

# **REPORT OF THE SECRETARY**

*(Synod Council – May 2018)*  
*(As of May 24, 2018)*

A. **Installations**

Terris Krueger - St. Mark's, Bloomfield 3/11/18 (Pr. Kristen Van Stee installing)

**Consecrations**

B. **Calls (Word & Service Roster)**

C. **Transfers**

Gretchen Ritola to Metropolitan Washington D.C. Synod

Andrew Dietzel to Southwestern Texas Synod

Ethan Feistner from Central States Synod

D. **Deaths**

Rev. Ralph Ritzen, 5/18/18

E. **Resigned from Roster**

F. **Removed from Roster**

G. **Retired**

Jonathan Jensen, effective 1/1/18

David Sites, effective 1/1/18

Gretchen Ritola, effective 1/1/18

Sylvia Karlsson, effective 1/1/18

Maria Conner Szurpicki, effective 2/1/18

H. **Disability**

I. **Ordinations**

J. **Pastoral Changes/Congregations Seeking Pastors**

**ALBION, Immanuel Zion** – (PT) effective August 2016 (Pr. Meg Sander)

**ALBION, Zion** - (PT) effective August 2016 (Pr. Meg Sander)

**ALBION, Zion** - (Sr) - effective January 2018 (Pr. Mary Frohs)

**ATKINSON, St. John's/BASSETT, St. Peter** - August 2017 (Nancy Moore, PMA)

**AXTELL, Bethany** - effective October 2017 (Prs. Baron & Nancy Cole)

**BERTRAND, Immanuel & Adullam** - effective April 2018 (pulpit supply)

**CARLETON, Zion** - effective January 2018 (Pr. Patrick Sipes)

**CENTRAL CITY, Grace/HORDVILLE, Fridhem** - effective May 2017 (Pr. Beth Ann Lechtenberger Stone)

**CHAPPELL/LODGEPOLE/OSHKOSH-Tri County Parish** - effective July 2017 (Sr. Anne Hall)  
**COLUMBUS, St. John's** – effective December 2016  
**CREIGHTON, Zion** – effective Sept 2014 (Richard Bloomquist, PMA)  
**DALTON, LODGEPOLE, Parish of the Plains** – effective August 2016 (Pr. Wayne Pouppirt)  
**DAVENPORT, Christ's** - effective September 2017 (Pr. Patrick Sipes)  
**DAYKIN, St. John/GILEAD, St. Paul** – effective August 2016 (Pr. Ken Kramer)  
**ELKHORN, Bethany** - (Associate) effective April 2017  
**EMERSON, St. Luke's/St. Paul** - effective January 2018 (Pr. Gary Harris)  
**FALLS CITY, St. Peter's** – effective May 2015 (Pr. Jerry Yount, UMC, partnership with Barada UMC & Bethel, Falls City UMC))  
**FREMONT, Salem** – effective December 2016 (Pr. Chip Borgstadt)  
**FREMONT, St. Timothy's** - effective May 2018 (pulpit supply)  
**GENEVA, Prince of Peace/MCCOOL JUNCTION, First/OHIOWA, St. John's, TriPoint Parish** – effective December 2016 (Pr. Judy Nuss & Jim Germer, PMA)  
**GENOA, Augustana** - effective May 2018 (pulpit supply)  
**GERING, Rejoice** - effective September 2017 (Maurine Roller PMA)  
**JOHNSON, St. Matthew's, AUBURN, St. John's**-effective November 2015 (Pr. Bill Shaner)  
**LEIGH, St. John/PLATTE CENTER, Zion** – effective October 2016  
**LEXINGTON, Grace** - effective May 2018  
**LINCOLN, American** – effective January 2017 (Pr. John Sievers)  
**MARQUETTE, St. John's/POLK, TRINITY** - effective May 2017 (Pr. Kris Schroeder)  
**NORFOLK, St. John's** – (Sr) effective September 2013 (Pr. Myron Meyer)  
**NORTH PLATTE, First** – effective August 2016 (Pr. Steve Berke)  
**NORTH PLATTE, Messiah** - effective October 2017  
**OMAHA, First** – effective December 2016 (Pr. Frank Kerkemeyer)  
**OMAHA, Trinity** – effective August 2016 (Pr. Jim Holthus)  
**PONCA, Salem** - effective November 2018 (Pr. Deb Valentine)  
**RANDOLPH, St. John's** – effective August 2016 (Richard Bloomquist PMA)  
**RUSKIN, Bethany** - effective July 2017 (Pr. Connie Raess, PMAs Gerald Toepfer & Irvin Schleufer)  
**SCHUYLER, St. John's** - effective July 2017 (Pr. Ron Youngerman)  
**SUPERIOR/EDGAR/CLAY CENTER, Heartland Shared Ministries** – (Called Pr. Ethan Feistner, to be installed 6/24/18)  
**WEST POINT, Grace** – effective August 2015 (Pr. Judith Rainforth)  
**WISNER, Christ** – effective January 2017 (Pr. Terry Cosier)

**K. Congregations Served by Ministry Leaders**

**BERTRAND, Adullam/Immanuel** - effective April 2017  
**BROADWATER, Messiah** - effective February 2001 (Ann Bairn, PMA)  
**BROKEN BOW, Our Savior's** - effective August 2004 (Kathy Salts, PMA)  
**CALLAWAY, Callaway** - effective August 2004 (Fred Werkmeister, PMA)  
**COZAD, EUSTIS, Sunrise Parish (St. John's, Eustis/St. John's, Cozad/American, Cozad)** – effective September 2016 (Kathy Gundell, TEEM)  
**HAY SPRINGS, St. Peter's** – effective Jan 2009 (Pam Anderson, PMA)  
**HOMER, St. Paul's/HUBBARD, Trinity** – effective Jan 2013 (David Hawkins, TEEM)  
**JOHNSON, Zion** – (John Kisling)

**LEWELLEN, Grace**, effective April 2008 (Vonnie Brown, PMA student)  
**MADISON, Immanuel** – effective Sept 2010 (Susan Urbanec, PMA)  
**OHIOWA, Grace** - effective January 2018 (Deb Rippe, PMA)  
**OMAHA, Fontenelle Community** – (Miriam Blair, TEEM Candidate)  
**OMAHA, Iglesia Luterana San Andres** - (Pr. Filemon Diaz, Episcopal)  
**PAXTON, Trinity** – effective Oct 2010 (JA Welsh, SAM)  
**RALSTON, Messiah** – (David Mayen, TEEM)  
**RISING CITY, First English** - (Ron Lau, PMA)  
**RUSHVILLE, Immanuel** – effective August 2014 (Patrick Runkle, PMA)  
**SCRIBNER, St. John’s County Line/UEHLING, St. Paul’s** – effective August 2015 (Mr. Bob Ball, PMA Student)  
**SPENCER, Our Saviour’s/BRISTOW, Trinity** - effective September 2004 (Glen Stahlecker, PMA)  
**SUTTON, Zion** – effective July 2015 (Tim Stacy, TEEM)  
**WINSIDE, Trinity** – (Glenn Kietzmann, PMA)

L. **Congregations Organized**

M. **Received as a Congregation of the Nebraska Synod – ELCA**

N. **Congregations Withdrawing from the ELCA**

**CERESCO, Immanuel** - First vote to disaffiliate: October 22, 2017:

Total ballots-37; YES-31-NO-4. ABSTENTIONS-2

Second vote to disaffiliate: February 4, 2018:

Total ballots-27; YES-26; ABSTENTIONS-1

They have stated that they plan to affiliate with the Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ (LCMC).

Synod Council voted to release them at the March 9, 2018 Synod Council meeting.

O. **Congregations Closed**