



Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

Pastor, teacher, and staff minister call report

12/12/2017 - 12/18/2017

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: Due to the Christmas holiday, the next call report will come out Jan. 8, 2018.

NO DECISION REPORTED

Pastors	Current call	New call	Date issued
Rev John Hartmann	Zambia Mission	St Paul LC Grant Park IL Pastor	11/7/2017
Rev Benjamin Kratz	Our Savior LC Birmingham AL	St Luke LC Oakfield WI Pastor	11/12/2017
Rev Daniel Sargent	Zambia Mission	Christ LC Juneau AK Pastor	11/12/2017
Rev Daniel Berg	Sola Fide LC Lawrenceville GA	Our Savior LC Harrisonville MO Pastor	11/14/2017
Rev Jonathan Leach	St Croix Lutheran Academy West Saint Paul MN	Truth In Love Ministry Nampa ID Pastor	11/14/2017
Rev Benjamin Kuerth	Victory of the Lamb LC Franklin WI	Divine Savior LC Doral FL Pastor	11/16/2017
Rev John Moll	St Paul LC Algoma WI	Zion LC Olivia MN Pastor	11/19/2017
Rev Steven Bode	Zion LC Allenton WI	Nebraska Evangelical Lutheran High School Waco NE Pastor	11/19/2017
Rev Steven Wagenknecht	Abiding Savior LC Weslaco TX	Bethel LC Menasha WI Associate Pastor	11/20/2017

Rev Carl Otto	St Paul LC Saginaw MI	Holy Cross LC Standish MI Pastor; Retirement Call	11/22/2017
Rev Nathanael Bourman	Abiding Faith LC Fort Worth TX	Mt Lebanon LC Milwaukee WI Associate Pastor	11/26/2017
Rev Mark Schutz	Hope LC Spearfish SD	Shining Mountains LC Bozeman MT Pastor	11/26/2017
Rev Clayton Welch	Faith LC River Falls WI	Trinity LC El Paso TX Pastor	11/26/2017
Rev Joseph Berg	Nain LC West Allis WI	Good Shepherd LC Omaha NE Pastor	11/27/2017
Rev Thomas Jeske	Living Hope LC Omaha NE	Trinity LC Belle Plaine MN Associate Pastor	11/28/2017
Rev Paul Schupmann	St John's LC Juneau WI	Emanuel First LC Lansing MI Associate Pastor	11/28/2017
Rev Benjamin Schaefer	First German LC Manitowoc WI	St Paul's LC Stevensville MI Associate Pastor	11/30/2017
Rev Abram Degner	Christ the Lord LC-Sienna Plantation Missouri City TX & Houston TX	St Matthew's LC Niles IL Pastor	12/3/2017
Rev Jay Bickelhaupt	Apostles LC Billings MT	St Luke LC Watertown WI Associate Pastor	12/3/2017
Rev John Koelpin	Calvary LC Dallas TX	St Paul LC Saginaw MI Associate Pastor	12/3/2017
Rev Joshua Free	Abiding Peace LC Elgin IL	Crown of Life LC Corona CA Pastor	12/3/2017
Rev Matthew Westra	Living Promise LC Morristown TN	Grace LC Vail AZ & Benson AZ Associate Pastor	12/4/2017
Rev Marcus Schulz	Emanuel LC New London WI	Mt Calvary LC Redding CA Pastor	12/4/2017
Rev Kevin Westra	Beautiful Savior LC Grove City OH	St Paul LC Wisconsin Rapids WI Associate Pastor	12/4/2017
Rev Caleb Bassett	St Stephen LC Fallbrook CA	King of Kings LC Frankenmuth MI Pastor	12/7/2017

Rev Jeffrey Mahnke	St Peter LC Schofield WI	Our Savior's LC Port Orange FL Pastor	12/10/2017
Rev Scott Miller	Immanuel LC South Lyon MI	Light of Life LC Greenwood IN Pastor	12/10/2017
Rev Aaron Steinbrenner	Peace LC Hartford WI	St Paul LC Howards Grove WI Associate Pastor	12/10/2017
Rev Nathan Kassulke	Grace LC Tucson AZ	Grace LC Saint Joseph MI Associate Pastor	12/11/2017
Rev Jonathan Bourman	Peace LC Aiken SC	St Mark LC Normal IL Pastor	12/11/2017
Rev David Peters	Epiphany LC Racine WI	Our Redeemer LC Wabasha MN Grace LC Nelson WI Pastor	12/11/2017
Rev John Maasch	Peace LC Bradenton FL	Redeemer LC Maple Grove MN Pastor	12/11/2017
Rev Benjamin Radtke	St Martin's LC Watertown SD	St John LC Bay City MI Associate Pastor	12/13/2017
Mr Aaron Winkelman	CRM	Bethany LC Fort Atkinson WI Associate Pastor	12/13/2017
Rev Aaron West	East Asia Lutheran Seminary Board	St Matthew LC Spokane WA Pastor	12/13/2017
Rev Aaron Bublitz	Mt Lebanon LC Milwaukee WI	Zion LC Toledo OH Pastor	12/14/2017
Rev Thomas Meissner	Manitowoc Lutheran High School Manitowoc WI	Michigan Lutheran Seminary Saginaw MI Professor; German	12/14/2017

Teachers	Current call	New call	Date issued
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Mrs Laura Otto	Salem LS Milwaukee WI	Crown of Life LS Hubertus WI ECM Director	11/27/2017
Mr Jeffrey Loberger	Christ the King School Palm Coast FL	Fox Valley Lutheran High School Appleton WI Development Director/Mission Advancement	11/27/2017

Mr Andrew Van Weele	Lord of Life LS Friendswood TX	Crown of Life LS Hubertus WI Principal & Grades 6-8	11/27/2017
Mr Brian Gottschalk	Wisconsin Lutheran High School Milwaukee WI	Lakeside Lutheran High School Lake Mills WI Teacher; Math/Physical Education	11/28/2017
Miss Lindsay Sandwith	Redeemer Learning Center Tomahawk WI	Zion Lutheran Preschool Valentine NE ECM Director	11/30/2017
Mr Lucas Boehm	St Croix Lutheran Academy West Saint Paul MN	Martin Luther College New Ulm MN Professor; Art Education	12/2/2017
Mr Alan Uher	Mt Calvary LS Waukesha WI	Martin Luther College New Ulm MN Professor; Education & student teaching supervisor	12/2/2017
Dr Mark Murphy	Wisconsin Lutheran College Milwaukee WI	Martin Luther College New Ulm MN Professor; Special Education	12/2/2017
Mr Daniel Unke	Divine Savior Lutheran Academy Doral FL	Manitowoc Lutheran High School Manitowoc WI Administrator; Assistant Principal	12/2/2017
Miss Tonya Wolff	Apostles LS San Jose CA	Huron Valley Lutheran High School Westland MI Teacher; English	12/3/2017
Miss Elizabeth Henke	Risen Savior Christian Academy Pooler GA	St Paul LS Columbus OH Teacher; Grades 3-4	12/3/2017
Mr Stephen Kamps	First LS Lake Geneva WI	Trinity LS Belle Plaine MN Teacher; Grades 5-6	12/3/2017
Mrs Ruth Lee	Trinity LS Belle Plaine MN	Trinity LS Belle Plaine MN Teacher; Grades 1-2	12/3/2017
Mrs Karen Schultz	Trinity LS Waukesha WI	Trinity LS Waukesha WI Teacher; Kindergarten	12/3/2017
Ms Maria Gines	Zion LS Monroe MI	Zion LS Monroe MI ECM Director & Teacher	12/3/2017
Mrs Erin LaPointe	Zion LS Monroe MI	Zion LS Monroe MI Teacher; Grades 1-2	12/3/2017
Mr Kurt Nielsen	Zion LS Monroe MI	Zion LS Monroe MI Teacher; Grades 3-5	12/3/2017

Mrs Michelle Roth	Zion LS Monroe MI	Zion LS Monroe MI Teacher; Kindergarten, Half-Time Call	12/3/2017
Mrs Hannah Laitinen		Hannah's World Austin TX ECM Director	12/3/2017
Ms Emily Ostgaard	Bloomington LS Bloomington MN	Bloomington LS Bloomington MN Teacher; Grade 5, Provisional Call	12/4/2017
Miss Jennifer Hunt	Gethsemane LS Omaha NE	St Matthew's LS Oconomowoc WI Teacher; Grade 5	12/5/2017
Mr Brian Papenfuss	St John LS Lomira WI	Shepherd of the Valley LS Menasha WI Teacher; Grades 5-6	12/5/2017
Mrs Kirsten Kasten		Huron Valley Lutheran High School Westland MI Teacher; Choir, One- Year, Part-Time Call	12/5/2017
Mrs Alana Enger	St Paul LS Lake Mills WI	Manitowoc Lutheran High School Manitowoc WI Teacher; Math	12/9/2017
Mr Craig Breitzkreutz	St John LS Baraboo WI	Samuel LS Marshall MN Principal & Grades 6-8	12/10/2017
Mr Jordan Schmitzer	Grace LS Oshkosh WI	Bethany LS Manitowoc WI Teacher; Upper Grades, Departmentalized	12/10/2017
Mr Scott Stevenson	St Lucas LS Kewaskum WI	Pilgrim LS Mesa AZ Teacher; Grades 5-6	12/10/2017
Mr Corey Marohn	St John-St James LS Reedsville WI	Redeemer LS Fond du Lac WI Principal & Grades 7-8	12/10/2017
Mr Benjamin Schramm	First LS Elkhorn WI	Risen Savior Christian Academy Pooler GA Principal & Grades 5-6	12/10/2017
Mr Nathan Livingston	St John LS Caledonia MN	Faith LS Antioch IL Principal & Upper Grades, Departmentalized	12/10/2017
Mrs Kirsten Duin	Cross of Christ LS Coon Rapids MN	Peace LS Sun Prairie WI ECM Director	12/10/2017

Mrs Katelyn Essig	Resurrection LS Aurora IL	Bay Pines LS Seminole FL Teacher; Kindergarten	12/10/2017
Mr Bradley Essig	Resurrection LS Aurora IL	Bay Pines LS Seminole FL Principal & Upper Grades	12/10/2017
Miss Kathleen Siverly	Roots to Wings Learning Center Lake City MN	St James Lutheran Preschool Portage MI ECM Director	12/10/2017
Mr Aaron Trimmer	St Paul LS Columbus OH	Our Savior LS Grafton WI Teacher; Grades 3-5	12/10/2017
Miss Lynelle Schleusener	Apostles LS San Jose CA	Christ-St Peter LS-West Campus Milwaukee WI Teacher; English as a Second Language	12/11/2017
Mr Adam Wiechmann	West Lutheran High School Plymouth MN	Shoreland Lutheran High School Somers WI Teacher; STEM	12/11/2017
Mr Eric Kaesermann	St Paul LS Arlington MN	St Jacobi LS Greenfield WI Principal & Upper Grades, Departmentalized	12/12/2017
Mrs Lesley Kaesermann	St Paul LS Arlington MN	St Jacobi LS Greenfield WI Teacher; Grade 1	12/12/2017
Mrs Susan Saatkamp		St Jacobi LS Greenfield WI Teacher; Kindergarten, Half-Time Call	12/12/2017
Mr Seth Fitzsimmons	St Paul LS Muskego WI	Luther Preparatory School Watertown WI Professor; Science	12/13/2017
Mr Jason Gibson	Trinity LS Neenah WI	Holy Trinity LS Des Moines WA Principal & Grades 5-8, Departmentalized	12/13/2017
Mr Shawn Riesop	Star of Bethlehem LS New Berlin WI	Immanuel LS Greenville WI Teacher; Grade 6	12/13/2017
Mrs Elise Opper mann	Bay Pines LS Seminole FL	Crown of Life Christian Academy Fort Atkinson WI ECM Teacher; Half-Time Call	12/13/2017
Mr David Dodge	Garden Homes LS Milwaukee WI	Luther Preparatory School Watertown WI Professor; Social Studies	12/14/2017

Mr Mark Renner	St Martin's LS Watertown SD	Resurrection LS Rochester MN Principal & Upper Grades	12/14/2017
Mr Brad Schaper	Luther High School Onalaska WI	Luther High School Onalaska WI Teacher; Dean of Students	12/14/2017
Mr Jordan Schmitzer	Grace LS Oshkosh WI	Michigan Lutheran Seminary Saginaw MI Professor; Science (biology)	12/14/2017
Miss Emily Hunt	Christ Our Savior Academy Columbia TN	St Paul LS South Haven MI Teacher; Kindergarten & Grade 1	12/17/2017
Mr Benjamin Washburn	Peace LS Hartford WI	Trinity LS Caledonia WI Principal	12/17/2017
Mr Adam Igl	St John's LS Newburg WI	St John LS Mukwonago WI Teacher; Grades 3-4	12/17/2017
Mrs Lisa Finkbeiner		Mt Lebanon LS Milwaukee WI ECM Teacher	12/17/2017
Ms Katrina Buchholz	Risen Savior LS Milwaukee WI	Mt Lebanon LS Milwaukee WI Teacher; Grade 5	12/17/2017
Miss Rebecca Hagglund	Christ LS North Saint Paul MN	Christ LS North Saint Paul MN Teacher; Grade 3, One- Year Call	12/17/2017

Staff Ministers	Current call	New call	Date issued
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Mr James Schroeder	St Peter LC Modesto CA	Bay Pines LC Seminole FL Staff Minister & Upper Grade Teacher	12/10/2017
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CALLS ACCEPTED

Pastors	Current call	New call	Date accepted
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Rev Timothy Kuske	Calvary LC Sheboygan WI	St John LC Baraboo WI Associate Pastor	12/7/2017
Dr Michael Smith	Bethany Lutheran Theological Seminary ELS	East Asia Lutheran Seminary Professor	12/12/2017
Rev Christopher Hoppe	First German LC Manitowoc WI	St John LC Vacaville CA Pastor	12/12/2017

Teachers	Current call	New call	Date accepted
Mrs Kimberly Schuette	Good Shepherd LS Midland MI	Good Shepherd LS Midland MI Teacher; Grades 3-8, Departmentalized, Part- Time Call	12/3/2017
Mrs Rachel Blum		St. Paul's LS Green Bay WI Teacher; Grade 1, Provisional Call	12/11/2017
Mr Bryan Schneck	Zion LS Monroe MI	Zion LS Monroe MI Principal & Grades 6-8	12/15/2017
Ms Kjersti Jakober		Bethel LS Sioux Falls SD Teacher; Limited Duration, Part-Time Call	12/16/2017
Miss Megan Lepke		St Paul LS Bangor WI Teacher; Grades 1-2	12/18/2017

CALLS DECLINED

Pastors	Current call	New call	Date declined
Rev Brian Kom	Ascension LC Rochester MN	Bethlehem LC Menomonee Falls WI Associate Pastor	12/11/2017
Rev Mark Birkholz	National Mission Counselor	Good Shepherd LC Cheyenne WY Pastor	12/15/2017
Rev Scott Schwertfeger	Zion LC Arlington WI	Resurrection LC Maumee OH Pastor	12/15/2017
Rev Philip Bigelow	St John LC Hemlock MI	St John LC Peshtigo WI Pastor	12/15/2017
Rev Benjamin Sadler	Goodview Trinity LC Goodview MN	Our Savior LC Pomona CA Pastor	12/15/2017
Dr Michael Quandt	Redemption LC Saint George UT	Friendly Counselor India	12/16/2017
Rev Andrew Fix	St John LC Lannon WI	Saving Grace LC Mobile AL Pastor	12/16/2017
Rev Timothy Wagner	Lamb of God LC Columbus OH	Zion LC Greenleaf WI Associate Pastor	12/16/2017

Rev Benjamin Zahn	Amazing Grace LC Myrtle Beach SC	Trinity LC Neenah WI Associate Pastor	12/16/2017
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Teachers	Current call	New call	Date declined
Mr Jeffrey Knox	Siloah LS Milwaukee WI	Wisconsin Lutheran High School Milwaukee WI Teacher; English	12/11/2017
Miss Amanda Koch	Bethany LS Manitowoc WI	St Jacobi LS Greenfield WI Teacher; Grade 4	12/12/2017
Mr Joshua Walker	St Paul LS Livonia MI	Grace LS Glendale AZ Principal & Upper Grades, Departmentalized	12/15/2017
Mr Jonathan Beilke	Salem LS-Greenfield MN Greenfield MN	Lamb of God LS West Allis WI Principal & Grades 7-8	12/15/2017
Mr Dane Mattes	Trinity LS Brillion WI	Grace LS Saint Joseph MI Principal & Upper Grades, Departmentalized	12/16/2017
Mrs Joanne Mattes	Trinity LS Brillion WI	Grace LC Saint Joseph MI Teacher; Kindergarten	12/16/2017

RESIGNED

Teachers	Current call	Date resigned
Mr Jeremy Dennings	Grace LS Oshkosh WI	12/14/2017

CALLED TO ETERNAL GLORY

Teachers	Home church	Death date
Mrs Doris Kurth	St John LC Sturgis MI	11/16/2017

RETIREMENT

Pastors	Current call	Date retired
Rev Thomas Knickelbein	Good Shepherd's LC West Allis WI	6/30/2018

Teachers	Current call	Date retired
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Mrs Eunice Washburn

David's Star LS
Jackson WI

6/30/2018

Mrs Marlene Randazzo

Peace LS
Hartford WI

6/30/2018