

# **REPORT OF THE SECRETARY**

*(Synod Council – December 2017)*  
*(As of November 21, 2017)*

**A. Installations**

Kristen Van Stee - Our Savior's, Wayne (Associate) September 10 (Pr. Juliet Hampton installing)  
Megan Clausen - First, York September 10 (Pr. Megan Morrow installing)  
How, Suzanne - Immanuel/Our Savior's, Wymore September 24 (Pr. Megan Morrow installing)  
Olaf Roynesdal - Kountze Memorial, Omaha October 8 (Pr. Megan Morrow installing)  
Steven Neal - St. Mark's, St. Paul October 13 (Pr. Steve Meysing installing)  
Sergio Amaya - Iglesia Luterana San Andres, Omaha October 22 (Bishop Brian Maas and  
Pr. Rebecca Sheridan installing)  
Richard Carlson (Co-Pastor) - First, Kearney November 19 (Bishop Brian Maas installing)  
Michelle Carlson (Co-Pastor) - First, Kearney November 19 (Bishop Brian Maas installing)

**Consecrations**

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

**C. Transfers**

Michelle Carlson from Delaware/Maryland Synod  
Steven Berke from Rocky Mountain Synod  
Kelley Pedersen to Western Iowa Synod  
Melody Brink to Greater Milwaukee Synod  
Michael Ostrom to Oregon Synod  
Jean Vargo - to Eastern Washington/Idaho Synod

**D. Deaths**

Justin Wiese, October 2, 2017  
John Plowman, October 26, 2017

**E. Resigned from Roster**

Sergio Amaya, effective November 20, 2017

**F. Removed from Roster**

**G. Retired**

Kenneth Wittrock, effective July 1, 2017  
Ruth Boettcher, effective August 1, 2017  
Helmut Yurk, effective September 1, 2017

**H. Disability**

I. **Ordinations**

Suzanne How, September 23, 2017 @ Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 4117 Terrace Drive, Omaha, NE, Bishop Brian Maas (call to serve as Pastor at Immanuel and Our Savior's, Wymore, effective 9/23/17)

Steven Neal, October 13, 2017 @ St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 1306 Howard Ave., St. Paul, NE, Bishop Brian Maas (call to serve as Pastor at St. Mark's, St. Paul, effective 10/13/17)

Sergio Amaya, October 22, 2017 @ St. Luke's Lutheran Church, 2315 I St., Omaha, NE, Bishop Brian Maas (Synod Council call to serve as Mission Developer at Iglesia Luterana San Andres, Omaha, effective 10/22/17)

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

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

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

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

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

**BLOOMFIELD, St. Mark's** – effective March 2016 (Pr. Deb Valentine, UCC)

**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 (Pr. David Christenson)

**COZAD, EUSTIS, Sunrise Parish (St. John's, Eustis/St. John's, Cozad/American, Cozad)** – effective September 2016

**CREIGHTON, Zion** – effective Sept 2014 (Richard Bloomquist, PMA)

**DALTON, LODGEPOLE, Parish of the Plains** – effective August 2016 (Pr. Wayne Pouppirt)

**DAVENPORT, Christ's/EDGAR, St. James** - effective September 2017 (Pr. Patrick Sipes)

**DAYKIN, St. John/GILEAD, St. Paul** – effective August 2016 (Pr. Annette Minderman)

**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)

**GENEVA, Prince of Peace/MCCOOL JUNCTION, First/OHIOWA, St. John's, TriPoint Parish** – effective December 2016 (Pr. Judy Nuss & Jim Germer, PMA)

**GERING, Rejoice** - effective September 2017 (Ron Nuss-Warren)

**JOHNSON, St. Matthew's, AUBURN, St. John's**-effective November 2015 (Pr. Bill Shaner)

**LEIGH, St. Johns/PLATTE CENTER, Zion** – effective October 2016 (Pr. David Christenson)

**LINCOLN, American** – effective January 2017 (Pr. John Sievers)

**MARQUETTE, St. John's/POLK, TRINITY** - effective May 2017 (Pr. Kris Schroeder)

**NORFOLK, St. John's** – effective September 2013 (Pr. Myron Meyer)

**NORTH PLATTE, First** – effective August 2016 (Pr. Steve Berke)

**NORTH PLATTE, Messiah** - effective October 2017 (Pr. Keith Prekker)

**OMAHA, First** – effective December 2016 (Pr. Frank Kerkemeyer)

**OMAHA, Trinity** – effective August 2016 (Pr. Jim Holthus)

**PENDER, St. Mark's** – effective August 2016 Bev Rautenberg-Panko

**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** – effective January 2017 (Pr. Bill Harrold, UCC, and Pr. Kathryn Bates, PCUSA)  
**WEST POINT, Grace** – effective August 2015 (Pr. Judith Rainforth, pulpit supply)  
**WISNER, Christ** – effective January 2017 (Pr. Terry Cosier)

**K. Congregations Served by Ministry Leaders**

**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)  
**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)  
**OMAHA, Fontenelle Community** – (Miriam Blair, TEEM Candidate)  
**OMAHA, Nile** – (John Badeng, TEEM)  
**PAXTON, Trinity** – effective Oct 2010 (JA Welsh, TEEM)  
**RALSTON, Messiah** – (David Mayen, TEEM)  
**RISING CITY, First English** - (Ron Lau, PMA)  
**ROSALIE, Immanuel** – effective June 2013 (Pr. Bob Johnson)  
**RUSHVILLE, Immanuel** – effective August 2014 (Patrick Runkle, PMA)  
**SCRIBNER, St. John's County Line/UEHLING, St. Paul's** – effective August 2015 (Mr. Bob Ball)  
**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)  
**PAPILLION, Trinity** (Associate)

**L. Congregations Organized**

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

**N. Congregations Withdrawing from the ELCA**

**Immanuel, Ceresco** held first vote to disaffiliate with the ELCA on October 22, 2017. 31-yes; 2-no; 2 abstentions; 2<sup>nd</sup> vote to be held February 4, 2018.

**O. Congregations Closed**

St. James, Edgar, held a special congregational meeting on September 24, 2017 to vote on a motion to close the congregation, effective November 12, 2017. The motion was approved.