

# The South Dakota District of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

## Roster of Officers

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

President: The Reverend Dr. Scott C. Sailer.....Elected Third Term 2021  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President: The Reverend Randy R. Sturzenbecher.....Elected Second Term 2021  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President: The Reverend Timothy J. Rynearson .....Elected Second Term 2021  
Secretary: The Reverend Dr. Thomas C. Brown..... Appointed Mid-Term 2021\*  
Treasurer: Mr. Kent Harnisch ..... Elected First Term 2021  
Lay Member: Mr. David Zuercher.....Elected Second Term 2021  
Lay Member: Mr. Doug Klipfel..... Appointed Mid-Term 2021\*\*  
\*Appointed after Reverend David Otten resigned.  
\*\*Appointed after David Andrews resigned.

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## Circuit Visitors

Circuit 1 Visitor..... Reverend Kevin Moore \*  
Circuit 2 Visitor.....Reverend Matthew Wurm  
Circuit 3 Visitor..... Reverend Wade Harr  
Circuit 4 Visitor..... Reverend David Warner\*\*  
Circuit 5 Visitor..... Reverend Ryan Loeslie  
Circuit 6 Visitor..... Reverend Thomas Christopher  
Circuit 7 Visitor..... Reverend Corey Aker  
Circuit 8 Visitor.....Reverend Steven Weispfennig  
\*Appointed after Reverend Jordan Andreasen resigned.  
\*\*Appointed after Reverend John Fries resigned.

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## District Reconcilers

The 1992 Synodical Convention with its Resolution 5-01B adopted a new process of conflict resolution, replacing the previous adjudication process with a new reconciliation process. The resolution allows each District to name four Reconcilers, who are asked to serve for a period of six years on both the District level and the Synodical level when named to special Dispute Resolution Panels or in other unique circumstances.

In order to fill these positions, Circuit Visitors in each District of the Synod were asked to submit names of pastors and laymen to their District Boards of Directors. The Board of Directors was given final selection process. Special intensive training was provided by the Synod.

The four Reconcilers of The South Dakota District are:

Reverend Dr. Thomas Brown  
SD District Reconciler  
846 North 7<sup>th</sup> Street  
Spearfish, SD 57783

Reverend Chris Davis  
SD District Reconciler  
701 South 1<sup>st</sup> Street  
Milbank, SD 57262

Mr. Steve Jastram  
SD District Reconciler  
828 North Columbia Circle  
Sioux Falls, SD 57103

Mr. Matthew Naasz  
SD District Reconciler  
506 6<sup>th</sup> Street  
Rapid City, SD 57701

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## **2025 Convention Nominating Committee**

(Elected by the 2021 District Convention)

Pastors:            Reverend Daniel Grimmer  
                         Reverend Dr. Christopher Ascher

Laymen:            Mrs. Jan Larson  
                         Mr. Rick Rathert  
                         Mr. James Schnaidt

NOTE: According to Bylaw 5.11 of the District Handbook, page 16, the District President shall recommend to the Convention a list of candidates for the Committee on Nominations for the next Convention of the District, to be elected at this Convention. Additional candidates may be placed in nomination by the Convention, with two pastors and three laymen to be elected.

## Roster Ministers of Religion – Ordained (Active)

Aker, Corey	Sioux Falls, SD
Althoff, Albert	Hartford, SD
Anderson, Ray	SMP, Aberdeen, SD
Andreasen, Jordon	Missionary, Romania
Ascher, Christopher	Sioux Falls, SD
Asmus, Aaron	Sioux Falls, SD
Bakat, Albert	EIIT, Sioux Falls, SD
Bauer, Micah	Brookings, SD
Bierman, Bret	SMP, Mansfield, Stratford and Aberdeen, SD
Birtell, Brad	Watertown, SD
Bless, Matthew	Vermillion, SD
Bobby, Jacob	Yankton, SD
Bobby, Samuel	Missionary, Latvia
Brown, Thomas	Spearfish, SD
Christopher, Thomas	Alexandria, SD
Davis, Christopher	Milbank, SD
Deardoff, Sr., Daniel	Brandon, SD
Domenichelli, Jonah	Missionary, Germany
Drehman, Arthur	Corona and Wilmot, SD
Drevlow, Ryan	Aberdeen, SD
Edwards, Lucas	Rapid City, SD
Erickson, Donald	Alcester, SD
Gatnoor, Jenina	Lincoln, NE
Greenmyer, Joseph	Parkston and Emery (Clayton), SD
Greenseth, Ray	Murdo, Draper and Presho, SD
Grimmer, Daniel	Mitchell, SD
Handschke, Samuel	Pierre, SD
Harr, Wade	Winner, Hamill and Reliance, SD
Hinckley, Robert	Deadwood and Sturgis, SD
Hinners, Gregory	Norris, Midland and Philip, SD
Jenson, Jens	Armour, SD
Johnson, Kenneth	Avon and Springfield, SD
Jones, Joshua	Rapid City, SD
Koester, Kevin	Huron, SD
Kumm, Michael	Dakota Dunes, SD
Laskowsky, Kurt	Centerville and Hurley, SD
Lehr, Gregory	Sioux Falls, SD
Lemcke, Brian	Delmont and Tripp, SD
Lindenberg, David	Rapid City, SD
Loeslie, Ryan	Dimock, SD
Ludwig, Alan	Aberdeen and Columbia, SD
McCarthy, Christopher	Wall and Creighton, SD
Meadows, Bryan	Rapid City, SD
Mercer, Dennis	SMP, Black Hawk, SD

Moeller, Robert ..... Britton and Ferney, SD  
 Moore, Kevin..... Redfield and Doland, SD  
 Mork, Joshua ..... Howard and Madison, SD  
 Mosemann, Brian ..... Menno, Scotland, Marion and Parker, SD  
 Mueller, Thomas..... Sisseton and Waubay, SD

Nemera, Chera ..... EIT, Sioux Falls, SD  
 Neugebauer, Nathan ..... Milbank and Reville, SD  
 Newell, William ..... Sioux Falls, SD  
 Nix, Matthew ..... Sioux Falls, SD

Otten, David..... Gettysburg and Lebanon, SD

Rensner, Jason ..... Sioux Falls, SD  
 Richert, Jeremy ..... Dakota Dunes, SD  
 Ring, Marcus..... Gregory, SD  
 Rynearson, Timothy ..... Brookings, Flandreau and White, SD

Sailer, Scott ..... Sioux Falls, SD  
 Schopp, Chad..... Aberdeen and Columbia, SD  
 Schroeder, Dean ..... Tyndall and Utica, SD  
 Schulte, Gary..... Rapid City, SD  
 Slavens, Doug ..... Sioux Falls, SD  
 Smith, Jacob ..... Aberdeen, SD  
 Spiehs, L. Scott ..... Wolsey, Wessington Springs and Woonsocket, SD  
 Strable, David ..... Onida, Blunt and Harrold, SD  
 Sturzenbecher, Randy..... Black Hawk, SD

Thole, Samuel..... Brookings, Flandreau and White SD

Utecht, Peter..... Hot Springs, SD

Warner, David..... Custer and Hill City, SD  
 Weeman, Richard ..... Wolsey, Wessington Springs and Woonsocket, SD  
 Weispfennig, Steven..... Yankton, SD  
 Winckler, Paul..... Sioux Falls, SD  
 Wurm, Matthew..... Brookings, SD

Yeadon, Jeremy ..... Groton and Andover, SD

## District Missionaries at Large

Sutton, Albert..... SMP, Rapid City, SD  
 Utecht, Andrew ..... Rosebud, SD

## Military Chaplains – Reserve

Jenson, Jens..... Armour, SD

## Retired Pastors

Anderson, Robert ..... Custer, SD  
 Andreasen, Phill ..... Sioux Falls, SD

Bauman, Gene .....	Spearfish, SD
Bernau, Wayne .....	Madison, SD
Bohlmann, Robert.....	Custer, SD
Denke, Glenn.....	Winner, SD
Doremus, Dwaine .....	Ellendale, ND
Ellis, David .....	Yankton, SD
Farden, John.....	Sioux Falls, SD
Fritsch, Lyle .....	Tea, SD
Gardner, Robert.....	Hot Springs, SD
Gies, Clark .....	Fairfax, SD
Goldammer, Gordon .....	Custer, SD
Grams, Craig .....	Sioux Falls, SD
Greinke, Kenneth.....	Lee's Summit, MO
Gunderson, David.....	Kansas City, MO
Hartman, Stephen .....	Sioux Falls, SD
Hartwig, Raymond .....	Sioux Falls, SD
Haugen, Paul .....	Sioux Falls, SD
Heckmann, Robert.....	Canton, SD
Helling, Melbourne.....	Viborg, SD
Howlett, Joseph .....	Sioux Falls, SD
Huber, Terell .....	Emery, SD
Jacobsen, Gary .....	Gregory, SD
Johnson, Larry.....	Webster, SD
Luttmann, Richard .....	Sioux Falls, SD
McKillop, Don.....	Plankinton, SD
Meadows, Philip .....	Rapid City, SD
Merrill, John .....	Hot Springs, SD
Meyer, Wade .....	Sioux Falls, SD
Mischnick, Mark.....	Mitchell, SD
Morfitt David.....	Sioux Falls, SD
Mueller, James .....	Yankton, SD
Naasz, Terry .....	Rapid City, SD
Nour, Nabil.....	Sioux Falls, SD
Paepke, William .....	Piedmont, SD
Pomplun, Ray .....	Aberdeen, SD
Possehl, Iver .....	Brookings, SD
Reiner, Mark .....	Rapid City, SD
Sattgast, Dale .....	Huron, SD
Schmidt, Kenneth .....	Rapid City, SD
Schultz, Glenn .....	Rapid City, SD
Sestak, Peter .....	Sioux Falls, SD
Shane, Howard .....	Sioux Falls, SD
Soyk, Kenneth .....	Mitchell, SD



Uecker, Warren ..... Custer, SD  
Urbach, Jon Bradford ..... Pierre, SD  
Warnier, Paul ..... Alcester, SD

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**Pastors – Candidate Status**

Dawson, John ..... Sioux Falls, SD  
Kalb, Jeffrey ..... Browns Valley, MN  
Welton, Adam ..... Madison, SD

## Ministers of Religion - Commissioned (Active)

Alberts, Jacquelyn .....	Brandon, SD
Birkmire, Amber.....	Rapid City, SD
Bridges, Kristy.....	Sioux Falls, SD
Dobbs, Scot .....	Rapid City, SD
Esser, Tia.....	Sioux Falls, SD
Fjelstad, Jade .....	Sioux Falls, SD
Frerking, Krystal .....	Rapid City, SD
Geistfeld, Sierra.....	Sioux Falls, SD
Genzlinger, Hope.....	Rapid City, SD
Holdorf, Leanne Rae .....	Sioux Falls, SD
Miller, Heather .....	Sioux Falls, SD
Mlnarik, Kathryn.....	Sioux Falls, SD
Newell, Kristen.....	Sioux Falls, SD
Ockander, Marli .....	Sioux Falls, SD
Pinn, Jon.....	Sioux Falls, SD
Prouty, Kristi .....	Sioux Falls, SD
Slavens, Elizabeth .....	Sioux Falls, SD
Solinsky, Ann .....	Rapid City, SD
Vercruyse, Britney .....	Sioux Falls, SD
Vogel, LeAnn .....	Rapid City, SD

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## Ministers of Religion - Commissioned (Candidate)

Andreasen, Alison .....	Romania
Dooley, Karen.....	Hot Springs, SD
Graumann, Natalie .....	Rapid City, SD
Grimmer, Christine .....	Mitchell, SD
Holt, Sherlyn .....	Arlington, SD
Hoogland, Lacey.....	Sioux Falls, SD
Kolb, Linda.....	Big Stone City, SD
Loeslie, Valerie .....	Dimock, SD
Noble, Jennifer .....	Sioux Falls, SD
Rattei, Faith .....	North Sioux City, SD

Robertson, Ruth .....	Madison, SD
Schmitt, Ellen .....	Yankton, SD
Shane, Brenda .....	Sioux Falls, SD
Smith, Mavis .....	Fargo, ND
Utecht, Katie .....	Belle Fourche, SD
Wendt, Nikol .....	Rapid City, SD
Wombold, Dawn .....	Rapid City, SD

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## Ministers of Religion – DCE

Miller, Haley Jo .....	Sioux Falls, SD
Peters, Elizabeth .....	Sioux Falls, SD
Petersen, Lorien .....	Rapid City, SD
Schmitt, Joshua .....	Yankton, SD

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## Ministers of Religion Commissioned - Teacher Evangelist

Belitz, Larry .....	Hot Springs, SD
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## Ministers of Religion Commissioned – Emeritus

Allen, Marianne .....	Hot Springs, SD
Fowler, Eleanor .....	Sioux Falls, SD
Geidel, David .....	Dimock, SD
Herther, Ann .....	Sioux Falls, SD
Hoyme, Kristie .....	Dell Rapids, SD
Lafrentz, Louise .....	Sioux Falls, SD
Merrill, Kenlyn .....	Hot Springs, SD
Nielsen, George .....	Rapid City, SD
Palmreuter, Kenneth .....	Rapid City, SD
Palmreuter, Martha .....	Rapid City, SD
Peters, Joyce .....	North Sioux City, SD
Sayles, Priscilla .....	Rapid City, SD
Schilf, Paul .....	Brandon, SD
Schoenborn, Marlys .....	Rapid City, SD
Sopko, Darlene .....	Sioux Falls, SD
Tams, Sandra .....	Sioux Falls, SD
Uecker, Carol .....	Custer, SD





Withee, Jane ..... Grand Junction, CO  
Withee, Roxanne ..... Rapid City, SD



## Roster of Congregations & Parishes by Circuit

### Circuit 1 – 15 Congregations, 7 Parishes

Aberdeen, Saint Paul.....	Parish
Leola, Saint Paul	
Aberdeen, Our Savior.....	Parish
Columbia, Saint John	
Andover, Zion.....	Parish
Groton, Saint John	
Ferney, Saint Paul.....	Parish
Britton, Saint John	
Cresbard, Concordia.....	Parish
Wecota, Immanuel	
Mansfield, Trinity.....	Parish
Stratford, Saint Paul	
Aberdeen, Saint John	
Redfield, Messiah.....	Parish
Doland, Redeemer	

### Circuit 2 – 12 Congregations, 7 Parishes

Brookings, Mount Calvary.....	Parish
Brookings, Peace.....	Parish
Flandreau, Redeemer	
White, Zion	
Corona, Trinity.....	Parish
Wilmot, Our Savior	
Milbank, Bethlehem.....	Parish
Reville, Saint John	
Milbank, Emanuel.....	Parish
Sisseton, Emanuel.....	Parish
Waubay, Zion	
Watertown, Mount Olive.....	Parish

**Circuit 3 – 17 Congregations, 8 Parishes**

Chamberlain, Zion .....	Parish
Gettysburg, Emmanuel.....	Parish
Lebanon, Christ	
Gregory, Saint John.....	Parish
Hamill, Zion.....	Parish
Winner, Christ	
Reliance, Trinity	
Midland, Saint Peter .....	Parish
Norris, Saint John	
Philip, Our Redeemer	
Murdo, Messiah .....	Parish
Draper, Saint Paul	
Presho, Zion	
Onida, Holy Cross .....	Parish
Harrold, Immanuel	
Blunt, Trinity	
Pierre, Faith .....	Parish

**Circuit 4 – 13 Congregations, 10 Parishes**

Black Hawk, Divine Shepherd .....	Parish
Creighton, Emmanuel.....	Parish
Wall, First	
Custer, Our Redeemer .....	Parish
Hill City, Our Savior	
Deadwood, Grace.....	Parish
Sturgis, Blessed Emmanuel	
Hot Springs, Bethesda.....	Parish
Rapid City, Bethlehem.....	Parish
Rapid City, Our Redeemer .....	Parish
Rapid City, Peace .....	Parish
Rapid City, Zion .....	Parish
Spearfish, Saint Paul .....	Parish

**Circuit 5 – 13 Congregations, 8 Parishes**

Armour, Redeemer .....	Parish
Delmont, Zion .....	Parish
Tripp, Emmaus	
Dimock, Immanuel.....	Parish
Mitchell, Zion.....	Parish
Parkston, Faith.....	Parish
Emery, Saint Peter	
Plankinton, Saint Paul .....	Parish
White Lake, Trinity	
Huron, Mount Calvary.....	Parish
Wolsey, Saint John.....	Parish
Wessington Springs, Zion	
Woonsocket, Mount Olive	

**Circuit 6 – 16 Congregations, 9 Parishes**

Alexandria, Saint Martin .....	Parish
Spencer, Trinity	
Canistota, Zion .....	Parish
Montrose, Saint John	
Centerville, First English.....	Parish
Hurley, Zion	
Freeman, Saint Paul.....	Parish
Hartford, Trinity.....	Parish
Marion, Bethesda .....	Parish
Parker, First English	
Menno, Immanuel	
Scotland, Saint Paul	
Howard, Saint John .....	Parish
Madison, Our Savior	
Tea, Risen Savior .....	Parish
Wentworth, Saint Peter.....	Parish

**Circuit 7 – 9 Congregations, 8 Parishes**

- Brandon, Blessed Redeemer ..... Parish
- Sioux Falls, Christ..... Parish  
Sioux Falls, Trinity
- Sioux Falls, Faith ..... Parish
- Sioux Falls, Lord of Life ..... Parish
- Sioux Falls, Memorial ..... Parish
- Sioux Falls, Our Redeemer ..... Parish
- Sioux Falls, Resurrection..... Parish
- Sioux Falls, Zion ..... Parish

**Circuit 8 – 10 Congregations, 7 Parishes**

- Alcester, Peace ..... Parish
- Avon, Zion..... Parish  
Springfield, Our Savior
- Dakota Dunes, Holy Cross ..... Parish
- Tyndall, Saint John ..... Parish  
Utica, Martinus
- Vermillion, Concordia ..... Parish
- Wagner, Saint John ..... Parish  
Fairfax, Trinity
- Yankton, Saint John’s ..... Parish

# South Dakota District Early Childhood, Elementary and High Schools

(Alphabetical by city)

The Lighthouse – Preschool.....	Aberdeen, SD
Divine Shepherd Classical Lutheran Academy and Early Childhood Center.....	Black Hawk, SD
Blessed Redeemer – Preschool.....	Brandon, SD
Peace Lutheran – Early Childhood Center and School.....	Brookings, SD
Zion Lutheran – Preschool.....	Canistota, SD
Holy Cross Lutheran Preschool.....	Dakota Dunes, SD
Redeemer Lutheran – Preschool.....	Flandreau, SD
Saint John’s Lutheran – Preschool.....	Groton, SD
Trinity Lutheran Learning Center – Preschool/Early Childhood Center.....	Hartford, SD
Bethesda Lutheran School – Preschool-2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade.....	Hot Springs, SD
Mount Calvary Lutheran – Preschool.....	Huron, SD
Emanuel Lutheran – Preschool.....	Milbank, SD
Faith Lutheran – Preschool/Early Childhood Center.....	Pierre, SD
Zion Lutheran School – Preschool – 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade.....	Rapid City, SD
His Ark Christian Child Development Center.....	Sioux Falls, SD
Sioux Falls Lutheran School Association – Preschool-12 <sup>th</sup> Grade.....	Sioux Falls, SD
Risen Savior Lutheran – Preschool.....	Tea, SD
Saint John’s Lutheran – Preschool.....	Yankton, SD