Northwestern Minnesota Synod
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

List of Current Call Processes

Congregations in the Call Process (11/1/2026) Positions *are for full-time, solo pastors, unless otherwise noted.*

Congregations that are in transition: No call committee is formed

Conference 2	**First & Immanuel**, Warren
Conference 2	**St. Pauli,** Thief River Falls
Conference 2	**First Lutheran**, Middle River and **Our Savior's** Thief Lake
Conference 3	**New Beginnings Parish**, Oslo and Alvarado
Conference 3	**Holy Trinity,** East Grand Forks – part time
Conference 4	**Bethlehem**, Waskish | part time
Conference 4	**Bethel & Zion**, Rural Bagley– Looking for a part-time SAM or RM
Conference 4	**Lutheran Campus Ministry,** Bemidji State University part-time
Conference 5	**Kirkebo Lutheran Church**, Perley
Conference 8	**Osakis Lutheran,** Osakis
Conference 8	**Good Shepherd,** Wheaton**, & Bethel,** Herman

In Interim or Self-Study: These congregations intend to call a new rostered leader. They have formed a call committee.

Conference 1	**Bethel Lutheran Church**, rural Roseau, Janet Johnson, SAM
Conference 2	**Melo & Our Savior Lutheran Church,** Warren
Conference 3	**Fisher/Bygland,** Pr. Mike Ozaki
Conference 4	**North Beltrami Evangelical Lutheran Parish,** Blackduck and Kelliher, Alyssa Lyons & Karl Swanson, SAM
Conference 5	**MSUM Campus Pastor – part time**
Conference 5	**Comstock/Hoff**
Conference 6	**First, Audubon** Dn. Yvonne Stindal, interim
Conference 7	**Hope Lutheran, Fergus Falls,** Pr. Kate Bruns

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Considering Candidates: These congregations have submitted their MSPs to the ELCA mobility database and are *ready to interview* candidates.

Conference 1	**Bethel Lutheran & Faith Lutheran**, Greenbush,
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Conference 2	**Goodridge Parish,** Travis Dazell & Marijo Vik, SAM interims
Conference 2	**Bethlehem and Nazareth, Newfolden and Holt**
Conference 3	**First, Mahnomen,** Interim, SAM Kathy Johnson
Conference 3	**Trinity, Crookston** Pr. Vern Christopherson, interim
Conference 4	**First Lutheran, Bemidji**, Associate Pastor
Conference 5	**Gran-Park- Rollag,** Hawley - Pr. Keith Zeh, interim
Conference 6	**Faith, Staples & Cushing**; Interim Pr. Robert Drake
Conference 6	**Our Savior's Sebeka/Balsamlund** Janet Eckman SAM
Conference 7	**First Lutheran,** Fergus Falls; Interim Pr. Ruth Hetland
Conference 7	**Good Shepherd Lutheran Church**, Henning
Conference 7	**Faith Lutheran**, Pelican Rapids, Pr. Nicholas Rhode, interim
Conference 8	**Bethesda,** Alexandria, Pr. Clay Ellingson, interim
Conference 8	**United Lutheran,** Elbow Lake

Calls in Process/Final Candidates: These congregations are *no longer receiving names* because they have a final candidate, are preparing for a congregational meeting to call a rostered minister–or are awaiting a response from a rostered minister who has already been called.

Conference 5	**Gloria Dei, Felton and Winchester, Borup,** part time