

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

Pastor, four-year term. Vote for 1.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Rev. Roger Rockhoff** (incumbent) ,60, married, four grown children (who serve as teachers in WELS schools). 2435 Mossy Creek Dr NE, Owatonna, MN 55060-6259. He serves Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Owatonna, MN (1 year). He is currently serving the vacancy for the dual parishes of St. John's Lutheran Church in Alma City, MN and Trinity Lutheran Church in Smith's Mill, MN. Over 33 years he has served congregations in Minnesota (2), Hawaii, Florida (2), Kansas, and North Carolina as a parish pastor. Rev. Rockhoff has served on District LWMS boards as both Spiritual Growth Pastor and Pastoral Advisor. He has also been a Circuit Pastor and Conference President.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Rev. Matthew Rauh**, 59, married, three children. 402 First Ave NW, Arlington, MN 55307. He serves St.Paul Lutheran (6 years). He served St. Peter in St. Peter (21 yrs), and Zion in Denver (5 years), Michigan Lutheran High School (1 yr). He currently serves the district nominating committee, board of directors for The Lutheran Home (24 years), and as LWMS pastoral advisor. He has served as circuit pastor, MVL HS board (6 yrs), and New Beginnings board (CO).

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Layman, four-year term. Vote for 1.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Pres. Em. Dan R. Bruss, Ph.D.**, age 69, married, two children, four grandchildren. Address: 3 Deer Run Pella, IA 50219. Dan is a member of Grace Lutheran Church in Oskaloosa, IA. He served as President of Bethany Lutheran College from 2003-2015. Prior to his call to Bethany, he taught chemistry at several colleges and has been active in both the WELS and the ELS. Currently he serves on the board of directors of Kingdom Workers and chairs the Trustee Succession Committee of the Marvin M. Schwan Charitable Foundation.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Mr. Terry Schardt**, 70, married, four children. 3010 Knoll Lane NW, Rochester, MN 55901. Member at Ascension Ev. Lutheran, Rochester. He has served as president, financial secretary, secretary, treasurer, elder, stewardship and evangelism committees. Professional experience: IBM, Rochester, 37 years (laboratory, machine development and managerial).

\_\_\_\_\_ **Mr. Bill Vollmer**, age 54, married, four children. 1593 Shady Shore Drive, Lake Benton, MN 56149. He has been a member at Immanuel Lutheran in Tyler, MN for 24 years. He has served as congregation secretary (6 yrs) and president (9 yrs). He has been Safety Director at Schwan's for 31 years, with background and training in Human Resources.

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## 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, *typically* one position per conference. 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. Benjy Pederson**, age 46, married, five children. 10425 Arrowhead St NW, Coon Rapids, MN 55433-4504. He currently serves Cross of Christ Lutheran Church in Coon Rapids, MN (6 years). He served Grace Lutheran in Spring Hill, FL (9 yrs) and Petra Lutheran in Sauk Rapids, MN (5 yrs). He served as chairman for Southern Lutheran Academy board (4 yrs).

         **Rev. Jay Panning** age 58, married, four children. 811 Maplewood Ave Litchfield, MN 55355-4513 He currently serves St. Paul's Lutheran Church. He previously served in Las Vegas (22 years) and Tucson (2 yrs). He serves as District Reporter.

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**Crow River** delegates, vote for 1:

         **Rev. Paul Marggraf** (incumbent), age 63, married, three children. 128 4th St N., Delano, MN 55328-8739. Presently serving Mt. Olive Lutheran, 22 years. Previously served St. John's Lutheran, Bowdle, SD (6 yrs) and Our Savior Lutheran, Brookings, SD (10 yrs). Has served as Crow River Conference chairman (8 ys), Dakota/Montana Dist. secretary (6 yrs) and youth discipleship committee (4 yrs).

         **Rev. Mark Kahrs**, age 34, married two children. 411 2nd St SE, Glenwood, MN 56334-1804. He currently serves Calvary Lutheran Church, 7 years and St. John Lutheran Church, one year. He has served as Crow River LWMS Spiritual Advisor (2 years).

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**Mankato** delegates, vote for 1:

         **Rev. Adam Pilarski**, age 33, married, one child. 4507 80th St. Glencoe, MN 55336-5517. He currently serves St. John Lutheran, Glencoe (2 ½ yrs). He previously served Christ Lutheran, Bison, Christ Lutheran, Morristown, St Paul Lutheran in McIntosh, and Peace Lutheran in Isabel, South Dakota (concurrently, 4 ½ yrs). He serves as a conference chairman, and is on the Christian Life Resources national board.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Rev. Micah Plocher**, age 29, married. 608 Main St., Nicollet, MN 56074-2073 He serves at Trinity Lutheran in Nicollet, MN (2 years). He previously served as a tutor at Michigan Lutheran Seminary (2 yrs). He serves on the conference's program committee.

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**Minnesota River Valley delegates, vote for 1:**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Rev. Ethan Boese**, age 29, married, two children. 101 South St., PO Box 25, Sanborn, MN 56083-0025. He serves Zion Lutheran in Sanborn (2 years). He serves on MVL HS board of directors.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Rev. Dan Herold**, age 35, married, three children. 206 W Marshall St., Marshall, MN 56258-1333. He serves Christ Lutheran in Marshall, ½ year. He has served Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran in Fredricksburg, TX (4 ½ yrs), Glory to God Lutheran in Tinley Park and Our Redeemer Lutheran in Grant Park, IL (concurrently 4 yrs). He was chairman of Ministry of Christian Giving in the South Central District (2 yrs). He was LWMS pastoral advisor in Texas (4 yrs).

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**Red Wing delegates, no election** for your conference needed this year. (You may go to next section of the ballot.)

**St. Croix delegates, vote for one:**

\_\_\_\_\_ **Rev. Tim Rosenow** (incumbent), age 34, 373 Monroe St., Prescott, WI 54021-1119. He serves St. Paul Lutheran in Prescott, WI (8 years). He serves his conference as secretary (5 yrs) and essay committee (5 yrs).

\_\_\_\_\_ **Rev. Jim Roecker**, age 34, married, two children. 1008 Portland Ave., St Paul Park, MN 55071-1431. He serves St. Andrew Lutheran in Saint Paul Park, MN (4 years). He previously served Divine Word in Plover, WI, and started The Word in Stevens Point, WI (multi-site, 3 yrs). Spiritual advisor for LWMS in the Twin Cities (2 yrs).

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

\_\_\_\_\_ **Rev. Roger Neumann** (incumbent), age 66, married, two children, currently serving Grace Lutheran in Oskaloosa, IA (41 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. Seth Georgeson** married, two children. He serves Martin Luther Church in Sunset Hills (St. Louis), MO.

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### **District Mission Board**

Pastor, layman or male teacher, four-year term. Vote for 1.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Rev. Dr. John C. Boeder** age 58, married, five children (four grown, one at Minnesota Valley Lutheran High School). 120 N. Washington St., New Ulm, MN 56073. Currently in his twenty-second year of service as Campus Pastor at Martin Luther College. Before that he served as an associate pastor at St. Paul's, Wisconsin Rapids, WI (4 years); Abiding Savior, Elk River, MN (4 years); and Martin Luther Preparatory School, Prairie du Chien, WI (2 years). During his years at MLC, he earned a Doctor of Ministry degree in Outreach and Discipleship from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. He directs MLC's Daylight program, which places MLC students into the home and world mission fields of WELS for ministry experience and mission support. He chairs MLC's Theology division and serves on various campus committees. Additional service experience as: WELS Parish Assistance consultant, Western Wisconsin Commission on Worship member, Board of Directors of The Lutheran Home Association. He has spoken throughout WELS about the blessings of short-term missions, led mission trips to Milwaukee, Maryland, Utah, New York, and the Twin Cities, and facilitated short-term mission experiences for MLC grads in many international fields.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Rev. Dustin D. Sievert**, age 41, married with four grade school-age children. 8463 Bradford Ct, Inver Grove Heights, MN 55076. Currently, in his 6th year at St. Croix Lutheran Academy, West St. Paul, MN where he serves as campus pastor and religion instructor. Before that he served at St. Peter Lutheran, Appleton, WI (6 years) and Martin Luther College (3 years).

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Vote for one layman:

\_\_\_\_\_ **Mr. Daryl Schultz** (incumbent), age 54, married, 3 children. 914 Fox Chase Rd. SW, Rochester, MN 55902. He is at Resurrection and Life Lutheran in Rochester, MN (23 years). His profession is project manager at IBM. He has served his congregation as president (2 terms), treasurer (2 terms), and various boards and committees.

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### **Synodical Council MN District Representative**

Four-year term. Vote for 1:

\_\_\_\_\_ **Mr. Mark Salzwedel**, age 53. Eden Prairie, MN. Married, three children. Member of Christ Lutheran, Eden Prairie for 21 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.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Mr. Kurt Sames** (incumbent), age 54. married, 3 children. 1167 Appaloua Trail, Hudson, WI. Member at Salem Lutheran, Stillwater, MN, for 18 years. Congregational experience: Salem Lutheran Church Council, Elder, 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.

He has been employed by Explore Information Services (a division of Solera Holdings) as General Manager of the fleet solutions business: P&L responsibility and overseeing all aspects of the business operations. He also led product management, government relations, business strategy, acquisitions and partnership development for Explore.

Prior to joining Explore, he spent 13 years in the information and software industries, including over 7 years in the financial services industry. Experiences include business repositioning, new product ideation, global expansion, and acquisition execution. He has several years of experience managing a software and service business. His prior employers include Thomson Reuters and Wolters Kluwer.

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

He holds 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.

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## **Martin Luther College Governing Board**

Four-year term, no incumbent. Vote for 1 male teacher.

\_\_\_\_\_ Paul H. Kelm, age 57, married, 3 children. 29903 County Highway 1, Redwood Falls, MN 56283. He serves as teacher (5 years)/vice-principal (3 years) at St. John Lutheran School in Redwood Falls, MN. He previously served as a teacher at Risen Savior Lutheran School, Milwaukee, WI (11 Yrs), and as teacher at Martin Luther School, Plzen, Czech Republic (12 yrs). He also served in Plzen teaching adult Bible study and an English Conversation Club. He has served on DMLC Alumni and Friends (2 yrs). He has served his

congregation's adult and youth discipleship, and as a Sunday School and Youth Group assistant. Over the past 35 years he has served as a photographer for churches and schools where he has served.

\_\_\_\_\_ Mr. Daniel Whitney, age 64, married, three children. 418 W. South St., Belle Plaine, MN 56011. He is a member at Trinity Lutheran, Belle Plaine, MN (17 years). He is serving a one-year call at Risen Savior, Mankato. He retired in 2020, but returned to ministry this past school year. He is deliberating two part-time calls. While he is likely to serve two more years, he does not anticipate serving as a teacher the full four years of this MLC board term. He has served at Good Shepherd at Sioux Falls, SD (4 yrs), Risen Savior in Milwaukee (10 yrs), St. Matthew's Lutheran in Iron Ridge, WI (principal/ teacher, 11 yrs), and Trinity in Belle Plaine, MN (principal/teacher 15 yrs).

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### **Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary Governing Board**

Four-year term, no incumbent. Vote for 1 layman.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Mr. Dale Peterson**, age 65, married, 2 grown children. He is a retired computer programmer. He currently is head elder at Resurrection Lutheran, Rochester, MN. He has served as congregation chairman and as chairman of various church boards, including spiritual growth, evangelism, and fellowship. He has also served as board chairman of Resurrection Lutheran School and as a Buckeroo leader for the Rochester Lutheran Pioneer troop.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Mr. Clayton Raasch**, (retired), married, one child (attending WLS, first year). 2380 Periwinkle Ave N., Stillwater, MN 55082. He is a member at Salem Lutheran Church, Shoreview, MN. He serves as their Evangelism Committee Chair and is Congregation President-elect. He has been Vice President, Camp Croix Board of Directors, has served on the Board of Regents and Mission Advancement Committee for St. Croix Lutheran Academy (SCLA). He is chairman of the Men's Retreat Planning Committee (15<sup>th</sup> year). His education is a BS, Mechanical Engineering, Iowa St. U; MBA, So. Meth. U. His profession was as an engineer in WI, MN, and ND.

\_\_\_\_\_ **Mr. Bradley D. Schlesselman**, age 51, married, 3 children. Address: 2675 250<sup>th</sup> Street Oskaloosa, Iowa 52577. Brad is a member of Grace Lutheran Church in Oskaloosa, Iowa. His professional career resides in lighting research and education, where he is a Senior Research Engineer for Musco Sports Lighting in Oskaloosa, Iowa. He is currently serving his second term as President at Grace. He has also held the positions of Vice President and Trustee at Grace.

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Submitted by  
COMMITTEE #3 NOMINATIONS  
Henry Koch, Chair

PASTORS

Rev. Gregory Tobison  
Rev. Paul Marggraf  
Rev. Matt Rauh  
Rev. Adam Manian  
Rev. Brian Kom  
Rev. Roger Riedel  
Rev. Phil Spaude  
Rev. Timothy Rosenow  
Roger Neumann  
Steven Waldschmidt