



Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

Pastor, teacher, and staff minister call report

6/27/2017 - 7/10/2017

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: *On the June 26, 2017, report, Mrs. Emily Danell was listed as resigning her call at Bethany Lutheran Preschool, Saginaw, Mich. This is incorrect. Her limited length call expired June 30. We apologize for the error.*

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 St Lucia	Saving Grace LC Mobile AL Pastor	5/24/2017
Rev Jonathan Scharf	Abiding Grace LC Covington GA	Divine Savior LC Doral FL Pastor	5/28/2017
Rev Robert Wendland	Malawi Mission	Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary Mequon WI Professor of Historical Theology & Homiletics	6/3/2017
Rev Stephen Kuehl	Shepherd of Peace LC Powell OH	St Paul LC Muskego WI Associate Pastor	6/4/2017
Rev Jeremy Koehler	St John LC Mequon WI	Shepherd of the Hills LC Duluth MN Pastor	6/8/2017
Rev Kenneth Bittorf	CRM	St Peter LC Rib Lake WI St Andrew LC Medford WI Pastor	6/11/2017
Rev Charles Vannieuwenhoven	Northdale LC Tampa FL	Grace LC Vail AZ &	6/11/2017

Benson AZ
Associate Pastor

Rev John Hildebrant	CRM	Trinity LC Friesland WI Grace LC Dalton WI 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
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 Ronald Gorske	Retired	Mount Olive LC Appleton WI Visitation Pastor	6/19/2017
Rev Joel Schwartz	Peace LC Trinity FL	Mt Calvary LC Redding CA Pastor	6/21/2017
Rev Brett Krause	Zion LC Denver CO	Immanuel LC Manitowoc WI Associate Pastor	6/25/2017
Rev Jason Schulz	Christ LC Cambridge MN	Good Shepherd LC Deltona FL Pastor	6/25/2017
Rev Alexander Groth	Beautiful Savior LC Cincinnati OH	Mt Lebanon LC Milwaukee WI Associate Pastor	6/25/2017
Rev Todd Engel	St John LC Red Wing MN	St John LC Baraboo WI Associate Pastor	6/25/2017
Rev Jason Schulz	Christ LC Cambridge MN	St Paul LC Saginaw MI Associate Pastor	6/26/2017
Rev Jesse Stern	Peace LC Boulder CO	Emanuel First LC Lansing MI Associate Pastor	6/27/2017

Rev Stephen Kruschel	Trinity LC Grafton NE Grace LC Geneva NE	Salem LC Owosso MI Associate Pastor	6/27/2017
Rev Noah Headrick	Grace LC Saint Joseph MI	Christ LC Eagle River WI St John LC Phelps WI Associate Pastor	6/27/2017
Rev Jason Strong	Light of the World LC Fairbanks AK	Our Savior LC Harrisonville MO Pastor	6/27/2017
Rev Joel Willitz (ELS)	King of Kings LC Frankenmuth MI	Grace LC Wausau WI St Paul LC-Naugart Athens WI Pastor	6/27/2017
Rev Nathan Cordes	St Matthew's LC Niles IL	St John LC Lake City MN Pastor	6/28/2017
Rev N Halldorson	Divine Word LC Nepean ON Canada	St Peter LC St. Albert AB Canada Pastor	6/28/2017
Rev Mark Panning	Malawi Mission	Friendly Counselor India	6/29/2017
Rev Jeremy Belter	Atonement LC Plano TX	Resurrection LC Maumee OH Pastor	6/29/2017
Rev Caleb Schoeneck	Beautiful Savior LC College Station TX	Ascension LC Escondido CA Pastor	6/29/2017
Rev Luke Boehringer	Gethsemane LC Davenport IA	Redeemer LC Maple Grove MN Pastor	6/30/2017
Rev Michael Schneider	St Andrew's LC Saint Paul Park MN	Grace LC Yakima WA Pastor	7/2/2017
Rev John Borgwardt	Living Word LC Waukesha WI	Our Savior LC Longmont CO Pastor	7/2/2017
Rev Seth Bode	Apostles LC Dardenne Prairie MO	Zion LC Greenleaf WI Associate Pastor	7/2/2017
Rev Mark Kaesmeyer	Cross of Christ LC Coon Rapids MN	Zion LC Torrance CA Pastor	7/2/2017
Rev Luke Willitz	New Life LC Sebring FL	Immanuel LC Mosinee WI Pastor	7/5/2017
Rev Nathan Zastrow	St John LC Summit SD	Bethel LC Menasha WI Associate Pastor	7/5/2017

	Peace LC Milbank SD		
Rev Dustin Blumer	Amazing Love LC Frankfort IL	Our Savior LC Pomona CA Pastor	7/5/2017
Rev Joshua Bishop	Peace LC Kokomo IN	Immanuel LC & St John LC Neillsville WI Pastor	7/8/2017
Rev Kyle Bitter	St John LC Wauwatosa WI	Our Redeemer LC Yorktown VA Pastor	7/9/2017

Teachers	Current call	New call	Date issued
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
Mrs Elise Opper mann	Bay Pines LS Seminole FL	Bay Pines LS Seminole FL Teacher; Three Quarter- Time Call	6/4/2017
Mr Eli Riddle		St Marcus LS Milwaukee WI Teacher; Grades 5-6 Departmentalized, Provisional Call	6/15/2017
Ms Roseanne Millner		God's Treasures Child Care Winthrop MN ECM Director	6/15/2017
Mr Bradley Reinhardt	St Marcus LC Milwaukee WI	St Marcus LS Milwaukee WI Teacher; Grades 7-8 Departmentalized, Provisional Call	6/15/2017
Mrs Brenda Henning	Holy Trinity LS Des Moines WA	Holy Trinity LS Des Moines WA ECM Lead Teacher	6/19/2017

Ms Laura Folsom		Pilgrim LS Mesa AZ Teacher; Grades 3-4, Provisional Call	6/25/2017
Mrs Sarah Tonn		St John LS Milwaukee WI Teacher; K3, One-Year, Half-Time Call	6/25/2017
Mr Douglas Stellick		St John's LS Pardeeville WI Principal	6/25/2017
Mrs Mandy Elseth	Little Lambs Christian Preschool West Fargo ND	Little Lambs Christian Preschool West Fargo ND ECM Director & Teacher; Half-Time Call	6/25/2017
Mrs Nicole Maddox	St Paul LS Rapid City SD	St Paul LS Rapid City SD ECM Director; One-Year, Three Quarter-Time Call	6/25/2017
Mrs Stacy Bitter	St John LS Milwaukee WI	St John LS Milwaukee WI Teacher; Director of Curriculum & Instruction	6/25/2017
Miss Anna Ungemach		Salem LS Owosso MI ECM Director	6/27/2017
Ms Ginny Lambrecht		Christ LS Eagle River WI ECM Teacher; Provisional Call	6/27/2017
Mr James Kuchenbecker		Christ LS Eagle River WI Principal; One-Year, Retirement Call	6/27/2017
Mrs Lisa Vieth	St John LS Lewiston MN	St John LS Lewiston MN Teacher; Grades 7-8	6/27/2017
Mrs Katherine Bohlmann	Precious Lambs Early Childhood Learning Center Downers Grove IL	Trusting Hearts Preschool and Kindergarten Palos Heights IL ECM Teacher; Provisional Call	6/29/2017
Miss Rebecca Hagglund		Christ LS North Saint Paul MN Teacher; Grade 3, One- Year Call	7/2/2017
Miss Anna Ungemach		St Peter LS Appleton WI ECM Director	7/6/2017
Ms Nicole Stahmann		Risen Savior LS Milwaukee WI Teacher; Grade 5, Provisional Call	7/7/2017

Mrs Maria Ewings	St Luke LC Watertown WI ECM Teacher; Half-Time Call	7/9/2017
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Mrs Molly Phelps	Star of Bethlehem LS New Berlin WI Teacher; Extended Learning, Part-Time Call	7/9/2017
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Staff Ministers	Current call	New call	Date issued
Mr Peter Wolfgramm	Riverview LC Appleton WI	Bay Pines LC Seminole FL Staff Minister & Teacher; Grades 7-8	7/2/2017

CALLS ACCEPTED

Pastors	Current call	New call	Date accepted
Rev Jonathan Kolander	Bethlehem LC Menomonee Falls WI	St Mark's LC Citrus Heights CA Lead Pastor	7/7/2017
Rev Paul Jenkins	St Mark LC Normal IL	Our Savior LC Springville NY Pastor	7/7/2017
Rev Brady Coleman	Pilgrim LC Mesa AZ	Siloah LC Milwaukee WI Pastor	7/9/2017
Rev Tyler Peil	St John LC Stanton NE	Prince of Peace LC Salt Lake City UT Associate Pastor	7/9/2017
Rev Joel Free	St Luke LC New Lisbon WI	St Paul LC Ixonia WI Pastor	7/9/2017

Teachers	Current call	New call	Date accepted
Mrs Samantha Loescher	St Paul LS Muskego WI	St Paul LS Muskego WI Teacher; Grade 3, One- Year Call	6/4/2017
Mr Nate Menges		Cross of Christ LS Coon Rapids MN Teacher; Grade 5, Provisional Call	6/25/2017
Mrs Jill Kaiser	Salem LS Stillwater MN	Salem LS Stillwater MN Teacher; Pre-K, Part- Time Call	6/30/2017
Mrs Rachel Faulkner	Jesus Loves Me Learning Center Jackson MI	Jesus Loves Me Learning Center	6/30/2017

Jackson MI
ECM Director

Miss Deborah Doletzky	Lord and Savior LS Crystal Lake IL	Lord and Savior LS Crystal Lake IL Teacher; Grades 2-4	7/2/2017
Mrs Kaila Bink	St John LS Lannon WI	St John LS Lannon WI ECM Teacher; 3K, Provisional Call	7/5/2017
Mrs Kristine Pufahl	Christ LS Big Bend WI	Christ LS Big Bend WI Teacher; Kindergarten	7/6/2017
Miss Edili Pichardo Gomerez	Divine Savior Lutheran Academy Doral FL	Divine Savior Lutheran Academy Doral FL Teacher; Middle School	7/8/2017
Mrs Deborah Drake		Bethany LS Hustisford WI Teacher; Administrative Release-Time, One-Year, Part-Time Call	7/10/2017

CALLS DECLINED

Pastors	Current call	New call	Date declined
Rev Chadwick Graham	Grace LC Oshkosh WI	St John LC Lannon WI Associate Pastor	6/29/2017
Rev Carl Otto	St Paul LC Saginaw MI	Redeemer LC Fond du Lac WI Pastor; Quarter-Time Call	6/30/2017
Rev Mark Luetzow	Bethel LC Bay City MI	Zion LC Rhineland WI Associate Pastor	6/30/2017
Rev Andrew Schwartz	Christ the King LC Bremerton WA	Mt Olive LC Shakopee MN Pastor	7/1/2017
Rev Scott Bergemann	Mt Zion LC Kenosha WI	St Paul LC Howards Grove WI Associate Pastor	7/1/2017
Rev Eric Hansen	St Mark LC De Pere WI & Green Bay WI	First LC Elkhorn WI Pastor	7/2/2017
Rev Roger Zehms	St John LC Lomira WI	St John LC Lomira WI Pastor; One-Year, Retirement Call	7/3/2017
Rev Christopher Johnson	St Mark LC De Pere WI & Green Bay WI	Cross of Life LC Mississauga ON Canada Pastor	7/4/2017

Rev Geoffrey Kieta	Peace LC Livonia MI	Grace LC Scroggins TX Pastor	7/5/2017
Rev David Karow	St John LC Rock Springs WI	St Paul LC Wisconsin Rapids WI Associate Pastor	7/5/2017
Rev Gary Pufahl	Christ LC Big Bend WI	St John's LC New Ulm MN Associate Pastor	7/5/2017
Rev Daniel Foelske	Trinity LC Mount Carroll IL St Peter LC Savanna IL	Salem LC Loretto MN Associate Pastor	7/6/2017
Rev Karl Walther	St Mark's LC Watertown WI	Star of Bethlehem LC Santa Maria CA Pastor	7/8/2017
Rev Daniel Voigt	St John LC Saint Paul MN	Abiding Word LC Maineville OH Pastor	7/8/2017
Rev Luke Myslik	Zion LC Peshtigo WI	Mt Sinai LC Montrose MI Pastor	7/8/2017
Rev Kirk Lahmann	St John LC Burlington WI	St John LC Two Rivers WI Associate Pastor	7/8/2017
Rev Michael Neumann	St Paul LC Alexandria MN	Beautiful Savior LC Spooner WI Pastor	7/9/2017
Rev Christian Christenson	First LC La Crescent MN	Luther High School Onalaska WI Pastor; Dean of Students	7/9/2017

Teachers	Current call	New call	Date declined
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Miss Connie Kurtzweg		St John's LS Sleepy Eye MN Teacher; PreK & Kindergarten	7/1/2017
Mr Mark Gunderson	Lighthouse Youth Center Milwaukee WI	St Marcus LS Milwaukee WI Lead Teacher; Religion & Catechism	7/1/2017
Mrs Rebecca Finke		St John LC Libertyville IL Teacher; Grades 7-8, One-Year Call	7/2/2017
Mrs Sarah Mayer		St Jacobi LS Greenfield WI Teacher; Grades 5-8 Departmentalized	7/5/2017

RESIGNED

Teachers	Current call	Date resigned
Mrs Rebecca Fricke	St John LS Baraboo WI	6/30/2017
Mrs Jessica Figueroa	St Peter LS Appleton WI	7/6/2017

RETIREMENT

Pastors	Current call	Date retired
Rev James Bolda	St Stephen LC Fall River WI	7/30/2017
Rev Thomas Naumann	Grace LC San Carlos AZ	10/31/2017

Teachers	Current call	Date retired
Mrs Lynette Scott	Apostles Lutheran Preschool Billings MT	6/30/2017
Dr Alan Spurgin	Martin Luther College New Ulm MN	7/31/2017