



Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

Pastor, teacher, and staff minister call report

5/9/2017 - 5/15/2017

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 Brian Doeblen	Mt Calvary LC Redding CA	Wisconsin Lutheran High School Milwaukee WI Pastor; Theology teacher	4/7/2017
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 Guldborg	Star of Bethlehem LC Winston Salem NC	Abiding Word LC Maineville OH 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 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 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 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 WELS Center for Mission and Ministry	5/12/2017
Rev Robert Pasbrig	Institutional Ministries Inc Wauwatosa WI	Peace LC Hartford WI Visitation Pastor; Retirement Call	5/14/2017

Teachers	Current call	New call	Date issued
Mrs Katherine Wakefield		St Bartholomew LS Kawkawlin MI ECM Director; Provisional Call	4/17/2017
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

Miss Kristin Mantey	Cornerstone Early Learning Center Hugo MN	Holy Word LC Pflugerville TX ECM Director	4/23/2017
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
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 Ryan Latterman		Wisconsin Lutheran College Milwaukee, WI Professor; Chemistry, Provisional Call	4/28/2017
Dr Benjamin Schwall		Wisconsin Lutheran College Milwaukee WI Professor; Business, Provisional Call	4/28/2017
Mr Todd Jahns	Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School Jackson WI	Wisconsin Lutheran College Milwaukee WI Professor; Sports & Exercise Science	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
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 Learning & Admin Release Time	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
Ms Kristin Lehmann		St Croix Lutheran Grades 6-12 West Saint Paul MN Teacher; Chinese	5/1/2017
Mrs Dana Gramarossa		Mt Calvary-Grace LS La Crosse WI Teacher; Kindergarten, Provisional Call	5/2/2017
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
Mrs Jonnica Mayer		Cross of Christ LS Coon Rapids MN Teacher; Grades 3-4	5/4/2017
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
Mr Benjamin Leibl	Good Shepherd LS Omaha NE	Grace LS Oshkosh WI Principal & Grades 7-8	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 Bonnie Wilcox	Good Shepherd's LS West Allis WI	Star of Bethlehem LS New Berlin WI Teacher; Extended Learning, Part-Time Call	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
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

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

Pastors	Current call	New call	Date accepted
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Rev Philip Gieschen	St John LC Phelps WI Christ LC Eagle River WI	Christian Giving Counselor MN South & NE Districts	5/12/2017
Rev Paul Bowe	Immanuel LC Waupaca WI	Gethsemane LC Oklahoma City OK Pastor	5/12/2017
Teachers	Current call	New call	Date accepted
Mrs Monica Dierker	Our Savior LS Grafton WI	Our Savior LS Grafton WI Teacher; Departmentalized Classes	5/8/2017
Mrs Rebekah Bohlmann	Bethlehem LC Germantown WI	Salem LS-Greenfield MN Greenfield MN Teacher; Grade 4, One- Year, Half-Time Call	5/9/2017
Mr Christopher Avery	Bethany LS Kenosha WI	St John's LS Burlington WI Principal & Upper Grades Departmentalized	5/12/2017
Mrs Sarah Wait	Emmanuel LS Tempe AZ	Emmanuel LS Tempe AZ Teacher; Grade 7, Provisional Call	5/12/2017
Mr Brandon Stubalt	Mt Lebanon LS-Omega Campus Gr 5-8 Milwaukee WI	Apostles LS San Jose CA Teacher; Grade 4 or 7 & Vice Principal	5/12/2017

CALLS DECLINED

Pastors	Current call	New call	Date declined
Rev Steven Korth	Mt Olive LC Bay City MI	Holy Cross LC Standish MI Pastor	5/14/2017
Rev Kevin Klug	Abiding Love LC Loveland CO	King of Kings LC Little Rock AR Pastor	5/14/2017
Rev Steven Bode	Zion LC Allenton WI	Our Savior LC Harrisonville MO Pastor	5/14/2017
Rev Matthew Westra	Living Promise LC Morristown TN	Prince of Peace LC Salt Lake City UT Associate Pastor	5/14/2017
Rev Philip Moldenhauer	Our Redeemer LC Madison WI	Salem LC Owosso MI Associate Pastor	5/14/2017
Teachers	Current call	New call	Date declined

Mrs Amy Pearson		Prairie LS Lower Site Gibbon MN Teacher; Kindergarten	5/5/2017
Mr Merlin Meitner		Pilgrim LS Mesa AZ Teacher; Grades 5-8, Departmentalized, Retirement Call	5/8/2017
Mr Thomas Hansen	St Croix Lutheran Grades 6-12 West Saint Paul MN	Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School Jackson WI Teacher; English	5/9/2017
Mrs Melissa Heuer	Risen Savior LS Milwaukee WI	St Lucas LS Milwaukee WI Teacher; Grade 1	5/10/2017
Ms Emily Ostgaard		St Lucas LS Milwaukee WI ELA Teacher; Middle School, Provisional Call	5/10/2017
Miss Audrey Metzger	Good Shepherd Lutheran Academy Deltona FL	Good Shepherd LS Burnsville MN Teacher; Grade 3	5/11/2017
Mrs Joann Kasten		Martin Luther LS Oshkosh WI Teacher; Grades 1-2, Half-Time Call	5/12/2017
Mr Kevin Bode	Emmanuel LS Tempe AZ	St John LC Libertyville IL Teacher	5/12/2017
Mr Brian Papenfuss	St John LS Lomira WI	Our Savior LS Grafton WI Teacher; Grades 3-5	5/12/2017
Mr Jordan Schmitzer	Grace LS Oshkosh WI	Divine Savior Lutheran Academy Doral FL Teacher; Grade 5	5/12/2017
Mr Kaleb Buch	St Luke LS Oakfield WI	Risen Savior Christian Academy Pooler GA Principal & Grades 5-6	5/12/2017

RESIGNED

Teachers	Current call	Date resigned
Mrs Erin Laabs	Kettle Moraine Lutheran High School Jackson WI	6/30/2017
Mr Andrew Seefeldt	Salem LS Stillwater MN	6/30/2017
Mrs Katherine Hosbach	St Matthew LS Janesville WI	6/30/2017

RETIREMENT

Pastors	Current call	Date retired
Rev Mark Schwertfeger	Mt Olive LC Shakopee MN	7/31/2017

Teachers	Current call	Date retired
Mrs Virginia Glock	St Peter LS Helenville WI	6/2/2017
Prof James Wooster	Michigan Lutheran Seminary Saginaw MI	6/30/2017
Mrs Lynda Faust	Grace LS Oshkosh WI	6/30/2017
Mrs Marilyn Ehke	Trinity-St Luke Western Ave Campus Watertown WI	6/30/2017

POSITION ELIMINATED

Teachers	Current call	Date effective
Mrs Anne Thorson	St Matthew's Preschool and Daycare Benton Harbor MI	6/9/2017
Mr Stephen Schultz	Faith LS Antioch IL	6/30/2017
Miss Deborah Struck	Faith LS Antioch IL	6/30/2017