



## Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

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

12/5/2017 - 12/11/2017

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 John Hartmann	Zambia Mission	St Paul LC Grant Park IL Pastor	11/7/2017
Rev Scott Schwertfeger	Zion LC Arlington WI	Resurrection LC Maumee OH Pastor	11/9/2017
Dr Michael Smith	ELS	East Asia Lutheran Seminary Professor	11/10/2017
Rev Mark Birkholz	National Mission Counselor	Good Shepherd LC Cheyenne WY Pastor	11/12/2017
Rev Timothy Kuske	Calvary LC Sheboygan WI	St John LC Baraboo WI Associate Pastor	11/12/2017
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 Philip Bigelow	St John LC Hemlock MI	St John LC Peshtigo WI Pastor	11/13/2017
Rev Daniel Berg	Sola Fide LC Lawrenceville GA	Our Savior LC Harrisonville MO Pastor	11/14/2017

Dr Michael Quandt	Redemption LC Saint George UT	Friendly Counselor India	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 Timothy Wagner	Lamb of God LC Columbus OH	Zion LC Greenleaf WI Associate 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 Andrew Fix	St John LC Lannon WI	Saving Grace LC Mobile AL Pastor	11/29/2017
Rev Benjamin Schaefer	First German LC Manitowoc WI	St Paul's LC Stevensville MI Associate Pastor	11/30/2017
Rev Christopher Hoppe	First German LC Manitowoc WI	St John LC Vacaville CA 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 Brian Kom	Ascension LC Rochester MN	Bethlehem LC Menomonee Falls WI Associate 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 Benjamin Zahn	Amazing Grace LC Myrtle Beach SC	Trinity LC Neenah WI 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 Benjamin Sadler	Goodview Trinity LC Goodview MN	Our Savior LC Pomona CA Pastor	12/8/2017

<b>Teachers</b>	<b>Current call</b>	<b>New call</b>	<b>Date issued</b>
Mrs Kimberly Schuette	Good Shepherd LS Midland MI	Good Shepherd LS Midland MI Teacher; Grades 3-8, Departmentalized, Part- Time Call	11/1/2017
Mr Jeffrey Knox	Siloah LS Milwaukee WI	Wisconsin Lutheran High School Milwaukee WI Teacher; English	11/9/2017
Miss Megan Lepke		St Paul LS Bangor WI Teacher; Grades 1-2	11/15/2017

Mrs Joanne Mattes	Trinity LS Brillion WI	Grace LC Saint Joseph MI Teacher; Kindergarten	11/20/2017
Mr Dane Mattes	Trinity LS Brillion WI	Grace LS Saint Joseph MI Principal & Upper Grades; Departmentalized	11/20/2017
Miss Amanda Koch	Bethany LS Manitowoc WI	St Jacobi LS Greenfield WI Teacher; Grade 4	11/21/2017
Mr Joshua Walker	St Paul LS Livonia MI	Grace LS Glendale AZ Principal & Upper Grades; Departmentalized	11/26/2017
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/Phy Ed	11/28/2017
Mr Jonathan Beilke	Salem LS-Greenfield MN Greenfield MN	Lamb of God LS West Allis WI Principal & Grades 7-8	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

Mrs Rachel Blum		St Paul LS Green Bay WI Teacher; Grade 1, Provisional Call	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
Mr Bryan Schneck	Zion LS Monroe MI	Zion LS Monroe MI Principal & Grades 6-8	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	12/5/2017

Teacher; Choir, One-Year, Part-Time Call

Ms Kjersti Jakober

Bethel LS  
Sioux Falls SD  
Teacher; Part-Time,  
Limited Duration Call

12/6/2017

Mrs Alana Enger

St Paul LS  
Lake Mills WI

Manitowoc Lutheran High  
School  
Manitowoc WI  
Teacher; Math

12/9/2017

Mr Craig Breikreutz

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 and  
PTP

12/10/2017

Mr Corey Marohn

St John-St James LS  
Reedsville WI

Redeemer LS  
Fond du Lac WI  
Principal and 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

Mr Aaron Trimmer

St Paul LS  
Columbus OH

Our Savior LS  
Grafton WI  
Teacher; Grades 3-5

12/10/2017

**Staff Ministers**

**Current call**

**New call**

**Date issued**

Mr James Schroeder

St Peter LC  
Modesto CA

Bay Pines LC  
Seminole FL  
Staff Minister & Upper  
Grade Teacher

12/10/2017

## CALLS ACCEPTED

Pastors	Current call	New call	Date accepted
Rev Martin Weigand	Grace LC Goodhue MN	St Peter LC Goodhue MN Pastor; Joint with Grace Goodhue MN	12/5/2017
Teachers	Current call	New call	Date accepted
Mrs Jennifer DeNoyer	Bethany Lutheran Preschool Fort Atkinson WI	Crown of Life Christian Academy Fort Atkinson WI Teacher; Grades 3-4	11/19/2017
Mr Philip Stern	Trinity LS Waco NE	Fox Valley Lutheran High School Appleton WI Teacher; Religion/Social Studies	12/7/2017
Mrs Katherine Stern	Nebraska Evangelical Lutheran High School Waco NE	Fox Valley Lutheran High School Appleton WI Teacher; Upper Level Math	12/7/2017
Mrs Melanie Achey		Salem Preschool Woodbury MN ECM Teacher	12/7/2017
Mr Darrell Roecker Jr	Wisconsin Lutheran High School Milwaukee WI	Winnebago Lutheran Academy Fond du Lac WI Teacher; Vice Principal	12/10/2017
Mr Nolan Valus	Mt Olive LS Delano MN	St John LS Saginaw MI Principal & Grades 5-8	12/10/2017

## CALLS DECLINED

Pastors	Current call	New call	Date declined
Rev Caleb Kurbis	Living Savior LC Asheville NC	St John LC Two Rivers WI Associate Pastor	12/4/2017
Rev Thomas Voss	Holy Trinity LC Des Moines WA	Zion LC Toledo OH Pastor	12/5/2017
Rev Paul Schaefer	St Peter LC Plymouth MI	Our Redeemer LC Wabasha MN Grace LC Nelson WI Pastor	12/6/2017

Rev Jeremiah Gumm	Cross of Christ LC Liverpool NY	St Matthew LC Spokane WA Pastor	12/7/2017
Rev James Seiltz	Salem LC Colorado Springs CO	St John LC Doylestown WI St Stephen LC Fall River WI Pastor	12/8/2017
Pres Mark Zarling	Martin Luther College New Ulm MN	Immanuel LC Greenville WI Associate Pastor	12/9/2017
Rev Jonathan Stern	Christian Giving Counselor	Grace LC Scroggins TX Pastor	12/9/2017
Rev Steven Kahrs	Zion LC Clatonia NE St John LC Cortland NE	Shepherd of the Plains LC Fort Morgan CO Pastor	12/9/2017
Rev Michael Sullivan	Immanuel LC Kewaunee WI	Beautiful Savior LC Spooner WI Pastor	12/9/2017
Rev Philip Moldenhauer	Our Redeemer LC Madison WI	St Peter LC St. Albert AB Canada Pastor	12/9/2017
Rev Steven Tews	St Peter's LC Balaton MN	Immanuel LC Medford WI Associate Pastor	12/10/2017

<b>Teachers</b>	<b>Current call</b>	<b>New call</b>	<b>Date declined</b>
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Miss Shawna Mehlberg	Divine Savior Lutheran Academy Doral FL	Bethlehem LS-North Germantown WI ECM Director	12/5/2017
Mrs Sarah Plamann		Wisconsin Lutheran High School Milwaukee WI Teacher; Fine Arts	12/6/2017
Mrs Sarah Jandron	Emanuel LS New London WI	Salem LS Milwaukee WI Teacher; Grade 6	12/7/2017
Miss Kari Fuerstenberg	Abiding Word LS Houston TX	St Paul LS Rapid City SD Teacher; Kindergarten	12/9/2017
Mr Daniel Schulz	Shoreland Lutheran High School Somers WI	Lakeside Lutheran High School Lake Mills WI Teacher; Science	12/10/2017

## RESIGNED

<b>Teachers</b>	<b>Current call</b>	<b>Date resigned</b>
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Mrs Laura Schleef	Immanuel LS Salem OR	11/25/2017
Miss Leah Snyder	Faith LS Anchorage AK	6/30/2018

## CALLED TO ETERNAL GLORY

Pastors	Home church	Death date
Rev Martin Janke	David's Star LC Jackson WI	12/10/2017

  

Teachers	Home church	Death date
Mrs Hildegard Homann	St John LC Bloomer WI	10/7/2017
Mrs Alice Muenkel	St James LC Milwaukee WI	11/26/2017

## RETIREMENT

Pastors	Current call	Date retired
Prof James Becker	Wisconsin Lutheran High School Milwaukee WI	6/30/2018

  

Teachers	Current call	Date retired
Miss Anne Burmester	St Matthew's LS Winona MN	6/30/2018
Miss Marilyn Baer	Grace LS Portland OR	6/30/2018
Mrs Denise Becker	Wisconsin Lutheran High School Milwaukee WI	6/30/2018
Mrs Leanne Ross	Wisconsin Lutheran High School Milwaukee WI	6/30/2018
Mrs JoAnn Cordes	Grace LS Portland OR	6/30/2018