017
Rev David Naumann	St Paul LC Saginaw MI	Good Shepherd LC Omaha NE Pastor	6/22/2017
Rev Aaron Schumann	Faith LC Pittsburg KS	Our Savior LC Longmont CO Pastor	6/22/2017
Rev Joel Tullberg	Shepherd of the Hills LC Lansing MI	Immanuel LC & St John LC Neillsville WI Pastor	6/22/2017
Rev Dennis Harbach	St John's LC Dakota MN	Zion LC Torrance CA Pastor	6/24/2017

Rev Stephen Kuehl	Shepherd of Peace LC Powell OH	Grace LC Yakima WA Pastor	6/24/2017
Rev Jonathan Semro	Prince of Peace LC Houston TX	Christian Giving Counselor SA District	6/25/2017
Rev Matthew Kuske	St Paul LC Lomira WI	Our Redeemer LC Yorktown VA Pastor	6/25/2017
Rev John Werner	Christ LC Mindoro WI	Immanuel LC Medford WI Associate Pastor	6/25/2017

<b>Teachers</b>	<b>Current call</b>	<b>New call</b>	<b>Date declined</b>
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Ms Katie Zaruba		St. John's LS Lannon WI Teacher; Grades3-4, Provisional Call	6/19/2017
Mr Randy Peck	Our Redeemer LS Madison WI	Resurrection LS Rochester MN Principal & Grade 6	6/20/2017
Mr Andrew Van Weele	Lord of Life LS Friendswood TX	St John's LS Pardeeville WI Principal	6/21/2017
Miss MyKayla Jensen	First LS La Crosse WI	Resurrection LS Aurora IL Teacher; Grades 2-3	6/21/2017
Miss Nicole Roper	Small Steps Christian Learning Center Port Orange FL	Christ LS Eagle River WI ECM Teacher	6/21/2017
Mrs Susan Pieper		Lord and Savior LS Crystal Lake IL Teacher; Grades 2-4	6/23/2017
Mrs Amanda Springstroh		St Mark LS Green Bay WI Teacher; Grade 5, One- Year Call	6/24/2017
Mr Peter Buege	King of Kings LS Garden Grove CA	Risen Savior Christian Academy Pooler GA Principal & Grades 5-6	6/26/2017

<b>Staff Ministers</b>	<b>Current call</b>	<b>New call</b>	<b>Date declined</b>
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Mr Brent Bitter	Lambs of Grace Child Development Center & Grace LC Charlotte NC	Bay Pines LC Seminole FL Staff Minister & Teacher; Grades 7-8	6/22/2017
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## RESIGNED



<b>Teachers</b>	<b>Current call</b>	<b>Date resigned</b>
Mrs Brianne Loberger	Divine Savior Lutheran Academy Doral FL	6/30/2017
Mrs Emily Danell	Bethany Lutheran Preschool Saginaw MI	6/30/2017
Ms Amanda Endorf	Trinity LS Kiel WI	6/30/2017
Mrs Laura Ziche	Siloah LS Milwaukee WI	6/30/2017
Mrs Joanna Saatkamp	Bethlehem LS-South Menomonee Falls WI	6/30/2017

## **RETIREMENT**

<b>Pastors</b>	<b>Current call</b>	<b>Date retired</b>
Rev David Bode	Mount Olive LC Appleton WI	7/31/2017
Rev Lyle Luchterhand	Trinity LC Minocqua WI	7/31/2017
Rev Thomas Gumm	Grace LC Seattle WA Salem LC Edmonds WA	8/20/2017