

SOUTH DAKOTA DISTRICT CALL STATUS
AS OF 11/25/2025

PENDING – ORDAINED

Name	Present Congregation	Calling Congregation	Date Received
Hanson, Joseph	First Missouri Valley, IA	Emanuel, Sisseton, SD Zion, Waubay, SD	11/24/2025
Harr, Wade	Christ Winner, SD	Mount Calvary, Colstrip, MT Circle of Life, Lame Deer, MT	11/16/2025
Lietzau, Eli	Wheat Ridge Lutheran Church Wheat Ridge, CO	Divine Shepherd Black Hawk, SD	11/23/2025
Slavens, Doug	Memorial Sioux Falls, SD	Trinity Faribault, MN	11/14/2025
Weispfennig, Steve	St. Johns Yankton, SD	South Shore Trinity White Bear Lake, MN	11/06/2025
Winckler, Paul	Assistant to the President South Dakota District Office	Zion Sioux Falls, SD	11/23/2025

ACCEPTED - ORDAINED

Name	Present Congregation	Calling Congregation	Date Accepted
Henschen, Nathan	St. Johns, Lyons, NE St. Paul, Bancroft, NE	St. Paul Freeman, SD	11/10/2025

DECLINED - ORDAINED

Name	Present Congregation	Calling Congregation	Date Declined
Handschke, Samuel	Faith Evangelical Pierre, SD	St. Paul's Marion, IA	11/13/2025
Handschke, Samuel	Faith Evangelical Pierre, SD	Immanuel Alpena, MI	11/21/2025
Synnott, Matthew	Trinity Peoria, IL	Mt. Calvary Brookings, SD	11/13/2025
Thole, Samuel	Peace, Brookings Zion, White Redeemer, Flandreau	Messiah, Prosser, WA Calvary, Sunnyview, WA	11/11/2025

VACANCY STATUS

City	Church	Position	Status/Man Called	Date	Vacancy Pastor
Black Hawk	Divine Shepherd	Senior Admin.	In Call Process	5/4/2025	Dennis Mercer
Blunt-Harrold-Onida	Trinity Immanuel Holy Cross	Sole Pastor	Evaluating Needs	9/21/2025	David Otten Samuel Handschke
Brookings	Mt. Calvary	Associate Pastor	In Call Process	6/02/2025	Matthew Wurm
Cresbard-Wecota	Concordia- Immanuel	Sole Pastor	Evaluating Needs	10/30/2022	David Otten Tom Penrod
Huron	Mt. Calvary	Sole Pastor	Evaluating Needs	6/23/2025	Phil Andreasen
Plankinton-White Lake	St. Paul-Trinity	Sole Pastor	Evaluating Needs	8/1/2021	Don McKillop
Rapid City	Peace	Sole Pastor	Evaluating Needs	9/7/2025	Terry Naasz
Sioux Falls	Memorial	Senior Admin	In Call Process	4/27/2025	Doug Slavens
Sioux Falls	Zion	Associate Pastor	In Call Process	10/01/2025	Greg Lehr
Sisseton Waubay	Emanuel Zion	Sole Pastor	In Call Process	8/4/2025	Jonathon Varns Robert Mueller
Wagner-Fairfax	St. John-Trinity	Sole Pastor	In Call Process	12/23/2024	Jens Jenson Gary Jacobson
Wentworth	St. Peter	Sole Pastor	In Call Process	9/15/2024	Wayne Bernau