

SOUTH DAKOTA DISTRICT CALL STATUS  
AS OF 12/15/2025

**PENDING – ORDAINED**

| Name           | Present Congregation                                       | Calling Congregation                      | Date Received |
|----------------|------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|---------------|
| Hanson, Joseph | First Missouri Valley, IA                                  | Emanuel, Sisseton, SD<br>Zion, Waubay, SD | 11/24/2025    |
| Lemcke, Brian  | Zion, Delmont, SD<br>Emmaus, Tripp, SD                     | First Trinity<br>Bloomfield, NE           | 12/03/2025    |
| Winckler, Paul | Assistant to the President<br>South Dakota District Office | Zion<br>Sioux Falls, SD                   | 11/23/2025    |

**ACCEPTED - ORDAINED**

| Name | Present Congregation | Calling Congregation | Date Accepted |
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**DECLINED - ORDAINED**

| Name                 | Present Congregation                           | Calling Congregation                                         | Date Declined |
|----------------------|------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| Handschke, Samuel    | Faith Evangelical<br>Pierre, SD                | Immanuel<br>Alpena, MI                                       | 11/21/2025    |
| Harr, Wade           | Christ<br>Winner, SD                           | Mount Calvary, Colstrip, MT<br>Circle of Life, Lame Deer, MT | 11/27/2025    |
| Lietzau, Eli         | Wheat Ridge Lutheran Church<br>Wheat Ridge, CO | Divine Shepherd<br>Black Hawk, SD                            | 12/15/2025    |
| Slavens, Doug        | Memorial<br>Sioux Falls, SD                    | Trinity<br>Faribault, MN                                     | 12/14/2025    |
| Weispenfennig, Steve | St. Johns<br>Yankton, SD                       | South Shore Trinity<br>White Bear Lake, MN                   | 12/05/2025    |

**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-Harold-Onida    | Trinity<br>Immanuel<br>Holy Cross | Sole Pastor      | Evaluating Needs  | 9/21/2025  | David Otten<br>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<br>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<br>Waubay    | Emanuel<br>Zion                   | Sole Pastor      | In Call Process   | 8/4/2025   | Jonathon Varns<br>Robert Mueller |
| Wagner-Fairfax        | St. John-Trinity                  | Sole Pastor      | In Call Process   | 12/23/2024 | Jens Jenson<br>Gary Jacobson     |
| Wentworth             | St. Peter                         | Sole Pastor      | In Call Process   | 9/15/2024  | Wayne Bernau                     |