

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY

(Synod Council – December 2018)
(As of November 28, 2018)

A. **Installations**

Trudy Powell – St. John’s, Randolph 9/16/18 (Pr. Kristen Van Stee installing)
Rebecca Mangelsdorf – Messiah, North Platte, 3-yr transitional/interim minister, Synod Council Call, 9/16/18 (Pr. Steve Meysing installing)
Sadi Omar Vila – Iglesia Luterana San Andres 9/30/18 (Pr. Rebecca Sheridan installing)
John Gathje – Trinity, Omaha 9/16/18 (Pr. Juliet Hampton installing)
Alma Gast Bucu – Luther Memorial, Syracuse 10/7/18 (Pr. Megan Morrow installing)
Arnold Flater – First, North Platte 11/11/18 (Pr. Steve Meysing installing)
Randy Rasmussen – St. John’s, Norfolk 11/11/18 (Pr. Juliet Hampton installing)
Steve Berke – Sunrise Parish, Eustis/Cozad 11/18/18 (Pr. Steve Meysing installing)
Marcia Dorn – Bethany, Axtell 12/2/18 (Pr. Steve Meysing installing) *(rescheduled to 12/9/18)*

Consecrations

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

C. **Transfers**

Rachel Ziese Hacker to Greater Milwaukee Synod
Arnold Flater from Northeastern Iowa Synod
Margaret Sander to Southeastern Minnesota Synod
William Schroeder to Northeastern Ohio Synod
Kristine Schroeder to Northeastern Ohio Synod
Tim Eighmy to Grand Canyon Synod
Lowell Nelson to Grand Canyon Synod
Rebecca Mangelsdorf from Northeastern Ohio Synod
Jon Gathje from Southwest California Synod
Sadi Omar Vila from Florida-Bahamas Synod

D. **Deaths**

Wilma Schardt (Deacon), October 2, 2018
Margaret (Peg) Olson, November 7, 2018
Nels Ritola, November 8, 2018

E. **Resigned from Roster**

F. **Removed from Roster**

G. **Retired**

Pam Ciulla, effective July 1, 2018
Joel Schroeder, effective August 1, 2018

H. **Disability**

I. **Ordinations**

Pastoral Changes/Congregations Seeking Pastors

ALBION, Immanuel Zion – (PT) effective August 2016 (Pr. Becky Beckmann)
ALBION, Zion - (PT) effective August 2016
ALBION, Zion - (Sr) effective January 2018 (Pr. Mary Frohs)
ATKINSON, St. John's/BASSETT, St. Peter - August 2017 (Nancy Moore, TEEM)
BEATRICE, St. John – (Sr) effective October 2018
BELLEVUE, Immanuel – effective October 2017 (Pr. Paul Moessner)
BERTRAND, Adullam/Immanuel – effective May 2018 (Pr. Erin Dunlavy, John Strackbein, PMA)
CARLETON, Zion - effective January 2018 (Pr. Patrick Sipes)
CENTRAL CITY, Grace/HORDVILLE, Fridhem - effective May 2017 (Pr. Ruth Boettcher/Janet Anderson PMA)
CHAPPELL, Berea/OSHKOSH, St. Mark's Berea, St. Mark's Parish – effective July 2017 (Sister Anne Hall)
COLUMBUS, St. John's – effective December 2016 (called Pr. David Hall)
CREIGHTON, Zion – effective Sept 2014 (Richard Bloomquist, PMA)
DALTON, LODGEPOLE, United Church of the Plains – effective August 2016 (supply)
DAVENPORT, Christ's - effective September 2017 (Pr. Patrick Sipes)
DAYKIN, St. John/GILEAD, St. Paul – effective August 2016 (Pr. Ken Kramer)
ELKHORN, Bethany - Associate
EMERSON, St. Luke's/St. Paul - effective January 2018 (supply)
FALLS CITY, St. Peter's – effective May 2015 (Pr. Jerry Yount, UMC, partnership with Barada UMC & Bethel, Falls City UMC))
FREMONT, St. Timothy's – effective April 2018 (Vicar Shari Schwedhelm)
FREMONT, Salem – effective December 2016 (Vica Shari Schwedhelm)
GENOA, Augustana – effective May 2018 (Pr. Myron Meyer, half time)
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 (Maurine Roller, PMA)
GRAND ISLAND, Messiah – effective September 2018 (pulpit supply)
HAIGLER, Zion – effective June 2018 (Pr. Doug Hjelmstad. Contract)
HILDRETH, Trinity – effective October 2018 (Pr. Kari Foss)
HOOPER/SCRIBNER/UEHLING, Faith Ambassadors Parish – effective August 2018
JOHNSON, St. Matthew's, AUBURN, St. John's-effective November 2015 (Pr. Bill Shaner)
LEIGH, St. John/PLATTE CENTER, Zion – effective October 2016 (Jacquie Samway, PMA)
LEXINGTON, Grace – effective May 2018 (Pr. Erin Dunlavy, John Strackbein, PMA)
LINCOLN, Southwood – (Assoc) effective October 2018
LODGEPOLE, Immanuel (Weyerts) – effective July 2017 (supply)
MALMO, Edensburg/MEAD, Alma – effective April 2018
MARQUETTE, St. John's/POLK, TRINITY - effective May 2017 (supply)
NEBRASKA CITY, First – effective September 2018 (Pr. Howard Rasmussen)
PONCA, Salem - effective November 2018 (Pr. Deb Valentine, UCC)

RUSKIN, Bethany - effective July 2017 (Pr. Connie Raess, PMAs Gerald Toepfer & Irvin Schleufer)
SUTHERLAND, Grace – effective September 2018 (Pr. Ron Youngerman)
WISNER, Christ – effective January 2017 (Pr. Terry Cosier)
WOLBACH, Trinity – effective October 2018 (Pr. Glenda Pearson)

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)
CHAPPELL, Grace/LODGEPOLE, Gloria Dei-Tri County Parish - effective July 2017 (Brenda Tophoj, PMA) *Moved from section I. Not in call process,*
COZAD, EUSTIS, Sonrise 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, First – effective December 2016 (Vicar Miriam Blair, TEEM)
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)
SUTHERLAND, Grace – effective October 2018 (Ron Youngerman, supply)
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

SUTHERLAND, Maria (Hershey)– First vote to disaffiliate: May 6, 2018:

Total ballots-45; YES-35; NO-10

Second vote to disaffiliate: September 9, 2018:

Total ballots-33; YES-25; NO-8

They have stated that they plan to affiliate with both North American Lutheran Church (NALC) and Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ (LCMC). 25 out of 29 votes to be affiliated with both organizations.

Synod Council voted to release them at the September 14, 2018 Synod Council meeting, contingent upon resolution of separation agreement for, and all financial obligations to, Pastor Erin Dunlavy.

HOLDREGE, Bethel – First vote to leave Feb. 14, 2010-did not pass (136-78)

Second first vote to leave May 23, 2010 passed ((164-72)

Second vote passed Aug 22, 2010 (199-69) SC did not release them.

Synod Council voted to release them at the September 14, 2018 meeting,

contingent upon complete resolution of the litigation currently underway between the two parties associated with the congregation, commonly referred to as Bethel ELCA and Bethel LCMC.

O. **Congregations Closed**

OMAHA, Fontenelle Community Church (Synodically Authorized Worshiping Community) –

SAWC status rescinded effective July 23, 2018 when FCC ministries transferred to First Lutheran, Omaha, and no longer retained a separate identity.