

CTSFW ANNOUNCES CALLS AND ASSIGNMENTS

Sixty-seven students at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne (CTSFW), learned where they will be serving as pastors, vicars, and deaconess interns in two special services held April 28 and April 29 in Kramer Chapel. At the April 29 call service, thirty-four pastoral calls were announced for thirty Master of Divinity (MDiv) students, three Alternate Route (AR) students, and one graduate of Concordia Lutheran Theological Seminary, St. Catharines, Ontario, Canada.

The Rev. Dr. William A. Harmon, president of the LCMS Southeastern District, delivered the sermon at the service. Harmon told a story about a hardworking parishioner who, as she lay dying in a hospital bed, asked him, “Have I done enough?” He then told the future pastors that there will be times when they, too, ask, “Have I done enough?”

“The answer will be no,” said Harmon. “But there’s One who has. And He has promised not to leave you as orphans but to send His Holy Spirit to be around you and in you to provide for you the gifts and the fruits you need to serve Him.”

After Harmon’s sermon, Dr. Jeffrey H. Pulse, director of Certification and Placement, provided an overview of this year’s call process, noting that the number of calls exceeded the number of seminary candidates available. But he had good news to share, too.

“While we might wring our hands and declare this ‘the worst of times,’ you should be aware that the incoming classes at both seminaries is significantly higher,” said Pulse. “The Lord WILL take care of His Church.”

On April 28, the evening before the call service, thirty seminarians learned where they would be serving as vicars, and three distance deaconess students received internship assignments in absentia.

The Rev. Eric T. Lange, pastor at Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church, Gresham, Oregon, and first vice-president of the Northwest District, preached at the service. In his sermon, Lange noted that the appointed readings from Ezekiel 37 and 1 Peter 3 brought to mind Luther’s explanation of the Fourth Commandment, which he related to the relationship between supervisors and their vicars.

“I thought about starting my message tonight by saying, ‘Do I really have to love my supervisor?’ The answer is yes,” said Lange. “The good news is they need to love you, too.”

Rev. Lange speaks from experience, having supervised two summer vicars and twenty-five vicars. In recognition of this service, Lange and Redeemer received the fifth annual Wyneken Vicarage Award, which is given annually to pastors and congregations that have demonstrated exceptional service to the church through their participation in the vicarage program.

“It is this partnership between the seminary and these congregations and pastors that makes our pastoral formation as robust and Gospel-focused as it is,” said Dr. Todd Peperkorn, director of Vicarage and Internship, who presented the award to Lange.

For photo galleries, recordings of the services, and lists of assignments, internships, and placements, visit ctsfw.edu/CallDay. 📷



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ASSIGNMENTS, INTERNSHIPS, CALLS, AND PLACEMENTS

Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, announces its vicarage assignments, deaconess internships, calls to the pastoral ministry, and deaconess placements for the 2025–26 academic year.

PASTORAL CALLS October 10, 2025

DYLAN SMITH

St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church and Jesus Lutheran Church of the Deaf
Austin, TX
Texas District

DEACONESS PLACEMENTS December 2, 2025

BARBARA EDWARDS

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church and School
Mobile, AL
Florida-Georgia District

ELIZABETH JENTZ

Grace Lutheran Church
Naples, FL
Florida-Georgia District

DEACONESS INTERNSHIPS April 28, 2026

CHRISTINE KERSTER

Shepherd of the Lakes Lutheran Church
Brighton, MI
Michigan District

ASHLEY LEHR

LCMS Office of International Mission
Saint Louis, MO
Missouri District

ANNE PEISER

St. John's Lutheran Church
Mattoon, IL
Central Illinois District

VICARAGE ASSIGNMENTS April 28, 2026

ETHAN BAUMBACH

St. Paul Lutheran Church
Paducah, KY
Mid-South District

JOSHUA CAMP

Trinity Lutheran Church
Hampton, IA
Iowa District East

RICHARD CRAIN

Zion Lutheran Church
Woodburn, IN
Indiana District

NATHANIEL DEMLOW

St. Paul Lutheran Church
Catonsville, MD
Southeastern District

CORY GABOR

Zion Lutheran Church
New Holstein, WI
South Wisconsin District

ROSS GEORGE

Shepherd of the City Lutheran Church
Fort Wayne, IN
Indiana District

NATHANIEL HALL

Faith Lutheran Church
Green Bay, WI
North Wisconsin District

JOSHUA HALLOCK

Grace Lutheran Church
Muncie, IN
Indiana District

WILLIAM HARR

St. Paul Lutheran Church
Eldora, IA
Iowa District East

ADAM HOLTZ

Redeemer Lutheran Church
Lincoln, NE
English District

CALEB KURIC

Trinity Lutheran Church
Waterville, MN
Minnesota South District

JONATHAN LANDREY

Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church
Terre Haute, IN
Indiana District

BRADLEY LARSON

University Lutheran Chapel
Minneapolis, MN
Minnesota South District

JOSEPH MUSOLINO

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
Columbus, OH
Ohio District

PHILIP NORTON

Redeemer Lutheran Church
Gresham, OR
Northwest District

REECE PARLIER

Grace Lutheran Church
Naples, FL
Florida-Georgia District

JONATHAN PIETROWSKI

St. John Lutheran Church
Napoleon, OH
Ohio District

ERIK PREUS

Bethlehem Lutheran Church
Ossian, IN
Indiana District

JACOB REID

Memorial Lutheran Church
Houston, TX
Texas District

MATTHEW SAUER

Redeemer Lutheran Church
Highland, IN
Indiana District

KALEB SCHMIDT

St. Peter's Lutheran Church
Arlington, WI
South Wisconsin District

MATTHEW SCHNEIDER

St. John's Lutheran Church
Yuma, CO
Rocky Mountain District

NATHAN SHELTON

Zion Lutheran Church
Mitchell, SD
South Dakota District

RYAN SKOVE

Emmanuel Lutheran Church
Asheville, NC
Southeastern District

RYAN STEEL

Faith Lutheran Church
Carbondale, CO
Rocky Mountain District

BRANDON STREEKS

Zion Lutheran Church
Decatur, IN
Indiana District

ZACHARY STUCKWISCH

Trinity Lutheran Church
Auburn, IN
Indiana District

ZACHARY TEWS

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
Lincoln, NE
Nebraska District

WESLEY WILLIAMS

Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church
Churubusco, IN
Indiana District

CALEB ZECKER

Messiah Lutheran Church
Danville, CA
English District

PASTORAL CALLS April 29, 2026

ZACHARY BENKERT

Trinity Lutheran Church
Conklin, MI
Michigan District

JOSHUA BIERI

South Wisconsin District
(Church Planter)
Milwaukee, WI

KYLE BLISS

St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church
Lester Prairie, MN
Minnesota South District

DEREK CAREY

Emanuel Lutheran Church
Lancaster, OH
Ohio District

DAVID CHRISTENSEN

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
Toledo, OH
English District

LESTER DOAK

St. John's Lutheran Church
Honey Creek, IA
Iowa District West

NOAH DUNSMORE

Zion Lutheran Church
Mount Pleasant, MI
Michigan District

WILLIAM EBEL III

St. Paul Lutheran Church
Oak Lawn, IL
Northern Illinois District

JACK ENGELDER

Redeemer Lutheran Church
Nixa, MO
Missouri District

Redeemer Lutheran Church
Springfield, MO
Missouri District

JOSHUA GERKEN

Concordia Lutheran Church
Fort Wayne, IN
Indiana District

JAMES GRAMZOW

Emmaus Lutheran Church
Indianapolis, IN
Indiana District

DAVID GRASCH

Our Savior Lutheran Church
Louisville, KY
Indiana District

DAVID GRAY

St. Luke Lutheran Church
Winamac, IN
Indiana District

St. Mark Lutheran Church
Medaryville, IN
Indiana District

MICHAEL HAHN

Immanuel Lutheran Church
Sandy, OR
Northwest District

Peace Lutheran Church
Estacada, OR
Northwest District

TRAVIS HARTMAN

Faith Lutheran Church
Madison, IN
Indiana District

MATTHEW KINNE

Concordia Lutheran Church
Red Wing, MN
Minnesota South District

LUKE KONKEL

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church
Clinton, WI
South Wisconsin District

DAVID KRUEGER

St. Paul Lutheran Church
Flint, MI
Michigan District

MARK LANGTON

Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church
Elbow Lake, MN
Minnesota North District

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church
Hoffman, MN
Minnesota North District

MATTHEW MACHEMER

St. Paul's Lutheran Church
Fort Wayne, IN
Indiana District

ADAM NIETING

Suburban Bethlehem
Lutheran Church
Fort Wayne, IN
Indiana District

JESSE O'SHELL

Saint John The Baptist Lutheran
Church
Emporia, VA
Southeastern District

ANDREW PARTIPILO

Peace With Christ Lutheran Church
Fort Collins, CO
Rocky Mountain District

HARVEY PETERS

Immanuel Lutheran Church
Fairfield, IA
Iowa District East

MORGAN PHILLIPS

St. John Lutheran Church
Wagner, SD
South Dakota District

Trinity Lutheran Church
Fairfax, SD

South Dakota District

JONATHAN POPPE

Trinity Lutheran Church—Rantoul
Hilbert, WI
South Wisconsin District

TANNER SAWALL

Calvary Lutheran Church
Plymouth, IN
Indiana District

JACOB SHEPARD

Zion Lutheran Church
Chebanse, IL
Northern Illinois District

KYLE SORKNESS

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church
Marshall, MN
Minnesota South District

JACOB STEFANEC

St. Paul's Lutheran Church
Mechanicsville, MD
Southeastern District

DEAN SUEHRING

Immanuel Lutheran Church
Marion, WI
North Wisconsin District

St. John Lutheran Church
Tigerton, WI
North Wisconsin District

St. John's Evangelical
Lutheran Church
Tigerton, WI
North Wisconsin District

ADAM THIEL

Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church
Defiance, OH
Ohio District

CARTER THORMAN

St. John's Lutheran Church
Ogallala, NE
Nebraska District

CORY WILLWEBER

Mount Olive Lutheran Church
Rancho Palos Verdes, CA
Pacific Southwest District

DEACONESS PLACEMENTS

May 14, 2026

LYDIA ASANTE

Lydia Asante
New England District (Deaconess)
Springfield, MA

KIMBERLY BOWER

Mount Zion Lutheran Church
Denver, CO
Rocky Mountain District

NICOLE DE COUX-MANNERS

Holy Cross Lutheran Church
Rocklin, CA
California-Nevada-Hawaii District

KRISTIN FREEMAN

Lutheran Counseling and
Family Services
Wauwatosa, WI
South Wisconsin District

BRENNA MCGUIRE

Immanuel Lutheran Church
Fargo, ND
North Dakota District

ELISABETH MOYER

Faith Viera Lutheran Church
Rockledge, FL
SELC District

PAIGE REBBER

Lord of Life Lutheran Church
Plano, TX
Texas District

