

Board of Appeals
(Article XXII, Constitution for the Districts)

- 1) Pastor, six-year term. No incumbent (ineligible after serving 12 years). Vote for 1.

_____ **Rev. Joseph Koelpin**, 36, married, 7 children. 4520 19th Ave NW., Rochester, MN 55901-8270. Serves Resurrection and Life Lutheran in Rochester (1.5 years). Previously served Abiding Faith in Pinehurst, TX (8 years). South Central District offices: Board of Evangelism, Board of Youth Discipleship, Chairman of the Essay Committee.

_____ **Rev. Bruce W. Hanneman**, age 62, married, 4 grown children. 857 5th St. Hancock, MN 56244-9760. Currently in his third year of service at St. John's Hancock, MN; Before that he served at St. Paul's Arlington, MN (17 years); Redeemer, Hastings, NE (5 years); and Good Shepherd, Cheyenne, WY (11 years).
Additional service experience as: Nebraska District Mission Board Secretary; Circuit Pastor at Hastings, (3 years); Circuit Pastor at Arlington, (14 years); Board of Directors member at Nebraska Lutheran High School, and at Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School.

- 2) Male teacher, six-year term. No incumbent (ineligible after serving 12 years). Vote for 1.

_____ **Teacher Bradley Gurgel**, (2008 graduate), married. 826 N 9th St., Saint Peter, MN 56082-1264. He currently serves St. Peter Lutheran School.

_____ **Teacher Glenn Metzger** Redwood Falls, MN. He currently serves St. John Lutheran School, 34719 Cty Hwy 24, Redwood Falls, MN 56283-2009 (At the time of his nomination, he is holding a call that if accepted would take him out of the district).

_____ **Teacher Brian Gephart**, 31, single, 20913 Walden Ave. Hutchinson, MN 55350. Currently teaches at Immanuel Lutheran School, Hutchinson (2 years). Previously teacher and dorm supervisor at Cal. Luth. H. S. (2 years) and served Friends of China (4 years).

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3) Layman, six-year term. Vote for 1.

_____ **Mr. Scott Rigge** (incumbent), 55, married, four children. 6238 190th Ave Belview, MN 56214. Member at St. John, Wood Lake 55 years. Congregational service: treasurer, three years; board of education, six years; trustee, six years; Just Scholarship board, six years; church secretary, four years
Employed at/part owner of Rigge Construction and a farmer, 28 years. Previously employed (production) at Midcontinent Cabinets, seven years.

_____ **Mr. Terry Schardt**, 66, married, four children. 3010 Knoll Lane NW, Rochester, MN 55901. Member at Ascension Ev. Lutheran, Rochester. Serves as congregation's financial secretary. Has also served as president, secretary, treasurer, elder, stewardship and evangelism committees. Professional experience: IBM, Rochester, 37 years (laboratory, machine development and managerial).

District Nominating Committee

At each District Convention, each of the six conferences elects one pastor for this committee to a four-year term. Two pastors serve per conference, so at every biennial convention there is an election. This year also *every* convention delegate votes for the chairman position. For the other positions, delegates vote *only* for a representative in their own conference. (Check with your pastor if you are unsure which conference your congregation is in.)

Chairman, four year term. Every delegate votes for 1:

_____ **Rev. Henry T. Koch** (incumbent), age 55, married, 1 child. 28983 181st Ave. New Prague, MN 56071. Currently serving Friedens, New Prague (10 years). Previously served Zion Lutheran, Torrance, CA (10 years) and Faith Lutheran, St. Petersburg, FL (9 years). Currently serves as chairman of Mankato Conference (1 year) and chairman of MN District Nom. Committee (9 years). Has served as a director with Cal. Luth. H.S. Board (9 years), So. Luth. Academy Bd (8 years), and Luth. Home Assoc. Bd (9 years). He was chairman of So. Atl. Dist. (SAD) Constitution Committee; chairman, treasurer for pastors' conferences in AZ-CA and SAD.

_____ **Rev David D. Rosenow**, age 64, married. 878 217th St. Osceola, WI 54020. He has served Trinity, Osceola, WI from 2014 to the present. He has served as pastor of Salem (107th St.), Milwaukee, WI (9 years); Grace, Hutchinson, MN (9 yrs); St Paul, Wonewoc, WI (4 yrs) and First German, Manitowoc, WI (10 yrs). He has served on the WELS Board of Appeals (2001-2013).

Crow River delegates, vote for 1:

_____ **Rev. Paul Marggraf** (incumbent), 59, married, three children. 128 4th St N., Delano, MN 55328-8739. Presently serving Mt. Olive Lutheran, 18 years. Previously served St. John's Lutheran, Bowdle, SD (6 years) and Our Savior Lutheran, Brookings, SD (10 years). Has served as Crow River Conference chairman (8 years), Dakota/Montana Dist. secretary (6 years) and youth discipleship committee (4 years).

_____ **Rev. Eugene DeVries:** 44, married, five children, 20911 Walden Ave. Hutchinson, MN 55350-4201. Presently serving Immanuel Lutheran/Zion Lutheran, Hutchinson (3 years). Previously served at Belvedere, IL (2 years), then at Redeemer, St. Croix Falls, WI (9 years). Served on the Nominating Committee (4 years) while at Redeemer.

Crow River delegates, continued:

Mankato delegates, vote for 1:

_____ **Rev. Matt Grunewald**, (incumbent) 46, married, four children. 208 Front St E, PO Box 518, Saint Clair, MN 56080. Presently serving St. John's in St. Clair, 9 years. Currently LWMS MN River Valley Spiritual Advisor (2 years), and previously served Lutheran Women's Missionary Society (LWMS) Alpha circuit in southeast Michigan (2-4 years). Previously pastor at Mt Olive Lutheran Church, Detroit MI (11 years). Martin Luther Grade School board (11 years) and treasurer (3 years).

_____ **Rev. Thomas J. Smith**, 61, married, two adult children. 408 Pebble Beach Dr., Owatonna, MN 55060. Presently serving Emmanuel Lutheran, Owatonna (26 years). Previously served Abiding Love Lutheran (Cape Coral, 8 years). Has served as LWMS pastoral advisor (4 years), Commission on Communication for Financial Support (CCFS, 12 years).

Minnesota River Valley delegates, vote for 1:

_____ **Rev. Scott Muske** (incumbent), married. 16 NE 1st, PO Box 217, Fairfax, MN 55332-4515. He serves Emanuel Lutheran (Fairfax) and St. John Lutheran (Fairfax).

_____ **Rev. John M. Paustian**, 28, married. 218 Zion Street, Morgan, MN 56266. He graduated in 2016 and serves Zion Lutheran in Morgan, MN.

Red Wing delegates, vote for 1: (see also next page)

_____ **Rev. Brian Semrow** (incumbent), 31, single. 2054 11th Ave SE Unit B, Rochester, MN 55904-2956. Currently serving Ascension, Rochester (5 Years). Has served on the MN District Nominating Committee (4 Years)

_____ **Rev. Jon N. Wolff**, age 63, married, 3 children and 4 grandchildren. 522 N 1st St., Caledonia, MN 55921-1509. Currently serving St. John's in Caledonia (18 Years), St. John's Boyd, MN, Bethany, Granite Falls, MN and Living Water, Dawson, MN (5 Years), Cross Lutheran, Charles City, IA, (11 Years) Prince of Peace, Mason City, IA (2 Years). Has served on the nominating Committee for Belle Plaine Lutheran Home Assoc. (4 Years).

St. Croix delegates, vote for one:

_____ **Rev. Jason Thiel** (incumbent) , married. 7421 96th St S., Cottage Grove, MN 55016-3866. Currently serves St. John Lutheran, Hastings, MN.

_____ **Rev David D. Rosenow**, age 64, married. 878 217th St. Osceola, WI 54020. He has served Trinity, Osceola, WI from 2014 to the present. He has served as pastor of Salem (107th St.), Milwaukee, WI (9 years); Grace, Hutchinson, MN (9 yrs); St Paul, Wonewoc, WI (4 yrs) and First German, Manitowoc, WI (10 yrs). He has served on the WELS Board of Appeals (2001-2013).

Southern delegates, vote for one (from the Iowa Circuit):

_____ **Rev. Roger Neumann** (incumbent), 62, married, two children, currently serving Grace Oskaloosa, IA (37 years). Previously served on District Evangelism Committee, and currently on Nominating Committee. Southern Conference chairman since 1987. Chairman of the ULC (Ukrainian Lutheran Church) Subcommittee since 2015.

_____ **Rev. Marques Nelson**, age 33, married, 3 children. 2850 42nd St NE Cedar Rapids, IA 52402-2622. Currently serves Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Cedar Rapids, IA (2 years since WLS graduation in 2016).

Coordinator of Congregational Services

(Article XV, Constitution for the Districts)

Six-year term (New position, so no incumbent; Rev. Ewart has been serving as youth discipleship chairman.) Vote for 1.

_____ **Rev. Matt A. Ewart**, age 37, married, 3 children. 10024 167th Ct W., Lakeville, MN 55044-4624. Currently serving Bethlehem, Lakeville MN (4 years). Previously served at Living Hope, Brighton, CO (3 years); Emmanuel, Tempe, AZ (5 years). Has served as MN Youth & Family Discipleship district coordinator from 2016-2018.

_____ **Rev. Michael J. Kuschel**, age 37, married, 5 children. 304 4th St. Danube, MN 56230. Currently serving St. Matthew's, Danube and St. Matthew's, Flora Township (11 years). Circuit pastor (1 year), Coordinator of Congregational Counseling (4 years).

Coordinator of Congregational Services (continued)

Synodical Council MN District Representative

Four-year term (no incumbent). Vote for 1:

_____ **Mr. Mark Salzwedel**, age 49. Eden Prairie, MN. Married, three children. Member of Christ Lutheran, Eden Prairie for 17 years. Congregational experience: president (2 terms, 6 years) and prison ministry coordinator/teacher (8 years) . Has previously served as outreach chairman (8 yrs) and teen ministry leader (15 yrs). Also served in teen ministry, outreach, and stewardship positions in former congregations in California, Texas, and Illinois. Completed Congregational Assistant Program. Professional experience: Project Manager/agility coach (5 yrs) at Be the Match (non-profit National Marrow Donor Program); previously software development/management and engineering.

Paul Holzhuetter, outgoing SC representative, notes: "Besides having a solid faith background, [Mark] has expertise in information technology, so he is very familiar with the capability of computers and technology.. Although he has not had any synodical positions, he is very active in the ministry at his home church."

_____ **Mr. Kurt Sames**, age 50. married, 3 children. 1167 Appaloussa Trail, Hudson, WI. Member at Salem Lutheran, Stillwater, MN, for 14 years. Congregational experience: Currently elder at Salem Lutheran. Has served Salem Lutheran Church Council, Spiritual Growth Committee Chairman, School Board, and Vacation Bible School Organizer; St. John Lutheran Stephen Minister; St. Mark Lutheran Youth Group Leader. Project Neighbors – House and Community building for those in need. Professional Experience: Business Executive, General Manager, Merger & Acquisition, Strategic Consulting and Planning, Product Management. Social Works Committee Chairman (Valparaiso University). Synodical Experience: Director (Board of Directors) for WELS Foundation and Kingdom Workers.

Mr. Sames provided this information as well:

Presently, I am employed by Explore Information Services (a division of Solera Holdings) as General Manager of the fleet solutions business. In this role, I have P&L responsibility and oversee all aspects of the business operations. In addition to this role, I led product management, government relations, business strategy, acquisitions and partnership development for Explore.

Prior to joining Explore, I spent 13 years in the information and software industries, including over 7 years in the financial services industry. My experiences include business repositioning, new product ideation, global expansion, and acquisition execution. In addition, I have several years of experience managing a software and service business. My prior employers include Thomson Reuters and Wolters Kluwer.

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Other professional experience includes investment banking, strategic planning, and business consulting.

I hold a Master of Business Administration in Finance and Strategic Management from The Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania, a Fulbright Grant in Economics to the University of Cologne, Germany and a Bachelor of Arts in Economics and Humanities from Valparaiso University.

Special Ministries

Six-year term (no incumbent). Vote for 1.

_____ **Rev. Timothy J Redfield**, age 35, married, 1 child, 118 S Eagle St, Belle Plaine, MN 56011, 715-891-1735. Currently serving Trinity, Belle Plaine (4 years). Previously served St. Paul's, Litchfield and St. Peter's, Darwin (5 years). Has been working as a committee member with the Mission for the Visually Impaired since June 2017. Daughter (Libby) was born blind, she is 6 years old, learning Braille and learning how to use a cane.

_____ **Rev. Dennis A. Reichow**, 51, married, five children. 4507 80th St. Glencoe, MN 55336. He currently serves St. John's Lutheran Church, Glencoe (18 years), where a Jesus Cares ministry has been operating for 17 years. Previously served Trinity Lutheran, Smith's Mill (7 years). He currently serves as conference secretary (20 years). Has served on locally advisory board for campus ministry, Mankato (12 years).

_____ **Rev. Rick Tuttle**, 54, married, one child. 113 2nd St NE, Renville, MN 56284. He currently serves St. John's Lutheran Church, Renville (14 years). Has served 14 years conducting jail ministry at the Yellow Medicine County Jail, Granite Falls MN. Served five years as Chairman of the WELS Special Ministries Jail Ministry Training Team, part of WELS Prison Ministry.

LPS Governing Board

Layman, vote for one, six-year term (no incumbent). Vote for 1. (continued on next page)

_____ **Mr. Steve Balza**, age 47. 214 S Highland Ave., New Ulm, MN. Married, three children. Two are LPS grads ('16 and '18) and one is grade 6. Member of St John, New Ulm where wife is a called teacher since 2014. Recent congregational experience: Board of Youth and Education (1 term - 3 years), **Sunday** School coordinator (2 years). Former church experience includes terms on Evangelism and Youth boards, leadership of Jesus Cares programs, and service on the WELS Special Education Services Committee. Education: K-12 in LES/ALHS schools in southwest MI and a DMLC '93 graduate. Professional experience: Director of Alumni Relations at Martin Luther College since 2007. Previously taught in WELS and ELS schools in Falls Church, VA and Golden Valley, MN. Worked in Twin Cities sales positions for Honeywell and Dex Media prior to accepting position at MLC.

_____ **Mr. Robert Broring**, age 52, married (wife is teacher at parochial school), three children (all attended Luther Prep School), 4421 Arcon Ln NW Rochester, MN. Member at Resurrection and Life Lutheran, Rochester, for 23 years. Has served as congregation's chairman for school board and for outreach, served as an elder, head usher, and congregational president. Director of youth at St. John's in Lewiston, MN (1988-92). Profession: District Manager for Arrow Ace Hardware.

_____ **Mr. Ross Malkuch**, 64, married, four adult children (all graduates of LPS), resides in rural Pennock, MN. His wife is a graduate of MLA (New Ulm). He is a member at Immanuel Ev. Lutheran, Wilmar (35 years). He has served as choir director (33 years), board of elders and other council positions. He is retired from being a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist.

MLS Governing Board

Six-year term, no incumbent. Vote for 1.

_____ **Rev. Craig A. Engel**, age 45, married, 3 children. 1704 5th St SW., Willmar, MN 56201-4111. Graduated from MLS. Currently serving Immanuel, Willmar (19 years). Has served as Spiritual Advisor for LWMS circuit (4 years) and the Martin Luther College Ladies' Auxiliary (4 years). Has also served on the District Worship Committee (10 years) and Circuit Pastor for the Crow River Conference Southern Circuit (6 years).

_____ **Rev. Jeremy P. Glowicki**, age 44, married, 4 children. Jordan, MN 55352. Currently serving St. Paul, Jordan (8 years). St. John, St. Paul (8 years), Beautiful Savior, Portland, ME (3 years). Has served on the MN District Mission Board (12 years) and Board for Home Missions (10 years). Circuit Pastor for the Mankato North Circuit (4 years) Graduate of Michigan Lutheran Seminary (Class of 1991).

_____ **Rev. Matthew Sprunger**, 34, married, two children. POB 25, Sanborn, MN 56083. Graduated from MLS in 2001 (four sisters graduated from there as well). Presently serves Zion Lutheran, Sanborn (four years). Previously served St. Paul's in Valley City and Christ the King in Jamestown (dual parish) (4.5 years). Conference secretary Dak-Mont. District Eastern Conference (3.5 years).

_____ **Rev. Steven Tews**, 34, married, three children. 301 Third St. PO Box 303, Balaton, MN 56115. Graduated from MLS in 2002. Presently serves Immanuel Lutheran, Tyler (two years), and St. Peter's Lutheran, Balaton (seven years). Has served as LWMS spiritual advisor (two years).

Submitted by

COMMITTEE #3 NOMINATIONS

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