

# **REPORT OF THE SECRETARY**

*(Synod Council – May 2019)*  
*(As of May 17, 2019)*

A. **Installations**

Lori Kitzing – Bethany, Ruskin 5/19/19 (Pr. Megan Morrow)

Ricardo Riqueza – St. John’s, Marquette/Trinity, Polk 5/20/19 (Bishop Brian Maas & Pr. Steve Meysing)

**Consecrations**

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

C. **Transfers**

Kent Garlinghouse, from Northeastern Minnesota Synod

Judith Wascher from Rocky Mountain Synod

D. **Deaths**

Benard Nelson, April 11, 2019

E. **Resigned from Roster**

F. **Removed from Roster**

G. **Retired**

H. **Disability**

I. **Ordinations**

Shari Lynn Schwedhelm, March 30, 2019 @ Salem Lutheran Church, 401 E. Military Ave., Fremont, NE,  
Bishop Brian Maas (call to serve as Pastor at Salem Lutheran Church, Fremont, NE, and St.  
Timothy Lutheran Church, Fremont, NE, effective 3/30/19).

Ricardo Riqueza, May 20, 2019 @ St. John’s Lutheran Church, 2172 North T Road, Marquette, NE, Bishop  
Brian Maas (call to serve as Pastor at St. John’s, Marquette, NE and Trinity, Polk, NE, effective  
5/20/19).

**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)

**BEATRICE, St. John** – (Sr) effective October 2018 (Pr. Ernesto Medina, Episcopal)

**BELLEVUE, Immanuel** – effective October 2017 (Pr. Paul Moessner)

**BERTRAND, Adullam/Immanuel** – effective May 2018 (Pr. Erin Dunlavy, John Strackbein, PMA)

**CARLETON, Zion/DAVENPORT, Christ’s** - effective Dec 17 & Aug 17 (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 (supply/Pr. Ron Nuss Warren)

**DALTON, United Church of the Plains** – (part time) effective September 2017 (Bud Gillespie PCUSA)

**DAYKIN, St. John/GILEAD, St. Paul** – effective August 2016 (Pr. Ken Kramer through May 2019)

**ELKHORN, Bethany** – Associate

**EMERSON, St. Luke's/St. Paul** - effective January 2018 (supply)

**FALLS CITY, St. Peter's**–(part time) effective May 2015 (Pr. Jerry Yount, UMC, partnership with Barada UMC & Bethel, Falls City UMC))

**GENOA, Augustana** – effective May 2018 (Pr. Myron Meyer, ½ time)

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

**GERING, Rejoice** – (part time) effective September 2017 (Maurine Roller, PMA)

**GLENVIL, St. Paul's/HASTINGS, Immanuel** – effective January 2019 (Pr. Greg Gabriel)

**GRAND ISLAND, Messiah** – effective September 2018 (Pr. Jim Fruehling/Pr. Robert Lewis, Episcopal)

**HILDRETH, Trinity** – effective October 2018 (Pr. Kari Foss)

**HOOPER/SCRIBNER/UEHLING, Faith Ambassadors Parish** – (Lead Pr) effective August 2018 (Pr. Inba Inbarasu)

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

**KEARNEY, First and Campus Lutheran** – (Assoc.)

**KIMBALL, First English** - (part time) effective May 2019 (supply)

**LEIGH, St. John/PLATTE CENTER, Zion** – effective October 2016 (Jacquie Samway, PMA)

**LEXINGTON, Grace** – effective May 2018 (Pr. Erin Dunlavy, John Strackbein, PMA)

**LINCOLN, Followers of Christ Prison Ministry** – effective February 2019 (call accepted)

**LINCOLN, Southwood** – (Assoc) Call extended and accepted.

**LODGEPOLE, Immanuel (Weyerts)** – effective July 2017 (Bud Gillespie PCUSA)

**MALMO, Edensburg** – effective April 2018 (supply)

**MEAD, Alma** – effective April 2018 (supply)

**NEBRASKA CITY, First** – effective September 2018 (Pr. Howard Rasmussen)

**PONCA, Salem** - effective November 2018 (Pr. Deb Valentine, UCC)

**SEWARD, Faith** – effective June 2019

**SIDNEY, Holy Trinity** – effective January 2019 (Pr. Wayne Pouppirt & Pr. Caryl Miller)

**WALTON, Grace** – effective April 2019 (pulpit supply through May)

**WISNER, Christ** – effective January 2017 (Pr. Frank Kerkemeyer)

**K. Congregations Served by Ministry Leaders**

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

**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)

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

**DALTON, LODGEPOLE, United Church of the Plains** – effective August 2016 (supply)  
**HAIGLER, Zion** – effective June 2018 (Pr. Doug Hjelmstad. contract)  
**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/SUTHERLAND, Grace** – effective Oct 2010 (JA Welsh, SAM)  
**PILGER, St. Peter's** – effective January 2015 (Deb Hammer, PMA student-through contract with OSLC/Wayne)  
**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)  
**WALTON, Grace** – effective May 2019  
**WINSIDE, Trinity** – (Glenn Kietzmann, PMA)

L. **Congregations Organized**

**HOLDREGE, Spirit of Grace** – held a special congregational meeting on May 5, 2019 to vote on organizing as a congregation and calling Pr. Ted Carnahan as pastor.

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

N. **Congregations Withdrawing from the ELCA**

O. **Congregations Closed**