

SOUTH DAKOTA DISTRICT CALL STATUS
AS OF 1/12/2026

PENDING – ORDAINED

Name	Present Congregation	Calling Congregation	Date Received
Grimmer, Daniel	Zion, Mitchell	Trinity, Hilbert, Wisconsin	12/16/2025
McCarthy, Christopher	First, Wall, SD	St. Paul, Ashland, KY	12/29/2025
Slavens, Doug	Memorial, Sioux Falls, SD	Memorial, Sioux Falls, SD	01/02/2026

ACCEPTED - ORDAINED

Name	Present Congregation	Calling Congregation	Date Accepted
Lemcke, Brian	Zion, Delmont, SD Emmaus, Tripp, SD	First Trinity Bloomfield, NE	12/30/2025
Winckler, Paul	Assistant to the President South Dakota District Office	Zion Sioux Falls, SD	12/19/2025

DECLINED - ORDAINED

Name	Present Congregation	Calling Congregation	Date Declined
Hanson, Joseph	First Missouri Valley, IA	Emanuel, Sisseton, SD Zion, Waubay, SD	01/03/2026
Lietzau, Eli	Wheat Ridge Lutheran Church Wheat Ridge, CO	Divine Shepherd Black Hawk, SD	12/15/2025
Slavens, Doug	Memorial Sioux Falls, SD	Trinity Faribault, MN	12/14/2025

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
Sisseton-Waubay	Emanuel Zion	Sole Pastor	In Call Process	8/4/2025	Jonathon Varns Robert Mueller
Tripp-Delmont	Emmaus Zion	Sole Pastor	Evaluating Needs	01/5/2026	
Wagner-Fairfax	St. John-Trinity	Sole Pastor	In Call Process	12/23/2024	Jens Jenson Gary Jacobson
Watertown	Mt. Olive	Sole Pastor	Evaluating Needs	12/29/2025	Aaron Asmus
Wentworth	St. Peter	Sole Pastor	In Call Process	9/15/2024	Wayne Bernau