



## Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

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

**2/21/2017 - 2/27/2017**

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:** From now on future service changes such as retirements, resignations, positions eliminated, etc., will appear on the call report that includes the date that they are reported rather than the call report that contains the effective date of the service change.

**Correction:** Kimberly Schroer was shown as accepting a call to serve as Middle Grades teacher at St Paul's LS – Saginaw MI. This was incorrect. She accepted a call to serve as Kindergarten teacher. We apologize for the error.

### NO DECISION REPORTED

Pastors	Current call	New call	Date issued
Rev Timothy M Flunker	National Hispanic Consultant	Missionary to Latin America	1/27/2017
Pres Mark G Zarling	Martin Luther College New Ulm MN	St Mark's LC Citrus Heights CA Lead Pastor	1/29/2017
Rev Philip P Kiecker	Gethsemane LC Raleigh NC	Zion LC Greenleaf WI Associate Pastor	1/29/2017
Rev Preston T Heuer	Grace LC New London WI	New Hope LC Racine WI Pastor	1/31/2017
Rev Virgil E Hanson Jr	St Paul LC Zachow WI Friedens LC Bonduel WI	St John LC Lake City MN Pastor	2/2/2017
Rev Curt S Backhaus	St Paul LC Tomah WI	New Life LC Rockford IL Pastor	2/2/2017
Rev Joel W Jaeger	Christ LC Milwaukee WI	Christ LC Milwaukee WI Pastor Retirement Call	2/5/2017

Rev Jonathan F Bergemann	Trinity LC Woodbridge VA	St Paul LC Saginaw MI Associate Pastor	2/5/2017
Rev Christopher R Ewings	Faith LC Anchorage AK	St Peter LC Saint Peter MN Associate Pastor	2/5/2017
Rev Timothy C Bourman	Sure Foundation LC Woodside NY	St Paul LC Howards Grove WI Associate Pastor	2/5/2017
Rev Timothy J Westendorf	Abiding Word LC Highlands Ranch CO	Michigan Lutheran Seminary Saginaw MI Professor of Spanish	2/6/2017
Rev Jeffrey T Heitsch	Good Shepherd LC Cheyenne WY	Missionary to Nigeria and Cameroon	2/6/2017
Rev Joel A Schulz	Cross of Life LC Mississauga ON Canada	Delray Beach Mission Pastor	2/6/2017
Rev John E Holtz	Malawi Mission	Living Water LC Wind Lake WI Pastor	2/12/2017
Rev Karl R Gurgel	316NOW Milwaukee WI	St Matthew LC Winona MN Pastor Retirement Call	2/12/2017
Rev Donald G Schultz	Lakeside Lutheran High School Lake Mills WI	Good Shepherd LC Omaha NE Pastor	2/12/2017
Rev Jeffrey A Duquaine	Grace LC Oshkosh WI	Palos LC Palos Heights IL Pastor	2/12/2017
Rev Benjamin E Blumer	Bethlehem LC Lakeville MN	St Paul LC Lake Mills WI Associate Pastor	2/12/2017
Rev Andrew T Naumann	Michigan Lutheran Seminary Saginaw MI	Rock of Ages LC Kansas City MO Pastor	2/12/2017
Rev Adam R Mueller	Redeemer LC Tucson AZ	Friedens LC Kenosha WI Associate Pastor	2/15/2017
Rev Daniel J Habben	St Peter LC St. Albert AB Canada	Saint John LC St John's Antigua Pastor	2/15/2017
Rev Jeremy A Schulz	Faith LC Tacoma WA	Atlanta Mission Intown, GA Pastor	2/15/2017
Rev Adam J Seelow	Shepherd of the Lakes LC Roscommon MI	Salem LC Owosso MI Associate Pastor	2/15/2017
Rev Daniel J Laitinen	Holy Word LC Austin TX	St John LC Westland MI Pastor	2/15/2017

Rev Scott J Miller	Immanuel LC South Lyon MI	Zion LC Torrance CA Pastor	2/16/2017
Rev Andrew Schmidt	Immanuel LC Mosinee WI	Bethany Lutheran College Mankato MN	2/17/2017
Rev Daniel M Solofra	CrossWalk Lutheran Ministries Laveen AZ	Shepherd of the Hills LC Knoxville TN Pastor	2/19/2017
Rev Jonathan D Brohn	Salem LC Stillwater MN	Our Savior LC Longmont CO Pastor	2/19/2017
Rev Matthew E Schwartz	Good Shepherd LC Downers Grove IL	Cross of Glory LC Baton Rouge LA Pastor	2/19/2017
Rev Anthony A Allard	Grace LC Sioux City IA	St James LC Milwaukee WI Pastor	2/19/2017
Rev Daniel R Burgess	Amazing Grace LC Panama City FL Abiding Word LC Dothan AL	Grace LC Yakima WA Pastor	2/19/2017
Rev Matthew S Hennig	Christ LC North St Paul & Hugo MN	Trinity LC Brillion WI Associate Pastor	2/19/2017
Rev Nickolas P Haasch	Trinity LC Sturgis SD	Mountain View LC Great Falls MT	2/19/2017
Rev Joel A Russow	Faith LC Tallahassee FL	Salem LC Stillwater MN Associate Pastor	2/22/2017
Mr Michael C Krentz	CRM	Faith LC West Newton PA Pastor	2/23/2017
Rev Thomas M Voss	Holy Trinity LC Des Moines WA	Shepherd of the Hills LC Duluth MN Pastor	2/23/2017
Rev David M Boettcher	St John LC Wetaskiwin AB Canada Mighty Fortress LC Red Deer AB Canada	Our Redeemer LC Yorktown VA Pastor	2/24/2017
Rev Jonathan A Learman	St Peter LC Theresa WI	Luther High School Onalaska WI Pastor	2/25/2017
Rev David A Kapler	Trinity LC Mountain Home AR	St John LC Kendall WI St Matthew LC Ontario WI Pastor	2/26/2017

<b>Teachers</b>	<b>Current call</b>	<b>New call</b>	<b>Date issued</b>
Ms Alanna Walker	Immanuel LS Waukegan IL	Immanuel LS Waukegan IL Teacher; Kindergarten, Provisional Call	1/8/2017
Mr Jonah Gauger	Immanuel LS Waukegan IL	Immanuel LS Waukegan IL Teacher; Upper Grades, Provisional Call	1/8/2017
Mr James F Mahnke	Luther High School Onalaska WI	Martin Luther College New Ulm MN Director of Academic Computing and Online Learning	1/25/2017
Mr Kevin A Proeber Jr	Peace LS Sun Prairie WI	St Peter LS Weyauwega WI Teacher; Grades 3-4	1/25/2017
Mrs Kelli R Baas	Trinity LS Brillion WI	St Mark Little Lions Preschool Salina KS ECM Director	1/26/2017
Mr Paul H Kelm	Risen Savior LS Milwaukee WI	St John LS Redwood Falls MN Teacher; Grade 4	1/29/2017
Mrs Naomi S Getka	Faith LS Tacoma WA	Faith LS Tacoma WA Teacher; Grades 4-5, Provisional Call	1/29/2017
Miss Anne K Hagglund	Resurrection LS Rochester MN	St John LS Redwood Falls MN Teacher; Grade 5	1/29/2017
Miss Kristin J Mantey	Cornerstone Early Learning Center Hugo MN	Concordia Preschool Eau Claire WI ECM Director	1/29/2017
Mrs Holly J Dannecker	St John's LS Sparta WI	Ascension LS and Preschool Sarasota FL Teacher; Grades 2-4	1/29/2017
Miss Jessica J Rohde	Trinity LS Marinette WI	Trinity LS Marinette WI ECM Teacher; Half-Time, Provisional Call	1/29/2017
Mr Michel W Krebs Jr	St John LS Juneau WI	Prairie LS Gibbon MN Teacher; Grades 1-2	1/30/2017
Mrs Stacey A Hill	Grace LS Glendale AZ	Arizona Lutheran Academy Phoenix AZ Teacher; Art, Half-Time, Provisional Call	1/30/2017

Ms Lauren Farquhar		St. Croix Lutheran Grades 6-12 West Saint Paul MN Instructor & Dorm Supervisor; Provisional Call	1/31/2017
Mr David A Zuberbier	Peace LS Bradenton FL	Wisconsin LS-Middle School (6-8) Racine WI Teacher; Grades 6-8 & Dean of Students	2/2/2017
Mr Nathan King	Manitowoc Lutheran High School Manitowoc WI	Manitowoc Lutheran High School Manitowoc WI Teacher; International Student Coordinator, Provisional Call	2/4/2017
Mrs Rachel J Pierson		St John LS Waterloo WI Teacher; Grades 3-4	2/5/2017
Mrs Kristin K Watson		Resurrection LS Rochester MN ECM Teacher	2/5/2017
Mr Ian P Watson	Peace LS Kissimmee FL	Resurrection LS Rochester MN Teacher; Upper Grades Departmentalized	2/5/2017
Mr Justin P Liepert	Winnebago Lutheran Academy Fond du Lac WI	Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School Jackson WI Teacher; English	2/6/2017
Ms Laura Tyson		St Marcus LS Milwaukee WI Lead Teacher; Provisional Call	2/8/2017
Mr Jeffrey A Schoenherr	Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School New Ulm MN	Luther High School Onalaska WI Teacher; Mathematics	2/8/2017
Miss Kathy L Georgson	California Lutheran High School Wildomar CA	Luther High School Onalaska WI Teacher; Spanish	2/8/2017
Mr Andrew C Olson	St Philip LS Milwaukee WI	Zion LS Toledo OH Teacher Kindergarten-Grade 2	2/9/2017
Mr Nathan J Gurgel	Luther Preparatory School Watertown WI	Manitowoc Lutheran High School Manitowoc WI Teacher; Social Studies & Mathematics	2/11/2017
Mr Justin T Gregorius	Luther Preparatory School Watertown WI	Divine Savior Lutheran Academy Doral FL	2/12/2017

Teacher; High School Life Sciences

Miss Cheryl A Henckel	Good Shepherd LS West Bend WI	Peace LS Sun Prairie WI ECM Director	2/12/2017
Miss Barbara J Noon	Beautiful Savior Preschool Clarksville TN	Martin Luther LS Oshkosh WI ECM Director	2/12/2017
Mrs Rachel J Pierson		Mt Olive LS Mankato MN Teacher; Upper Grades Departmentalized	2/12/2017
Mr Matthew T Bauer	St Mark LS Citrus Heights CA	Salem LS Stillwater MN Principal & Grades 5-8	2/12/2017
Mr John M Ganey	Trinity LS Waukesha WI	St Paul LS Lake Mills WI Teacher; Grade 4	2/12/2017
Miss Katie E Koch	Atonement LS Milwaukee WI	Grace LC Oshkosh WI Teacher; Kindergarten	2/12/2017
Miss Joanna J Smith	St Paul LS Moline IL	Trinity LS Hoskins NE Teacher; Kindergarten- Grade 3	2/12/2017
Mr Benjamin H Leibl	Good Shepherd LS Omaha NE	Peace LS Livonia MI Principal & Grades 7-8	2/12/2017
Miss Catharyn B Waggoner	Our Savior's LS Zion IL	St Paul LS Rapid City SD Teacher; Kindergarten	2/12/2017
Miss Sarah A Krajewski	Lambs of Grace Child Development Center Charlotte NC	St Paul LS Rapid City SD ECM Director	2/12/2017
Ms Elizabeth M Johnson	Christ the King School Palm Coast FL	St Peter's LS Fond du Lac WI Teacher; Grade 4	2/12/2017
Mr Alexander J Mielke	Nebraska Evangelical Lutheran High School Waco NE	Rocky Mountain Lutheran High School Commerce City CO Teacher; Spanish	2/12/2017
Mr Troy D Yerks	Christ-St Peter LS-West Campus Milwaukee WI	Salem LS Milwaukee WI Teacher; Grade 3	2/13/2017
Mrs Laura M Pufahl	Good Shepherd LS Burnsville MN	Christ-St Peter LS-West Campus Milwaukee WI Teacher; Grade 4	2/13/2017
Miss Ruth L Wendland	Brooklyn Bridge Preschool Brooklyn Park MN	Bethany LS Hustisford WI ECM Director	2/13/2017

Mr Dan Moldenhauer		St Croix Lutheran Grades 6-12 West Saint Paul MN Music Instructor; Provisional Call	2/16/2017
Miss Ellen K Wheeler		Good Shepherd's LS West Allis WI Teacher; Grade 1, One- Year, Half-Time Call	2/19/2017
Mr Brent R Bitter	Lambs of Grace Child Development Center Charlotte NC Grace LC Charlotte NC	Bethlehem LS-North Germantown WI ECM Director	2/19/2017
Miss Janelle A Glodowski	Bethlehem LS-North Germantown WI	St Paul's LS Saginaw MI Teacher; Grades 1-2	2/19/2017
Mrs Jennifer L Schopper	Loving Shepherd LS Milwaukee WI	Bethlehem LS-South Menomonee Falls WI Teacher; Grade 5	2/19/2017
Mrs Laura M Pufahl	Good Shepherd LS Burnsville MN	Trinity LS Waukesha WI Teacher; Grade 4	2/19/2017
Mr Nathan C Krug	Illinois Lutheran Elementary School Crete IL	First LS Elkhorn WI Teacher; Grades 5-6	2/19/2017
Mr Christopher M Holman	Crown of Life LS Warren MI	St Paul LS Howards Grove WI Principal & Grades 7-8	2/19/2017
Mrs Alicia L Campbell	St John LS Wauwatosa WI	Little Town of Bethlehem Preschool Carmel IN ECM Director; One-Year, Three-Quarter Time Call	2/19/2017
Mr Michael P DeRuiter	St Philip LS Milwaukee WI	St Peter's LS Sturgeon Bay WI Teacher; Grades 7-8	2/19/2017
Mrs Emily J Sadler		Mt Calvary-Grace LS La Crosse WI Grace LC La Crosse WI Teacher; Kindergarten, One-Year Call	2/19/2017
Mrs Katherine P Alderman		St Matthew's LS Stoddard WI Teacher; Kindergarten- Grade 1	2/19/2017
Mr Andrew M Haag		First LS La Crosse WI Teacher; Grades 7-8	2/19/2017

Mr Samuel D Korth	Trinity LS Belle Plaine MN	St Paul's LS Saginaw MI Teacher; Grades 4/6	2/19/2017
Mrs Kirsten R Duin	Cross of Christ LS Coon Rapids MN	St Bartholomew LS Kawkawlin MI ECM Director	2/19/2017
Mrs Tamara J Leyrer	St Croix Lutheran Grades 6-12 West Saint Paul MN	Wisconsin Lutheran High School Milwaukee WI Teacher; Mandarin	2/20/2017
Mr Benjamin E Stern	Fox Valley Lutheran High School Appleton WI	Wisconsin Lutheran High School Milwaukee WI Teacher; Chemistry	2/20/2017
Mr Marc A Shambeau	Northland Lutheran High School Mosinee WI	Wisconsin Lutheran High School Milwaukee WI Teacher; Mathematics	2/20/2017
Mrs Renee Jensen	Zion LS Valentine NE	Loving Shepherd LS Milwaukee WI Teacher; Kindergarten	2/20/2017
Mrs Amanda M Gronholz		Fox Valley Lutheran High School Appleton WI Teacher; English	2/21/2017
Mrs Laura A Buch		Wisconsin Lutheran College Milwaukee WI Professor of Mathematics & Physical Sciences	2/24/2017
Mr Eric R Brown	Great Plains Lutheran High School Watertown SD	Manitowoc Lutheran High School Manitowoc WI Administrator; Director of Education	2/25/2017
Mr Matthew D Foley	Emanuel LS New London WI	Trinity LS Waukesha WI Principal	2/26/2017
Mr Matthew P Groth	St Paul's LS Saginaw MI	Friedens LS Kenosha WI Teacher; Grade 8	2/26/2017
Miss Karin B Tiarks	Christ LS North Saint Paul MN	St Philip LS Milwaukee WI Teacher; 5K	2/26/2017
Mr Micah J Walz	St Jacobi LS Greenfield WI	Abiding Word LS Houston TX Teacher; Upper Grades Departmentalized	2/26/2017
Mr Stephen H Kamps	First LS Lake Geneva WI	Immanuel LS Salem OR Teacher; Grades 3-5	2/26/2017



Miss Meredith L Moeller	St Matthew LS Janesville WI	St John LS Bay City MI Teacher; Grades 3-4	2/26/2017
Miss Mikaela B Raddatz	Bethany LS Manitowoc WI	Parkland LS Tacoma WA Teacher; Grades 5-6	2/26/2017
Miss Alyssa J Siverly	Zion LS Monroe MI	Beautiful Saviour LS Carlsbad CA Teacher; Grades 2-4	2/26/2017

<b>Staff Ministers</b>	<b>Current call</b>	<b>New call</b>	<b>Date issued</b>
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Mr Randel R Fink	Wisconsin Lutheran High School Milwaukee WI	St Paul LS Muskego WI Staff Minister	1/27/2017
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## **CALLS ACCEPTED**

<b>Pastors</b>	<b>Current call</b>	<b>New call</b>	<b>Date accepted</b>
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Rev Luke D Italiano	St Luke LC Kenosha WI	Amazing Grace LC Florence KY Pastor	2/23/2017
Rev John R Gensmer	Christ Our Savior LC Columbia TN	Abiding Love LC Cape Coral FL Pastor	2/26/2017

<b>Teachers</b>	<b>Current call</b>	<b>New call</b>	<b>Date accepted</b>
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Mr Matthew J Heyn	Illinois Lutheran High School Crete IL	Arizona Lutheran Academy Phoenix AZ Teacher; Mathematics	2/20/2017
Mr Bradley P Gurgel	King of Kings LS Maitland FL	St Peter LS Saint Peter MN Teacher; Grades 6-8	2/20/2017
Mr James D Weiland	St John LS Libertyville IL	St John LS Libertyville IL Teacher; Grades 5-6, One-Year Call	2/21/2017
Mrs Candace R Schulz		St Paul Lutheran Early Childhood Center Appleton WI ECM Director	2/21/2017
Mrs Melissa R Brown		Riverview LS Appleton WI ECM Teacher; One-Year, Half-Time Call	2/21/2017
Mr Joel T Plocher	Martin Luther LS Neenah WI	Holy Trinity LS Des Moines WA Teacher; Grades 5-6	2/23/2017

Mrs Kelli L Plocher	Martin Luther LS Neenah WI	Holy Trinity LS Des Moines WA Teacher; Grade 2	2/23/2017
Prof Jonathan P Huebner	Michigan Lutheran Seminary Saginaw MI	St Croix Lutheran Grades 6-12 West Saint Paul MN Teacher; Upper Level Math	2/23/2017
Mrs Susan K Zabel	St John LS Goodhue MN	St John LS Goodhue MN Teacher; Grades 1-2	2/24/2017
Miss Alison J Kolander	Trinity LS Kaukauna WI	Divine Savior Lutheran Academy Doral FL ECM Director	2/25/2017

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Miss Angela R Scharf		Martin Luther College New Ulm MN Director of Women Services	2/21/2017
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### **CALLS DECLINED**

<b>Pastors</b>	<b>Current call</b>	<b>New call</b>	<b>Date declined</b>
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Rev Steven J Pagels	St Matthew's LC Oconomowoc WI	St Paul LC Wisconsin Rapids WI Associate Pastor	2/19/2017
Rev Joel E Suckow	Northland Lutheran High School Mosinee WI	St John LC Colfax WI St Paul LC Ridgeland WI Pastor	2/21/2017
Rev Kevin J Lisk	Luther High School Onalaska WI	St John LC Kendall WI St Matthew LC Ontario WI Pastor	2/21/2017
Rev Bradley P Taylor	Prince of Peace LC Flower Mound TX	Peace LC Sun Prairie WI Associate Pastor	2/22/2017
Rev Joel M Naumann	St Mark LC Eau Claire WI	St John's LC Juneau WI Associate Pastor	2/22/2017
Rev Mark K Toepel	Lakeside Lutheran High School Lake Mills WI	Bethel LC Arcadia WI & Galesville WI Associate Pastor; Retirement Call	2/24/2017

Rev Stephen A Schmiel	Faith Evangelical LC Prior Lake MN	Salem LC Loretto MN Associate Pastor	2/24/2017
Rev Daniel J Laitinen	Holy Word LC Austin TX	Immanuel LC Manitowoc WI Associate Pastor	2/24/2017
Rev Robert M Hein	Good Shepherd LC West Bend WI	Shepherd of the Hills LC Tucson AZ Pastor	2/25/2017
Rev Joshua E Stahmann	Salem LC Scottsdale AZ	Good Shepherd LC Jacksonville FL Pastor	2/26/2017

<b>Staff Ministers</b>	<b>Current call</b>	<b>New call</b>	<b>Date declined</b>
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Mr Timothy B Babler	Divine Savior Lutheran Academy Doral FL	Grace LC Falls Church VA Staff Minister	2/13/2017
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<b>Teachers</b>	<b>Current call</b>	<b>New call</b>	<b>Date declined</b>
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Mr Jeffry R Sell	Prince of Peace LS Taylorsville UT	Evergreen Lutheran High School Tacoma WA Development Director	2/19/2017
Mr Alexander J Hunt	Good Shepherd LS Sioux Falls SD	Trinity LS Caledonia WI Teacher; Grade 5	2/19/2017
Mr Travis W Wendt	Bethlehem LS-South Menomonee Falls WI	Crown of Life LS West Saint Paul MN Teacher; Grade 7 & Upper Grades Departmentalized	2/21/2017
Mr Philip A Haefner	Trinity LS Bay City MI	St John's LS Burlington WI Principal & Upper Grades Departmentalized	2/21/2017
Miss Karen A Luehring	Apostles LS San Jose CA	Emmanuel LS Tempe AZ Teacher; Kindergarten	2/21/2017
Mr Paul A Mildebrandt	Christ LS Eagle River WI	Lord and Savior LS Crystal Lake IL Principal & Grades 5-8	2/22/2017
Mr Daniel H Rick	St John's LS Sleepy Eye MN	Apostles LS San Jose CA Teacher; Grade 4 & Vice Principa	2/22/2017

Mr Aaron A Krause	Bethany LS Manitowoc WI	Good Shepherd LS Sioux Falls SD Principal	2/23/2017
Mrs Amy L Natalie	Light of Life Preschool Covington WA	Bethany Lutheran Preschool Saginaw MI ECM Director	2/24/2017
Ms Amy L Gosch	St John LS Goodhue MN	New Hope Lutheran Academy West Melbourne FL Teacher; Grades 1-2	2/24/2017
Miss Hannah I Stahl	Redeemer LS Tucson AZ	Samuel LS Marshall MN ECM Director & Teacher	2/24/2017

## CALLED TO ETERNAL GLORY

Pastors	Home church	Death date
Rev William V McCullough	Zion LC Springfield MO	2/20/2017

  

Teachers	Home church	Death date
Mrs Helen E Schultz	St John's LC Juneau WI	2/17/2017

## RETIREMENT

Pastors	Current call	Date retired
Rev James P Seelow	St John LC Riga MI	6/30/2017

  

Teachers	Current call	Date retired
Ms Gail F McFarland	St John LS Bay City MI	6/30/2017
Miss Carol L Schultz	Trinity LS Minocqua WI	6/30/2017
Dr Carol M Krause	Wisconsin Lutheran High School Milwaukee WI	6/30/2017
Mrs Kristine J Tellier	St Jacobi LS Greenfield WI	6/30/2017

## RESIGNATION

Teacher	Current call	Date resigned
Mr Tyler L Tesch	St John LS Manitowoc WI	6/30/2017