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NOMINATIONS

DISTRICT PRESIDENT NOMINATIONS

The North Wisconsin District 2015 Handbook states the procedure for nomination and election of the District President. Pastors eligible to have their name placed on the ballot for District President are:

Rev. Dwayne Lueck

Rev. Dr. Timothy Roser (Declined)

Rev. Timothy Shoup (Declined)

The 2015 Handbook also requires that biographical and other pertinent information on each presidential candidate be published in the convention manual. Said report follows on the next page.

Rev. Daniel P. Thews, District Secretary
North Wisconsin District

DISTRICT PRESIDENT CANDIDATE

Pastor Dwayne Lueck

Name: Rev. Dwayne Lueck

Address: 2607 Marigold Road, Wausau, WI 54401

Phone: 715-355-4554 (Home) **Age:** 64

E-Mail Address: dwayne@nwdlcms.org

Congregation: LCMS North Wisconsin District, Wausau

Occupation or Profession: District President

Offices or positions, past or present, served in church

Local Congregation

- North Wisconsin District President (2012-Present)
- North Wisconsin District Assistant to the District President (1987-2012)
- Pastor, Redeemer Lutheran Church, Bartlesville, OK (1984-1987)
- Pastor, Trinity/Martinsburg & St John/Newcastle, NE (1979-1984)

District

- Member District Stewardship Leaders Conference Committee (1994-2012)
- Oklahoma District Director for HLOR (1985-1987)
- Nebraska District Area Coordinator/Forward in Remembrance (1981)

Synod

- North American Mission Executive Committee Chairman (2004-2012)
- Member LCMS North American Advisory Committee (2003-2010)
- LCMS Convention Advisory Delegate (1992, 1998, 2004, 2007, 2010, 2013 & 2016)
- LCMS Convention Delegate (1983)

Community

- East Thrivent Marathon County Chapter Board President (2005-2006)
- Stat Keeper – Wausau West High School Football (2005)
- Boy Scout Leader, Wausau (1995-1997)
- Volunteer Fireman, Martinsburg, NE (1982-1984)

BIOGRAPHICAL DATA

ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENTS

The North Wisconsin District 2015 District Handbook states the procedure for nomination and election of Vice Presidents.

This procedure has been followed and the following pastors are eligible to have their name placed on the ballot for Vice President:

Region A

Joshua Errer
Steven Kline
Chad Ott
Timothy Shoup
Martin Koeller (Declined)
Scott Malme (Declined)
Mark Schumm (Declined)
Daniel Thews (Declined)

Region B

Joel Danner
Donald Engebretson
Timothy Roser
Steve Hulke (Declined)

Region C

Ronald Mueller
Thomas Myhre
Gary Paul
Daniel Pfaffe
William Plautz

The biographical and other pertinent information on each vice presidential candidate follows.

Rev. Daniel P. Thews, District Secretary
North Wisconsin District

VICE PRESIDENT CANDIDATES

**Vote for 1 from
each Region**

**VICE
PRESIDENT
CANDIDATES**

REGION A

REGION A - Pastor Joshua Errer

Name: Rev. Joshua Errer

Address: 133 S. Ontario Street, DePere, WI 54115

Phone: 920-492-9835 **Age:** 34

E-Mail Address: jerrer@new.rr.com

Congregation: Faith Lutheran Church, Green Bay, Wisconsin

Occupation or Profession: Pastor

Offices or positions, past or present, served in church

Local Congregation

- Vicarage Supervisor (2015-Present)

Circuit Zone

- Synod Convention Representative (2013)

District

- Stewardship Committee (2016-Present)

Synod

N/A

Community

- Green Bay Lutheran School Association, Trinity Lutheran School Call Committee (2016)
- Green and Gold Hosta Society (2013-Present)
- Red Cross Blood Drive Coordinator (2012-Present)
- Dudley Birder Chorale (2012-Present)
- Concordia Seminary Student Association, President (2010-2011)

REGION A - Pastor Steven Kline

Name: Rev. Steven Kline

Address: N2240 Cornhusk Drive, Greenville, WI 54942

Phone: 920-412-2463

Age: 51

E-Mail Address: revkline@shepherdhills.org

Congregation: Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, Greenville, Wisconsin

Occupation or Profession: Senior Pastor

Offices or positions, past or present, served in church

Local Congregation

- Senior Pastor, Shepherd of the Hills, Greenville (2014-Present)
- Senior Pastor, Zion, Wayside, Wisconsin (2002-2014)
- Associate Pastor, Hales Corners, Hales Corners, Wisconsin (2001-2002)
- Pastor, St. John, Pulaski, Wisconsin (1992-2001)

Circuit/Zone

- Circuit Counselor, Green Bay Circuit (5 years)
- Circuit Conference Chairman & Secretary

District

- Nominations Committee
- Pastors' Conference Secretary

Synod

- Circuit Pastoral Delegate to LCMS Convention (2010)

Community

- Ruby's Pantry volunteer
- Youth Sports coaching/officiating
- Varsity Baseball Assistant Coach (3 years)
- Volunteer Fire Department Spiritual Advisor
- Pulaski Area School District Sex Ed Community Advisory Committee

REGION A - Pastor Chad Ott

Name: Rev. Chad Ott

Address: 2553 Waldo, Marquette, MI 49855

Phone: 906-273-0280

Age: 43

E-Mail Address: cott@redeermqt.org

Congregation: Redeemer Lutheran Church, Marquette, Michigan

Occupation or Profession: Lead Pastor

Offices or positions, past or present, served in church

Local Congregation

- Redeemer Lutheran Church, Marquette, Michigan (2011-Present)
 - Lead Pastor (2016-Present)
 - Associate Pastor (2011-2016)
- Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Kingsford, Michigan (2006-2011)
- Peace Lutheran Church, Eau Claire, Wisconsin (2000-2006)

Circuit/Zone

- Circuit Visitor (2015-Present)

District

- Secretary of District Nominations Committee (2009-2011)
- Camp Luther Board of Directors (2011-2017)
 - Secretary of Board (2011-2014)

Synod

- N/A

Community

- Little League Coach
- South Shore Fishing Association
- Marquette Brewing Cooperative

REGION A - Pastor Timothy Shoup

Name: Rev. Timothy Shoup

Address: N3969 Highline Road, Bonduel, WI 54107

Phone: 715-758-8559

Age: 56

E-Mail Address: t.shoup@stpaulbonduel.com

Congregation: St. Paul Lutheran Church and School, Bonduel, Wisconsin

Occupation or Profession: Administrative Pastor

Offices or positions, past or present, served in church

Local Congregation

- Administrative Pastor, St Paul Lutheran, Bonduel (1998-Present)
- Associate Pastor, Family Life and Stephen Ministries, St. Paul Lutheran, Napoleon, OH (1997-1998)
- Pastor, St Paul Lutheran, Hinckley, MN (1987-1997)

Circuit/Zone

- Circuit Counselor, Minnesota North

District

- 3rd Vice President, North Wisconsin District (2016-Present)
- LSB (Lutheran Service Book) Workshop Presenter (2005) (North Wisconsin)

Community

- Golf League
- Supporter of local sports and music programs

**VICE
PRESIDENT
CANDIDATES**

REGION B

REGION B - Pastor Joel Danner

Name: Rev. Joel Danner

Address: N2965 Lokemoen Road, Merrill, WI 54452

Phone: 715-536-7242

Age: 55

E-Mail Address: pastordanner@aol.com

Congregation: Immanuel Lutheran Church, Merrill, Wisconsin

Occupation or Profession: Pastor

Offices or positions, past or present, served in church

Local Congregation

- Pastor, St. Paul Lutheran Church (ind.), Hamburg, Wisconsin (2002-Present)
- Pastor, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Merrill, Wisconsin (2001-Present)
- Pastor, St. Paul Lutheran Church, Frankfort, Illinois (1988-2001)

Circuit/Zone

- Circuit Visitor (Present)
- Circuit Treasurer (Present)
- Circuit Youth Committee (Past)

District

- North Wisconsin District Pre-Seminary Interview Committee (Present)
- Southern Illinois District Singles Committee (Past)
- Southern Illinois District Recruitment Committee (Past)

Synod

- Delegate to several Synod Conventions
- Concordia Seminary, St. Louis – Alumni Council (Past)
- LCMS Youth Gathering Planning Committee (Past)

Community

- Blood Donor (Present)
- Meals on Wheels (Present)
- Part-time Teacher & Assistant Coach, Wisconsin Valley Lutheran High School (Present)

REGION B - Pastor Donald Engebretson

Name: Rev. Donald Engebretson

Address: N2890 Country Road S, Antigo, WI 54409

Phone: 715-623-2680

Age: 57

E-Mail Address: frzeke@gmail.com

Congregation: St. Peter Lutheran Church, Polar (Antigo)

Occupation: Pastor

Offices or positions, past or present, served in church

Local Congregation

- Parish pastor (senior, associate, sole)
- Vacancy pastor
- Interim principal
- Sunday School teacher

Circuit/Zone

- Circuit Visitor (2006-Present)
- President, LLL
- Pastoral advisor, LWML
- Pastoral advisor, circuit youth

District

- Chaplain and worship coordinator, District Convention (2006, 2009, 2012 & 2015)

Synod

- Pastoral Delegate to the National Convention (2004)
- Adjunct instructor, Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne

Community

- Optimist Club
- Hospice (Board and chaplain)
- Board of Mental Health
- Chaplain, Law Enforcement Memorial
- Boy Scouts
- Palliative Care Committee – Hospital
- Fire Department (chaplain and firefighter) (2003-Present)

REGION B - Pastor Timothy Roser

Name: Rev. Dr. Timothy Roser

Address: 1225 Main Street, Junction City, WI 54443

Phone: 715-457-2405

Age: 55

E-Mail Address: twroser@yahoo.com

Congregation: St. Paul & St. John Lutheran Churches, Junction City & Dancy, Wisconsin

Occupation or Profession: Pastor

Offices or positions, past or present, served in church

Local Congregation

- Pastor, St. Paul & St. John Lutheran Churches Junction City & Dancy (2002-Present)
- Pastor, Faith Lutheran Church, Spooner, WI (1995-2002)
- Pastor, Lutheran Church of the Apostles, Alsip, IL (1989-1995)

Circuit/Zone

- Synod Convention Delegate (2001 and 2010)
- Circuit Secretary, Circuit 16, North Wisconsin District (2002-Present)
- Circuit Secretary, Circuit 21, Northern Illinois District (1990-1995)

District

- District Board of Directors Advisory Representative to Synod Convention (2016)
- District Board of Directors Governance Committee (2012-Present)
- 1st Vice President, North Wisconsin District (2012-Present)
- Chairman, Model Theological Conference on Worship (April 2011)
- Secretary, District Nominations Committee (2009)
- District Continuing Education Committee (2003-2006)

Synod

- Guest Lecturer in the Department of Distance Education for Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, SMP (Specific Ministry Pastor) (2009-Present)
- Guest Lecturer in the Ethnic Immigrant Institute of Theology (12/2008-5/2009)
- Guest Lecturer in Systematic Theology for Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, DELTO (Distance Education Leading to Ordination) (2001-2008)

**VICE
PRESIDENT
CANDIDATES**

REGION C

REGION C - Pastor Ronald Mueller

Name: Rev. Ronald Mueller

Address: 18533 77th Avenue North, Chippewa Falls, WI 54729

Phone: 715-931-0879 **Age:** 70

E-Mail Address: ron.kathy.mueller@gmail.com

Congregation: Salem Lutheran Church, Barron, Wisconsin

Occupation or Profession: Pastor, Emeritus

Offices or positions, past or present, served in church

Local Congregation

- Pastor Salem Lutheran Church (1980-2016)
- Trinity Lutheran Church, Gaylord, Michigan (1977-1980)
- Immanuel & Christ Lutheran Churches, Frederic & Pipe Lake (1973-1977)

Circuit/Zone

- Rice Lake Zone Circuit Counselor

District

- Spring Pastors' Conference Committee (2016-2018)

Synod

- Synod Delegate

Community

- Hunter's Safety Instructor (25 years)

REGION C - Pastor Thomas Myhre

Name: Rev Thomas Myhre

Address: 613 W. North Street, Owen, WI 54460

Phone: 715-229-4211 **Age:** 66

E-Mail Address: ptom101@frontier.com

Congregation: St John Lutheran Church, Withee, Wisconsin

Occupation or Profession: Pastor

Offices or positions, past or present, served in church

Local Congregation

- Pastor, St John Lutheran Church, Withee (1991-Present)
- Pastor, St Paul Lutheran Church, Bowler (1982-1991)

Circuit/Zone

- Circuit Missions Representative, Abbotsford Circuit (1996-2002)
- Circuit Youth Advisor, Abbotsford Circuit (1991-1999)
- Circuit Counselor, Embarrass River Circuit (1985-1991)
- Circuit Youth Advisor, Embarrass River Circuit (1982-1985)

District

- N/A

Synod

- N/A

Community

- Owen-Withee Lion's Club (2007-Present)
- Substitute School Bus Driver (1998-Present)
- President, Owen-Withee Ministerial Association (1996-Present)
- Secretary, Owen-Withee Ministerial Association (1991-1992)
- School Crisis Counselor, Owen-Withee & Thorp School Districts (1992-Present)
- Various Ad-Hoc School Committees, Bowler & Owen-Withee
- Volunteer Fireman, Bowler (1983-1991)
- School Crisis Counselor, Bowler & Tigerton School Districts (1983-1991)

REGION C - Pastor Gary Paul

Name: Rev. Dr. Gary Paul

Address: 121 Grandview Drive, Cadott, WI 54727

Phone: 715-313-4052 **Age:** 69

E-Mail Address: bevnrev@gmail.com

Congregation: Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Fall Creek, Wisconsin

Occupation or Profession: Pastor, Emeritus

Offices or positions, past or present, served in church

Local Congregation

- Grace, & St. John Alma Center & River Falls (1/1/18-Present)
- Trinity & Zion Lutheran Churches, Sheldon & Gilman (7-month vacancy) (2017)
- Preached on numerous Sundays at various congregations (2015-2016)
- Christ Lutheran Church, Abbotsford (Vacancy, then Call) (2011-2014)
- Trinity & Zion Lutheran Churches, Sheldon & Gilman (9-month vacancy)
- Zion Lutheran Church, Chippewa Falls (1996-2010)
- Trinity Lutheran Church, Athens (1989-1996)
- Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Spokane, Washington (1984-1988)
- Zion & St. Peters Lutheran Churches, Auburn & Sac City, Iowa (1980-1984)

Circuit/Zone

- Circuit Visitor (1995-1996)
- Circuit Youth Counselor (1980-1984)

District

- District LWML Pastoral Advisor (1994-1998)
- District Evangelism Committee (1993-1995)
- District LLL Pastor Advisor (1990-1994)

Synod

- N/A

Community

- Pastoral Advisor on "Life" Committee, Spokane, Washington (1985-1987)
- Over the years there were many other community activities

REGION C - Pastor Daniel Pfaffe

Name: Rev. Daniel Pfaffe

Address: 608 3rd Avenue E., Durand, WI 54736

Phone: 715-495-3896

Age: 54

E-Mail Address: pfaffe@nelson-tel.net

Congregation: St. John & Immanuel Lutheran Churches, Durand & Plum City, Wisconsin

Occupation or Profession: Pastor

Offices or positions, past or present, served in church

Local Congregation

- St. John & Immanuel Lutheran Churches, Durand & Plum City (1995-Present)

Circuit/Zone

- Circuit Counselor (1996-1997)

District

- LWML District Counselor (1998-2002)
- North Wisconsin District Board of Parish Services
- North Wisconsin District Nominations Committee

Synod

- N/A

Community

- Member Chippewa Valley Railroad (2017-Present)
- Firefighter Chaplain, Durand Fire Department (2006-Present)
- Member Chippewa Valley Emergency Support Services (2006-Present)
- Volunteer Firefighter, Durand City-Rural Fire Department (October 1996-Present)

REGION C - Pastor William Plautz

Name: Rev. William Plautz

Address: 13502 42nd Avenue, Chippewa Falls, WI 54729

Phone: 715-226-0324 **Age:** 62

E-Mail Address: rev_81_@hotmail.com

Congregation: Faith Lutheran Church, Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin

Occupation or Profession: Pastor, Emeritus

Offices or positions, past or present, served in church

Local Congregation

- Faith Lutheran Church, Chippewa Falls (1986-2017)
- Our Redeemer Lutheran Church & Trinity Lutheran Church, Webster & Danbury (1981-1986)

Circuit/Zone

- Circuit Counselor (1998-2002)
- Voting Delegate, Wichita Convention (1989)
- Circuit Evangelism Representative, Rice Lake Circuit (1981-1986)

District

- Regional Vice President (2002-present)

Synod

- N/A

Community

- Human Rights Committee, Eagleton Home for the Developmentally Disabled (1991-2006)

ELECTION OF CIRCUIT VISITORS

The procedure for electing Circuit Counselors is spelled out in the *2016 Handbook The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod*. It states:

- 5.2.2 The circuit visitor shall hold his position by virtue of his selection by the circuit forum and ratification by the district convention.
- a. Circuit forums shall meet at the call of their circuit visitors to select their circuit visitors no later than the time established by the district. When in-person meetings are burdensome (e.g., geographically large circuits), a circuit may select another manner of meeting (e.g., e-meeting technologies) that is suitable and made available to all participants, taking into consideration the need to provide for an open and fair exchange of ideas and secure, private, and confidential voting.
 - b. Prior to the day of the circuit forum, nominations for candidates for the office of circuit visitor may be submitted by a voting congregation of the circuit and suggested by the district president, in consultation with the presidium of the district.
 - c. Each circuit may adopt procedures and methods that will insure efficiency and accuracy, including the use of mechanical, electronic, or other methods of casting, recording, or tabulating votes. The privilege of voting shall be exercised by the representatives from each member congregation of the circuit, who shall have been selected in the manner prescribed by the congregation (Bylaw 5.3.2).
 - d. All nominated pastors serving congregations and emeriti pastors whose names were nominated prior to the day of the circuit forum shall be eligible for election in accordance with section 4.3 of these Bylaws.
 - (1) Following the presentations of pertinent information regarding each pastor as listed in Bylaw 3.12.3.6(c) and circuit visitor responsibilities as provided hereafter in this bylaw, each voter shall submit the names of two pastors on the initial ballot.
 - (2) The three pastors (or more in case of a tie vote) who receive the highest number of votes in this preliminary ballot shall be placed on the next ballot. Each voter shall vote for only one candidate.
 - (3) Balloting shall continue with the lowest candidate being removed from each succeeding ballot until one pastor shall have received a simple majority of all votes cast, who shall be declared the nominee.
 - e. Immediately following the circuit forum, the circuit visitor shall report in writing the results of the selection process to the secretary of the district in preparation for ratification by the district convention.
 - f. In the event that a circuit visitor has not been selected by a circuit forum or has been selected but is no longer available to serve, thus resulting in no circuit visitor selection being included on the convention slate of circuit visitors for a circuit, the district

president shall make the selection, which selection shall then be included on the convention slate of circuit visitors.

- g. The convention shall have the right to alter the slate by amendment.
- h. The convention shall then ratify the slate of circuit visitors, which ratification shall constitute election.

This page last updated 5/25/18.

This procedure has been followed and the slate of Circuit Visitors is herewith presented for ratification:

<u>Circuit</u>	<u>Name and Location</u>
Lake Superior Circuit # 1	Rev. Steven Hyvonen, Bessemer
Michigan Circuit # 2	Rev. Chad Ott, Marquette
Rice Lake Circuit # 3	Rev. Quinten Buechner, Cumberland
Park Falls Circuit # 4	Rev. John Trewyn, Phillips
Eagle River Circuit # 5	Rev. Johnathan Cluppert, Arbor Vitae
Merrill Circuit # 6	Rev. Joel Danner, Merrill
Antigo Circuit # 7	Rev. Donald Engebretson, Antigo
New Richmond Circuit # 8	Rev. Thomas Hahn, Amery
Eau Claire Circuit # 9	Rev. Mark Schulz, Eau Claire
Abbotsford Circuit # 10	Rev. Jeffrey Lambrecht, Edgar
Wausau Circuit # 11	Rev. Raymond Connor, Weston
Embarrass River Circuit # 12	Rev. Todd Jerabek, Embarrass
Shawano Circuit # 13	Rev. Travis Kleinschmidt, Shawano
Gillett Circuit # 14	Rev. Paul Scheunemann, Mountain
Fall Creek Circuit # 15	Rev. Timothy Moe, Eau Claire
Marshfield Circuit # 16	Rev. Douglas Schalow, Vesper
Wisconsin Rapids Circuit # 17	Rev. Daniel Bohn, Port Edwards
Appleton Circuit # 18	Rev. Jeffrey Smiles, Manawa
Green Bay Circuit # 19	Rev. Paul Pett, Green Bay

GENERAL BALLOT NOMINATIONS

The North Wisconsin District 2015 District Handbook states the procedure for general ballot nominations. The 2018 Nominations Committee would like to place the following names into nomination for the following positions:

District Secretary

Donald Engebretson
Travis Kleinschmidt
Daniel Thews (Declined)
Dennis Voss (Declined)

Board of Directors

Pastors

Raymond Connor
Donald Engebretson
Aric Fenske
Aaron Gehrke
Timothy Jones
Thomas Myhre
Leonard Wildauer

Teacher/Commissioned Ministers

Brian Betts
Nathan Doell
Jeffrey Holt
Sharon Voight
John Breitwisch (Declined)
Sue Lilienthal (Declined)

Laypersons

Richard Bartanen
Paul Duerst
Stephen Fisher
David Frater
Brian Hanson
David Makela
John Paddock
Michael Otten
Bruce Plautz
Daniel Schneider
James Schneider
Karol Selle
Kathy Strasser
Kurt Henn (Declined)

2021 Nominations Committee

Teacher-At-Large

Pauline Jerabek
Sallie Kamps

Pastor – Area A

Matthew Christians
Matthew Uttenreither

Layperson – Area A

Allen Mueller
Scott Fischer
Wayne Carlson

Pastor – Area B

Donald Engebretson
Tim Swanson

Layperson – Area B

Daniel Frick
Paula Krueger
Daniel Schneider

Pastor – Area C

Donald Bruce
Ronald Mueller
James Norton
Preston Paul (Declined)

Layperson – Area C

Laura Bruce
Mary Harington

DISTRICT SECRETARY CANDIDATES

Vote for 1

Name: Rev. Donald Engebretson	
Address:	N2890 County Road S, Antigo, WI 54409
Phone:	715-623-2680 Age: 57
E-Mail Address:	frzeke@gmail.com
Congregation:	St. Peter Lutheran Church, Polar (Antigo)
Occupation or Profession:	Pastor
<u>Offices or positions, past or present served in the church</u>	
Local Congregation:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Parish Pastor (senior, associate, sole) ➤ Vacancy Pastor ➤ Interim Principal ➤ Sunday School Teacher
Circuit/Zone:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Circuit Visitor (2006-Present) ➤ President, LLL ➤ Pastoral Advisor, LWML ➤ Pastoral Advisor, Circuit Youth
District:	➤ Chaplain & Worship Coordinator, District Convention (2006, 2009, 2012, & 2015)
Synod:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Pastoral Delegate, National Convention (2004) ➤ Adjunct Instructor, Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne
Community:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Optimist Club ➤ Hospice (Board and Chaplain) ➤ Board of Mental Health ➤ Chaplain, Law Enforcement Memorial ➤ Boy Scouts ➤ Palliative Care Committee – Hospital ➤ Fire Department - Chaplain & Firefighter (2003-Present)

Name: Rev. Travis Kleinschmidt	
Address:	W8089 County Road A, Shawano, WI 54166
Phone:	715-524-4347 Age: 38
E-Mail Address:	trkleinschmidt@gmail.com
Congregation:	St. Jakobi Lutheran Church, Shawano
Occupation or Profession:	Pastor 2008-Present Bank loan officer 2002-2004
<u>Offices or positions, past or present served in the church</u>	
Local Congregation:	➤ Sole Pastor (June 2008-Present)
Circuit/Zone:	➤ Wolf River Lutheran High School Board of Directors (2008-2015)
District:	➤ Spring Pastor Conference Chairman (2017)
Synod:	➤ Circuit 13 Pastoral Delegate – Synod Convention (2010)
Community:	➤ Regular contributor to <i>Around the Word</i> devotions

**BOARD OF
DIRECTORS
PASTOR
CANDIDATES**

Vote for 1

Name:	Rev. Raymond Connor	
Address:	9406 Woodland Drive, Weston, WI 54476	
Phone:	715-302-1350	Age: 63
E-Mail Address:	pastorray@mtoliveweston.org	
Congregation:	Mount Olive Lutheran Church, Weston	
Occupation or Profession:	Associate Pastor-Emeritus	
<u>Offices or positions, past or present served in the church</u>		
Local Congregation:	➤ Senior Pastor (25 years)	
Circuit/Zone:	➤ Circuit Visitor (1998-2006 & 2011-Present)	
District:	➤ Circuit Visitor (1998-2006 & 2011-Present)	
Synod:	➤ Synod Convention Floor Committee (2016)	
Community:	➤ Rotarian (1995-Present) (Served as Inbound Coordinator)	
	➤ Rotary Youth Exchange Officer (Present)	

Name:	Rev. Donald Engebretson	
Address:	N2890 County Road S., Antigo, WI 54409	
Phone:	715-623-2680	Age: 57
E-Mail Address:	frzeke@gmail.com	
Congregation:	St. Peter Lutheran Church, Polar (Antigo)	
Occupation or Profession:	Pastor	
<u>Offices or positions, past or present served in the church</u>		
Local Congregation:	➤ Parish pastor (Senior, Associate, Sole)	
	➤ Vacancy Pastor	
	➤ Interim Principal	
	➤ Sunday School Teacher	
Circuit/Zone:	➤ Circuit Visitor (2006-Present)	
	➤ President, LLL	
	➤ Pastoral Advisor, LWML	
	➤ Pastoral Advisor, Circuit Youth	
District:	➤ Chaplain & Worship Coordinator, District Convention (2006, 2009, 2012 & 2015)	
Synod:	➤ Pastoral Delegate National Convention (2004)	
	➤ Adjunct Instructor, Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne	
Community:	➤ Optimist Club	
	➤ Hospice (Board and Chaplain)	
	➤ Board of Mental Health	
	➤ Chaplain, Law Enforcement Memorial	
	➤ Boy Scouts	
	➤ Palliative Care Committee – Hospital	
	➤ Fire Department (Chaplain and Firefighter) (2003-Present)	

Name:	Rev. Aric Fenske
Address:	E7995 State Road 22, Bear Creek, WI 54922
Phone:	920-878-0403 Age: 36
E-Mail Address:	aricfen@gmail.com
Congregation:	Trinity & Grace Lutheran Churches, Bear Creek
Occupation or Profession:	Sole Pastor
<u>Offices or positions, past or present served in the church</u>	
Local Congregation:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Pastor, Trinity & Grace, Bear Creek (2017-Present) ➤ Pastor, Trinity & Zion, Sheldon & Gilman (2011-2017)
Circuit/Zone:	➤ Pastoral Delegate, Synod Convention (2016)
District:	➤ N/A
Synod:	➤ N/A
Community	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Led Chapel Services & Bible Studies @ 2 local nursing homes/care facilities (hope to do so again) ➤ Board of Advisors for a CBRF mental health facility, Gilman (2014-Present) ➤ Lead Chapel services at local LCMS schools ➤ Participate in Lion's Club events

Name:	Rev. Aaron Gehrke
Address:	1010 Madeleine Street, Houghton, MI 49931
Phone:	906-482-4750 Age: 34
E-Mail Address:	pastorgehrke@copperluth.org
Congregation:	Saints Peter and Paul, Houghton, MI
Occupation or Profession:	Pastor
<u>Offices or positions, past or present served in the church</u>	
Local Congregation:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Organist ➤ Worship Leader ➤ Pastor
Circuit/Zone:	➤ Pastoral Delegate, Synod Convention (2012)
District:	➤ North Wisconsin District Board of Directors Pastor-at-Large (2016-Present)
Synod:	➤ N/A
Community:	➤ Love INC Board of Directors (2016-Present)

Name:	Rev. Timothy Jones
Address:	1109 Archer Lane, Eau Claire, WI 54703
Phone:	563-508-7098 Age: 46
E-Mail Address:	pastorzioncf@outlook.com
Congregation:	Zion Lutheran Church, Chippewa Falls
Occupation or Profession:	Pastor
<u>Offices or positions, past or present served in the church</u>	
Local Congregation:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Board of Christian Education ➤ Trustee ➤ Financial Secretary
Circuit/Zone:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ LWML Zone Counselor (Iowa East) ➤ Alternate Convention Delegate (Boone Circuit-Iowa East) (2011)
District:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ District Convention Floor Committee #2 – Mercy (Iowa West) (2015) ➤ Board of Congregational Services (Iowa East) ➤ Fall Conference Planning Committee (Iowa East)
Synod:	➤ N/A
Community:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Partnership of Families (Iowa Early Childhood Area Board of Directors member and Treasurer) ➤ Habitat for Humanity of Boone & Green Counties Board of Directors

Name:	Rev. Thomas Myhre
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Congregation:	St John Lutheran Church, Withee
Occupation or Profession:	Pastor
<u>Offices or positions, past or present served in the church</u>	
Local Congregation:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Pastor, St John Lutheran Church, Withee (1991-present) ➤ Pastor, St Paul Lutheran Church, Bowler (1982-1991)
Circuit/Zone:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Circuit Missions Representative – Abbotsford Circuit (1996-2002) ➤ Circuit Youth Advisor – Abbotsford Circuit (1991-1999) ➤ Circuit Counselor – Embarrass River Circuit (1985-1991) ➤ Circuit Youth Advisor – Embarrass River Circuit (1982-1985)
District:	➤ N/A
Synod:	➤ N/A
Community:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Owen-Withee Lion's Club (2007- Present) ➤ Substitute School Bus Driver (1998-Present) ➤ President of Owen-Withee Ministerial Association (1996-Present) ➤ School Crisis Counselor, Owen-Withee & Thorp School Districts (1992-Present) ➤ Secretary Owen-Withee Ministerial Association (1991-1992) ➤ Volunteer Fireman, Bowler, WI (1983-1991) ➤ School Crisis Counselor, Bowler & Tigerton School Districts (1983-1991) ➤ Various Ad-Hoc School Committees, Bowler & Owen-Withee

Name:	Rev. Leonard Wildauer
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Phone:	715-466-4516 Age: 68
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Congregation:	Christ Lutheran Church of Lampson, Trego
Occupation or Profession:	Pastor
<u>Offices or positions, past or present served in the church</u>	
Local Congregation:	<u>Lay offices prior to ministry:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ SS & BC Teacher ➤ Congregational President ➤ Elder ➤ Stewardship ➤ Chair of SS & Adult Education ➤ PTL President ➤ Congregational Treasurer ➤ Basketball Coach ➤ Day Care Center Treasurer <u>After Ordination:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Sole Pastor, Christ Lutheran Church, Lampson (2008-Present) ➤ Associate Pastor, St. Paul Lutheran Church, Bonduel (1995-2008)
Circuit/Zone:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Circuit 13 Jail Ministry Coordinator (6-8 years) ➤ Wolf River Lutheran High School Board of Directors (2 terms) ➤ Lutheran Layman's League – Zone Pastoral Advisor (5 years) ➤ Vacancy Pastor, Trinity Lutheran Church, Hayward (July 2017-Present)
District:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Discussion leader for Lutheran Fathers Conference study group (February 2009-August 2012)
Synod:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Circuit Delegate, Synod Convention (2004 & 2013)
Community:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Occasional letters to the Editor contributor to local newspapers ➤ Occasional speaker at various civic events ➤ Kiwanis Club ➤ Chamber of Commerce ➤ Little League Coach

**BOARD OF
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TEACHER/
COMMISSIONED
MINISTER
CANDIDATES**

Vote for 2

Name: Brian Betts	
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Congregation:	Immanuel Lutheran Church and School, Wisconsin Rapids
Occupation or Profession:	Principal
<u>Offices or positions, past or present served in the church</u>	
Local Congregation:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Principal/Administrator (2006-Present) ➤ Technology Director (2000-Present) ➤ Classroom Teacher (1992-Present) ➤ Youth Director (1992-2000) ➤ Served on various boards and committees (over past 25 Years) ➤ Stewardship ➤ Capital Campaign ➤ Building projects
Circuit/Zone:	➤ Served on a committee to bring special music groups or speakers for Live Your Faith Live to the Wisconsin Rapids community which serves our circuit and zone.
District:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ NLSA Captain and Team Member ➤ NLSA District Approval Committee Member ➤ Nomination Committee Member (2015) ➤ North South Committee Member (2012)
Synod:	➤ Lutheran Early Response Team Certification
Community Involvement:	➤ Business and Education Committee Member – Wisconsin Rapids area (2012-Present)

Name: Nathan Doell	
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Congregation:	St. Martin Lutheran Church, Clintonville
Occupation or Profession:	Teacher/Youth Director
<u>Offices or positions, past or present served in the church</u>	
Local Congregation:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Youth Leader ➤ 7th Grade Teacher
Circuit/Zone:	➤ N/A
District:	➤ N/A
Synod:	➤ N/A
Community:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Helped run youth Bible Studies in Bonduel ➤ Volunteer Basketball Coach for St. Martin

Name:	Jeffrey Holt
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Phone:	920-918-8526 Age: 56
E-Mail Address:	Jeff.holt@tlsmerrill.com
Congregation:	Trinity Lutheran Church, Merrill
Occupation or Profession:	Teacher (Social Studies & Science grades 5 th through 8 th)
<u>Offices or positions, past or present served in the church</u>	
Local Congregation:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Called Teacher, Sheboygan Area Lutheran High School, Sheboygan (16 years) ➤ Called Teacher, Trinity Lutheran School, Merrill (7 years) ➤ Elder, Trinity Lutheran Church, Sheboygan (6 years) ➤ Elder, Trinity Lutheran Church, Merrill (7 years) ➤ Summer Servant Event Leader (High School), Red Lake, Ontario (Trinity Sheboygan) (8 years) ➤ Summer Servant Event Leader (Middle School), Cloquet, MN (Trinity Sheboygan) (4 years) ➤ Teacher, Sheboygan Area Cooperative Vacation Bible School, Sheboygan (9 years) ➤ Call Committee Member (multiple committees for calling of pastor, principal and teachers)
Circuit/Zone:	➤ N/A
District:	➤ SWD/NWD Teachers/Pastors Fall Conference, Sectional Presenter (1 year)
Synod:	➤ N/A
Community:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Youth Baseball Coach (5 years) ➤ Youth Basketball Coach (4 years) ➤ Den Leader/Cubmaster (8 years) ➤ Assistant Scout Master (3 years) ➤ St. Jude Children's Hospital Summer Fundraiser Adult Leader (2 years)

Name:	Sharon Voight
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Phone:	715-536-7509 Age: 73
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Congregation:	St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, Merrill
Occupation or Profession:	Retired Teacher/Director of Music
<u>Offices or positions, past or present served in the church</u>	
Local:	<p><u>Northern Illinois</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Teacher & Music Director, Gloria Dei Lutheran Church and School of Chicago (45 years) ➤ Secretary to Congregation's voting body & church council ➤ Various other committee, as needed <p><u>St. Paul, Merrill(pre-Illinois)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Sunday School Teacher ➤ Organist ➤ Choir Director <p><u>St. Paul, Merrill (post-Illinois)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Voters' Assembly ➤ Bible Class ➤ Organist & Choir Director, as needed
Circuit/Zone:	➤ N/A
District:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Presenter at Beginning Teacher Workshops ➤ Presenter and Member of Northern Illinois Board for Teachers' Conference ➤ Member & Officer of Lutheran Choir of Chicago ➤ Northern Illinois District Board of Directors (3 years)
Synod:	➤ N/A
Community:	➤ Recently relocated summer of 2017 with husband – hoping to become more involved in church and community as opportunities arise.

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CANDIDATES**

Vote for 6

Name:	Richard Bartanen
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Congregation:	Christ The King Lutheran Church, Ishpeming
Occupation or Profession:	Shop Foreman/Mechanic (Retired)
<u>Offices or positions, past or present served in the church</u>	
Local Congregation:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Multiple terms as Elder & Elder Chairman ➤ Congregational President ➤ Co-Chair of Capital Campaign
Circuit/Zone:	➤ Voting Delegate at multiple Circuit Voting Meetings
District:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ North Wisconsin District Board of Directors (2015-2018) ➤ Convention Delegate (2006, 2009, 2012 & 2015)
Synod:	➤ N/A
Community:	➤ MDOT Adopt a Highway Coordinator

Name:	Paul Duerst
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Congregation:	St Mark's Lutheran Church, Wausau
Occupation or Profession:	Attorney/Business Owner
<u>Offices or positions, past or present served in the church</u>	
Local Congregation:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Congregation Chair (2 terms) ➤ Personnel Committee ➤ Chairman, St. Mark's Call Committee
Circuit/Zone:	➤ N/A
District:	➤ North Wisconsin District Board of Directors Member (2015-2018)
Synod:	➤ N/A
Community:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Youth Football Coach ➤ Youth Basketball Coach ➤ President Wausau East Back Your Jacks booster club ➤ Member Wisconsin Bar Association ➤ Member Wisconsin and American Land Title Associations

Name:	Stephen Fisher
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Phone:	715-672-5033 Age: 71
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Congregation:	St John Lutheran Church, Durand
Occupation or Profession:	Retired - Law Enforcement Officer for 34 years
<u>Offices or positions, past or present served in the church</u>	
Local Congregation:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Head Elder/Deacon (Present) ➤ Vice President (Present) ➤ Kantor (Present) ➤ Elder/Deacon (15 years) ➤ Vice President (15 years) ➤ President (6 years) ➤ Sunday School opener and Adult Class Instructor
Circuit/Zone:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Lay Delegate to District Convention (2009, 2012 & 2015) ➤ Circuit Lay Delegate to Synod Convention (2007, 2013 & 2016)
District:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ North Wisconsin District Board of Directors (2015-2018) ➤ Governance Committee Member (2015-2018)
Synod:	➤ N/A
Community:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ City Alderman (3 terms) ➤ Charter President, Optimist Club ➤ County of Pepin <u>R</u>adio <u>A</u>mateurs in <u>C</u>ivil <u>E</u>mergencies ➤ County of Pepin Emergency Communications, Warning and Radiological officer ➤ State Law Enforcement firearms, vehicle stops, and Radiological monitor instructor ➤ Children's Bike Safety and safe and sober instructor ➤ Provide Amateur/Ham radio communications in emergencies worldwide

Name: David Frater

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Phone: 715-712-0830 **Age:** 64

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Congregation: Immanuel Lutheran Church, Wisconsin Rapids

Occupation or Profession: Retired – WRPS Elementary Teacher

Offices or positions, past or present served in the church

- Local Congregation:**
- President
 - Outreach
 - Board of Directors
 - School Board President
 - School Board
 - Head Usher
 - Call Committees
 - Staffing Committee

Circuit/Zone: ➤ N/A

District: ➤ LLL/LHM Central Zone Regional Director

Synod: ➤ N/A

Community:

- Vice President – Helping Hands Gospel Mission
- Board Member – Executive Committee and Fundraising Committee

Name:	Brian Hanson
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Congregation:	Immanuel Lutheran Church, Wisconsin Rapids
Occupation or Profession:	Self Employed, Real Estate Broker
<u>Offices or positions, past or present served in the church</u>	
Local Congregation:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Board of Directors (20+ years) ➤ President (9 years) ➤ Vice President (1 year) ➤ Secretary/Treasurer (2 years) ➤ Member at Large (Present) ➤ Several Call Committees, both member and chair ➤ Usher Captain (25 years) ➤ Bible Study Leader ➤ Multiple committees including facility and staffing review and planning, stewardship and discipleship initiatives, both member and chair ➤ Multiple servant events and activities at church and school
Circuit/Zone:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Participant in Circuit events ➤ Represented as congregation lay delegate at meetings ➤ Lay Delegate to North Wisconsin District Convention
District:	➤ N/A
Synod:	➤ N/A
Community:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Central Wisconsin Board of Realtors (CWBR) Board of Directors (2013-Present) ➤ CWBR President (2017) ➤ CWBR President Elect (2016) ➤ CWBR Secretary/Treasurer (2015) ➤ Wisconsin Rapids Citizen's Police Academy Alumni ➤ Participant in local business and economic redevelopment groups ➤ Youth football, baseball and bowling Coach

Name: David Makela	
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Congregation:	Faith Lutheran Church, Spooner
Occupation or Profession:	Retired IT Professional (35 years)
<u>Offices or positions, past or present served in the church</u>	
Local Congregation:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ President ➤ Vice President ➤ Elder ➤ Evangelism ➤ President of 4 different congregations (2 in MN and 2 in WI) ➤ Elder in each of those congregations ➤ 7th Grade Confirmation Teacher (5 years)
Circuit/Zone:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Lay Delegate ➤ Stewardship
District:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Board for Parish Services (6 years) ➤ Convention Floor Committee
Synod:	➤ N/A
Community:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ School Board Chairman ➤ United Way ➤ Red Cross Blood Donor (50 years)

Name: John Paddock	
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Congregation:	Zion Lutheran Church, Cleghorn
Occupation or Profession:	Retired – Department of Natural Resources
<u>Offices or positions, past or present served in the church</u>	
Local Congregation:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Council President ➤ Elder ➤ Sunday School teacher ➤ Board of Education ➤ Board of Stewardship
Circuit/Zone:	➤ N/A
District:	➤ Board of Directors, Lay member
Synod:	➤ N/A
Community:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ City/County Board of Health ➤ Lion's Club ➤ County Ground Water Advisory Committee ➤ UCP fund raiser

Name: Michael Otten	
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Congregation:	Christ Lutheran Church, Wausau
Occupation or Profession:	Retired Educator
<u>Offices or positions, past or present served in the church</u>	
Local Congregation:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Sunday School Teacher ➤ Board of Education ➤ Elder
Circuit/Zone:	➤ N/A
District:	➤ Former Lay Delegate
Synod:	➤ N/A
Community:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Guidance Counselor, Wisconsin Valley Lutheran High School ➤ Executive Director, Kids Voting USA for Marathon County

Name:	Bruce Plautz
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Congregation:	Beautiful Savior Lutheran, Plover
Occupation or Profession:	Community Engagement Leader, Thrivent Financial
<u>Offices or positions, past or present served in the church</u>	
Local Congregation:	<u>Beautiful-Plover</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Stewardship Director ➤ Executive Director ➤ Assistant Executive Director ➤ Board of Elders ➤ Constitution Rewrite Leader ➤ Lay Delegate for District Convention <u>Redeemer-Green Bay</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Congregation President ➤ Congregation Vice-President ➤ Board of Elders ➤ Board of Education ➤ Capital Campaign Co-Chairman
Circuit/Zone:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Northeast Wisconsin Lutheran High School (Green Bay) Board of Directors (6 years) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Board President (5 years) ○ Member of Accreditation Steering Committee ➤ Wisconsin Valley Lutheran High School Board of Directors (Mosinee) (3 years)
District:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ NWD LCMS Board Member (2015-2018) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Audit and Investment Management Committee ○ Camp Luther Board of Directors Representative (Present) ○ Camp Luther Board of Directors Alternate (2015-2017)
Synod:	➤ N/A
Community:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Co-Director, Monthly Southside Community Meal ➤ Facilitator, Lead Transformed (program of the Heartland Leader Initiative of Portage County) ➤ Interfaith Food Pantry Volunteer, Plover

Name:	Daniel Schneider
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Congregation:	Trinity Lutheran Church, Merrill
Occupation or Profession:	Thrivent Representative

Offices or positions, past or present served in the church

Local Congregation:	➤ Chair, Elders ➤ School Board
Circuit/Zone:	➤ N/A
District:	➤ N/A
Synod:	➤ N/A
Community:	➤ N/A

Name:	James Schneider
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Phone:	715-218-0048 Age: 59
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Congregation:	St. John Lutheran Church, Merrill
Occupation or Profession:	Retired – Social Worker (32 years)

Offices or positions, past or present served in the church

Local Congregation:	➤ Elder ➤ Confirmation Teacher ➤ Manage fair stand ➤ Board of Christian Education ➤ President, Lutherans for Life ➤ President, Men’s Club ➤ Bible Study leader ➤ Bible Study attendee ➤ Call Committee member ➤ Evangelism Board
Circuit/Zone:	➤ N/A
District:	➤ N/A
Synod:	➤ N/A
Community:	<u>Past</u> ➤ 4-H Leader ➤ President, National Wild Turkey Federation ➤ President, Pheasants Forever <u>Present</u> ➤ Member, Merrill Rental Association ➤ Member, Marathon County Bee Keepers Association ➤ Starting a Lincoln County Bee Keepers Chapter ➤ Youth hunting and fishing programs

Name:	Karol Selle
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Congregation:	St Paul Lutheran Church, Stevens Point
Occupation or Profession:	Educator at UWSP; Graphic Design/Editor; Communications Director
<u>Offices or positions, past or present served in the church</u>	
Local Congregation:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Public Relations Committee ➤ Council Secretary ➤ Elementary School Teacher and Substitute Teacher ➤ Visioning Committee ➤ International Ministry Task Force ➤ Board Member of Properties, Christian Education, Music Director, Sunday School/VBS teacher, Bible study leader, LWML
Circuit/Zone:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ LWML President
District:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Board of Directors ➤ Board for Parish Services ➤ Mission Task Force ➤ Family Life Task Force ➤ President's Commission on Women ➤ LWML Board of Directors
Synod:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Concordia Publishing House Board of Directors ➤ Board of Regents Concordia University, Ann Arbor ➤ LWML VP of Communication ➤ LWML Executive Committee & Board of Directors ➤ Pentecost 2000 mission effort ➤ LCMS World Mission steering committee for diversity project ➤ LCMS 150th Anniversary Committee ➤ CPH Women's Bible Study Committee
Community:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ English and conversational teacher ➤ Central Wisconsin Master Chorale ➤ Monteverdi Master Chorale ➤ International and American Student ministry ➤ March of Dimes volunteer

Name:	Kathy Strasser
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Congregation:	Mount Olive Lutheran Church, Weston
Occupation or Profession:	Executive Vice President/Chief Operating Officer, River Valley Bank
<u>Offices or positions, past or present served in the church</u>	
Local Congregation:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Mount Olive Board of Directors Chairperson (2011-2017) ➤ Mount Olive Board of Directors (2008-2017) ➤ Mount Olive Finance Committee (2007-2008)
Circuit/Zone:	➤ N/A
District:	➤ N/A
Synod:	➤ N/A
Community:	➤ N/A

**2021
NOMINATIONS
COMMITTEE
TEACHER AT
LARGE
CANDIDATES**

Vote for 1

Name: Pauline Jerabek	
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Phone:	715-823-2593 Age: 54
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Congregation:	Zion Lutheran Church, Embarrass
Occupation or Profession:	4 th Grade Teacher, St. Martin, Clintonville
<u>Offices or positions, past or present served in the church</u>	
Local Congregation:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Sunday School and VBS superintendent ➤ Choir director ➤ Fellowship coordinator
Circuit/Zone:	➤ N/A
District:	➤ Pastors' Wives Retreat Treasurer
Synod:	➤ N/A
Community:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Wolf River Harmony ➤ Embarrass Volunteer Fire Department (yearly fundraisers)

Name: Sallie Kamps	
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Phone:	715-536-3243 Age: 58
E-Mail Address:	sallie.kamps@tismerrill.com
Congregation:	Trinity Lutheran Church, Merrill
Occupation or Profession:	Professional Educator
<u>Offices or positions, past or present served in the church</u>	
Local Congregation:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ President, Trinity's Dorcas Society (3 years) ➤ Youth Group leader (30 years)
Circuit/Zone:	➤ Circuit Youth Leader's Treasurer (12 years)
District:	➤ NWD Youth Gathering planner (1 year)
Synod:	➤ N/A
Community:	➤ N/A

**2021
NOMINATIONS
COMMITTEE
AREA A
PASTOR
CANDIDATES**

Vote for 1

Name: Rev. Matthew Christians	
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Phone:	715-449-2101 Age: 44
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Congregation:	St. Paul Lutheran Church, Birnamwood
Occupation or Profession:	Pastor
<u>Offices or positions, past or present served in the church</u>	
Local Congregation:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Pastor, St. Paul, Birnamwood (2013-Present) ➤ Pastor, Hope, DePere (2009-2012) ➤ Pastor St. John, Edgar & Bethlehem, Milan (2004-2009) ➤ Messiah, Salem, OR (2002-2004)
Circuit/Zone:	➤ N/A
District:	➤ N/A
Synod:	➤ N/A
Community:	➤ N/A

Name: Rev. Matthew Uttenreither	
Address:	PO Box 68, Tigerton, WI 54486
Phone:	715-535-228 Age: 38
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Congregation:	St John Lutheran Church, Tigerton
Occupation or Profession:	Pastor
<u>Offices or positions, past or present served in the church</u>	
Local Congregation:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Pastor, St John, Tigerton (2008-Present) ➤ Pastor, Redeemer/Faith, Duluth, MN/Maple, WI (2005-2008) ➤ Pastor, St. John/Immanuel, Dumont/Monson, MN (2002-2005)
Circuit/Zone:	➤ N/A
District:	➤ N/A
Synod:	➤ N/A
Community Involvement:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Member, Lion's Club (Past) ➤ Assist w/community dinners & activities ➤ Assist with school functions (father of 6)

**2021
NOMINATIONS
COMMITTEE
AREA A
LAYPERSON
CANDIDATES**

Vote for 1

Name: Allen Mueller	
Address:	E11350 Hanson Road, Clintonville, WI 54929
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Congregation:	St. Martin Lutheran Church, Clintonville
Occupation or Profession:	Sign Painter
<u>Offices or positions, past or present served in the church</u>	
Local Congregation:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ President (6 years) ➤ Vice President (3 years) ➤ School Board (11 years) ➤ Elders (6 years) ➤ Chairman of Building Committee ➤ Catechist (10 years) ➤ Communion Assistant ➤ Choir ➤ Strategic planning ➤ Bible study leader
Circuit/Zone:	➤ N/A
District:	➤ N/A
Synod:	➤ N/A
Community:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Board of Directors, Clintonville Historical Society ➤ Certified Hunter Safety Instructor ➤ President of Clintonville Trap Club (Past) ➤ President & Volunteer of Ducks Unlimited (Past)

Name: Scott Fischer	
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Phone:	608-369-3814 Age: 59
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Congregation:	St. Paul Lutheran Church, Bowler
Occupation or Profession:	Forester
<u>Offices or positions, past or present served in the church</u>	
Local Congregation:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Elder ➤ Sunday School Teacher ➤ Choir ➤ School Board Member for Wolf River Lutheran High School
Circuit/Zone:	➤ N/A
District:	➤ N/A
Synod:	➤ N/A
Community:	➤ N/A

Name:	Wayne Carlson
Address:	323 E. Main, Negaunee, MI 49866
Phone:	906-475-6031
E-Mail Address:	Age: 63
Congregation:	Christ the King Lutheran Church, Ishpeming, MI
Occupation or Profession:	Family Doctor
<u>Offices or positions, past or present served in the church</u>	
Local Congregation:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Elder ➤ Vice President (Present) ➤ Choir Director ➤ Organist
Circuit/Zone:	➤ N/A
District:	➤ Voting Delegate, North Wisconsin District Convention
Synod:	➤ Voting Delegate, National LCMS Convention (2016)
Community:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Choir Director ➤ Volunteer Local Drug Rehab Center ➤ Advisor Board Pro-Life Clinic ➤ Advisor Board local Medical Provider Group

**2021
NOMINATIONS
COMMITTEE
AREA B
PASTOR
CANDIDATES**

Vote for 1

Name:	Rev. Donald Engebretson
Address:	N2890 County Road S., Antigo, WI 54409
Phone:	715-623-2680 Age: 57
E-Mail Address:	frzeke@gmail.com
Congregation:	St. Peter Lutheran Church, Polar (Antigo)
Occupation or Profession:	Pastor
<u>Offices or positions, past or present served in the church</u>	
Local Congregation:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Parish pastor (Senior, Associate, Sole) ➤ Vacancy Pastor ➤ Interim Principal ➤ Sunday School Teacher
Circuit/Zone:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Circuit Visitor (2006-Present) ➤ President, LLL ➤ Pastoral Advisor, LWML ➤ Pastoral Advisor, Circuit Youth
District:	➤ Chaplain & Worship Coordinator, District Convention (2006, 2009, 2012 & 2015)
Synod:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Pastoral Delegate National Convention (2004) ➤ Adjunct Instructor, Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne
Community:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Optimist Club ➤ Hospice (Board and Chaplain) ➤ Board of Mental Health ➤ Chaplain, Law Enforcement Memorial ➤ Boy Scouts ➤ Palliative Care Committee – Hospital ➤ Fire Department (Chaplain and Firefighter) (2003-Present)

Name:	Rev. Tim Swanson
Address:	915 Turner Street, Wausau, WI 54401
Phone:	715-432-5563 Age: 43
E-Mail Address:	tswanson815@gmail.com
Congregation:	Rib Mountain Lutheran Church, Wausau
Occupation or Profession:	Pastor
<u>Offices or positions, past or present served in the church</u>	
Local Congregation:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Pastor ➤ Church Council President ➤ Board of Education Chair ➤ Sunday School Superintendent ➤ Sunday School Teacher
Circuit/Zone:	➤ Winkel Secretary
District:	➤ NWD Pastoral Conference Treasurer
Synod:	➤ N/A
Community:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Pastor ➤ Church Council President ➤ Board of Education Chair ➤ Sunday School Superintendent ➤ Sunday School Teacher

**2021
NOMINATIONS
COMMITTEE
AREA B
LAYPERSON
CANDIDATES**

Vote for 1

Name:	Daniel Frick
Address:	N1727 Highway 17, Merrill, WI 54452
Phone:	715-536-4985 Age: 75
E-Mail Address:	dlgafrick@gmail.com
Congregation:	Trinity Lutheran Church, Merrill
Occupation or Profession:	VP Mitchell Metal Products
<u>Offices or positions, past or present served in the church</u>	
Local Congregation:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Board of Elders ➤ Board of Education Chairman ➤ President
District:	➤ N/A
Circuit/Zone:	➤ N/A
District:	➤ N/A
Synod:	➤ N/A
Community:	➤ Merrill Chamber

Name:	Paula Krueger
Address:	H8734 County Road Q, Wausau, WI 54401
Phone:	715-842-9055 Age: 65
E-Mail Address:	krueger@dwave.net
Congregation:	Zion Lutheran Church, Aniwa
Occupation or Profession:	Homemaker, formerly sales/marketing
<u>Offices or positions, past or present served in the church</u>	
Local Congregation:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Coordiantor for "Bow the Knee" annual Easter dramatical musical ➤ Sunday School Teacher and Director ➤ VBS Teacher and Director ➤ Board of Education ➤ Board of Outreach ➤ Board of Stewardship ➤ Bible Study Leader
Circuit/Zone:	➤ Synod Convention, Lay Delegate (2007 & 2017)
District:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Board of Directors ➤ Nominations Committee ➤ Mission Services Board
Synod:	➤ Synod Convention Floor Committee (2016)
Community:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Jr. Achievement Classroom Educator ➤ Community Quilts ➤ Bethesda Thrift Shop

Name:	Daniel Schneider	
Address:	211 Merrill Street, Merrill WI 54452	
Phone:	715-432-4091	Age: 53
E-Mail Address:	daniel.schneider@thrivent.com	
Congregation:	Trinity Lutheran Church, Merrill	
Occupation or Profession:	Thrivent Sales	
<u>Offices or positions, past or present served in the church</u>		
Local Congregation:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Elders (Past) ➤ School Board Chair (Present) 	
Circuit/Zone:	➤ N/A	
District:	➤ N/A	
Synod:	➤ N/A	
Community:	➤ N/A	

**2021
NOMINATIONS
COMMITTEE
AREA C
PASTOR
CANDIDATES**

Vote for 1

Name: Rev. Donald Bruce	
Address:	W3120 State Highway 29, Curtiss WI 55533
Phone:	260-415-3464 Age: 58
E-Mail Address:	Donald.bruce@ctsfw.edu
Congregation:	Christ & St. Paul Lutheran Churches, Abbotsford & Green Grove
Occupation or Profession:	Pastor
<u>Offices or positions, past or present served in the church</u>	
Local Congregation:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Treasurer ➤ Sunday School Superintendent & Teacher ➤ Elder ➤ Lector ➤ Church Council
Circuit/Zone:	➤ N/A
District:	➤ N/A
Synod:	➤ N/A
Community:	➤ Staying busy with two churches.

Name: Rev. Ronald Mueller	
Address:	18533 77 th Avenue North
Phone:	715-931-0879 Age: 70
E-Mail Address:	ron.kathy.mueller@gmail.com
Congregation:	Retired
Occupation or Profession:	Emeritus Pastor
<u>Offices or positions, past or present served in the church</u>	
Local Congregation:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Pastor, Salem Lutheran Church, Barron (1980-2016) ➤ Pastor, Trinity Lutheran Church, Gaylord, MI (1977-1980) ➤ Pastor, Immanuel & Christ, Frederic & Pipe Lake (1973-1977)
Circuit/Zone:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Circuit Secretary ➤ Circuit Counselor ➤ Circuit Representative – Synod Convention
District:	➤ N/A
Synod:	➤ N/A
Community:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Otsego County Youth Board, Gaylord, MI ➤ Hunters' Safety Instructor, Barron ➤ Barron Area Clergy Association, Barron

Name:	Rev. James Norton	
Address:	552 Windsor Forest Drive, Altoona, WI 54720	
Phone:	715-514-5478	Age: 71
E-Mail Address:	jenorton46@gmail.com	
Congregation:	Zion & Bethlehem Lutheran Churches, Fall Creek	
Occupation or Profession:	Pastor	
<u>Offices or positions, past or present served in the church</u>		
Local Congregation:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Pastor in Kansas District ➤ Pastor in Illinois District 	
Circuit/Zone:	➤ Circuit Counselor, Mid-State Circuit-Illinois District	
District:	➤ Chaplain Illinois National Guard (25 years)	
Synod:	➤ N/A	
Community:	➤ Speaker at community events as National Guard Chaplain	

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COMMITTEE
AREA C
LAYPERSON
CANDIDATES**

Vote for 1

Name: Laura Bruce	
Address:	W3120 State Highway 29, Curtiss, WI 54422
Phone:	715-223-7370 Age: 47
E-Mail Address:	LLL54871@yahoo.com
Congregation:	Christ Lutheran Church, Abbotsford
Occupation or Profession:	Customer Service Representative
<u>Offices or positions, past or present served in the church</u>	
Local Congregation:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Stewardship Board ➤ Sunday School Teacher ➤ Board of Family Life
Circuit/Zone:	➤ N/A
District:	➤ N/A
Synod:	➤ N/A
Community:	➤ Community Theater

Name: Mary Harrington	
Address:	115 Bayview Drive, Shell Lake, WI 54871
Phone:	715-468-7797 Age: 65
E-Mail Address:	eugene099@centurytel.net
Congregation:	Faith Lutheran Church, Spooner
Occupation or Profession:	Retired Dental Hygienist
<u>Offices or positions, past or present served in the church</u>	
Local Congregation:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Sunday School and VBS teacher ➤ Fellowship ➤ Youth, Education & Stewardship Boards ➤ LWML
Circuit/Zone:	➤ LWML Zone 3 Secretary and President
District:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ LWML Mission Grant Director ➤ District President ➤ Convention Co-Chair
Synod:	➤ N/A
Community:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Shell Lake Library Board ➤ Glenview Assisted Living Board ➤ 4H Leadership

**2019
SYNOD
CONVENTION
NWD
ADVISORY
DELEGATES**

Vote for 1

2019 SYNOD CONVENTION NWD ADVISORY DELEGATES **(Vote for 1)**

Brian J. Betts, Administrator-Principal **Immanuel Lutheran Church and School – Wisconsin Rapids**

Brian has served at Immanuel Lutheran Church and School for the past 25 years in a variety of roles in the congregation and the school. During this time, he has served as Youth Director, Sunday School Superintendent, and sat on a variety of committees related to school and church ministry. Brian is currently serving in these areas: Technology Administrator (2000-present), 7-8 grade Science Teacher (1992-Present), School Principal (2005-Present), and Church/School Administrator (2018-Present).

I have been a forever member of the LCMS and having served 25 years of my life in active church work, it would be an honor and a blessing to be able to represent the North Wisconsin District at the 2019 Synod Convention. I remember the experiences of my father working to support LCMS ministry by attending Synod and District conventions and representing the church as a lay person providing input and direction to church ministry.

Currently I have a son attending CUW with dreams and plans to be a future church worker in the LCMS. This gives me motivation to be involved at this level to make sure that the future of the LCMS remains strong and vibrant. I feel that I can be a voice of encouragement and motivation to continue to lead and give input that would allow the ministry of the LCMS to be passed onto future generations so that the Great Commission may continue forward. Thank you for your consideration of me as a candidate to represent NWD at the Synod Convention.

Dr. Jeffrey Nielsen, Lay Minister **Peace Lutheran Church and School – Antigo**

I have been a lay minister at Peace Lutheran Church for 15 years. I serve as an assistant to the lead pastor and oversee the mission efforts and spending of the parish, which is a tithing congregation. I am a second career commissioned minister.

I believe that Synod Conventions are important for attending to the business that needs to be done to carry out the ministry of the LCMS. I am willing to do the work of preparation required to be an informed advisory delegate to the Convention. It is my prayer that unity in the LCMS would be strengthened through the work of the Synod Convention as together we serve our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Consent form for floor nominations

To be filled out and given to the District Secretary when nominating from the floor at convention.

I accept the nomination for _____

Signature _____

B I O G R A P H Y

Name _____

Address _____

Phone _____ Approximate age _____

E-mail _____

Congregation _____

Occupation or Profession _____

Offices or positions, past or present, served in church:

Local congregation:

Circuit/zone:

District:

Community involvement: