

SOUTH DAKOTA DISTRICT CALL STATUS
AS OF 3/9/2026

PENDING – ORDAINED

Name	Present Congregation	Calling Congregation	Date Received

ACCEPTED - ORDAINED

Name	Present Congregation	Calling Congregation	Date Accepted
Handscke, Samuel	Faith, Pierre, SD	Prince Of Peace, Medina, OH	3/06/2026
McCarthy, Christopher	First, Wall, SD Emmanuel Creighton, SD	St. Paul, Ashland, KY	01/14/2026
Neugebauer, Nathan	St. Johns, Revillo Bethlehem, Milbank	Holy Cross Evangelical, Dodge City, KS	02/14/2026
Slavens, Doug	Memorial, Sioux Falls, SD	Memorial, Sioux Falls, SD	01/14/2026

DECLINED - ORDAINED

Name	Present Congregation	Calling Congregation	Date Declined
Booe, Phillip	Saint John, Luverne, MN	Divine Shepherd, Black Hawk, SD	02/22/2026
Grimmer, Daniel	Zion, Mitchell	Zion, Chinook, MT St. Paul, Havre, MT	02/15/2026
Grimmer, Daniel	Zion, Mitchell	Saint John, Fredonia, WI	02/15/2026
Grimmer, Daniel	Zion, Mitchell	Saint Mark's Milford, OH	02/15/2026
Moss, Matthew	St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church and School Maple Grove, MN	Peace, Rapid City, SD	02/12/2026
Preus, James	Trinity, Ottumwa, IA	Mt. Calvary, Brookings, SD	02/18/2026

VACANCY STATUS

City	Church	Position	Status/Man Called	Date	Vacancy Pastor
Black Hawk	Divine Shepherd	Senior Admin.	Calling from the field	5/4/2025	Dennis Mercer
Blunt-Harrold-Onida	Trinity Immanuel Holy Cross	Sole Pastor	Calling from the Seminary	9/21/2025	David Otten Samuel Handschke
Brookings	Mt. Calvary	Associate Pastor	Calling from the field	6/02/2025	Matthew Wurm
Corona Wilmont	Trinity Our Savior	Sole Pastor	Calling from the Seminary	11/16/2025	
Cresbard- Wecota	Concordia- Immanuel	Sole Pastor	Evaluating Needs	10/30/2022	David Otten Tom Penrod
Sioux Falls	District Office	Assistant to the President	Evaluating Needs	12/21/2025	
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	Calling from the field	9/7/2025	Terry Naasz
Revillo Milbank	St. John Bethlehem	Sole Pastor	Evaluating Needs	2/14/2026	Evaluating
Sisseton Waubay	Emanuel Zion	Sole Pastor	Calling from the Seminary	8/4/2025	Jonathon Varns Robert Mueller
Tripp Delmont	Emmaus Zion	Sole Pastor	Evaluating Needs	1/5/2026	Joeseeph Greenmyer Ryan Loeslie
Wagner- Fairfax	St. John-Trinity	Sole Pastor	Calling from the Seminary	12/23/2024	Jens Jenson Gary Jacobson
Watertown	Mt. Olive	Sole Pastor	Evaluating Needs	12/29/2025	Aaron Asmus
Wentworth	St. Peter	Sole Pastor	Evaluating Needs	9/15/2024	Wayne Bernau