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# NOMINATIONS

## DISTRICT PRESIDENT NOMINATIONS

- 01 The North Wisconsin District 2006 Handbook (5.03.b. p.23) specifies that "All pastors receiving at least five votes shall be reported to the convention by means of the convention manual." They are:

Joel A. Hoelter

- 02 2006 Handbook (5.03.b. p.23) – "The candidates for the Office of District President shall be the five pastors receiving the highest number of votes except in the event of a tie for the fifth position among the candidates, all names involved in the tie shall be listed as candidates." Pastors eligible to have their name placed on the ballot for District President are:

Joel A. Hoelter  
Thomas E. Myhre

- 03 The 2006 Handbook also provides for additional nominations from the floor of the convention (5.03.e. p.23): "The convention shall have the right to alter the slate at the proper time by amendment. Any delegate making a nomination from the floor shall have secured prior written consent of the pastor to be nominated together with the pertinent written information specified...and shall submit both to the District Secretary at the time the nomination is made or before. After all such amendments have been voted on, the convention shall ratify the slate of candidates." Biographical Information blanks and consent forms are available from the District Secretary.
- 04 The 2006 Handbook (5.03.d. p.23) also requires that biographical and other pertinent information on each presidential candidate be published in the convention manual. They follow this report.

Pastor Daniel P. Thews, Secretary  
North Wisconsin District

Steven A. Hulke, Chairman  
2009 Nominations Committee

## **BIOGRAPHICAL DATA**

### **Pastor Joel A. Hoelter**

Rev. Hoelter, President of the North Wisconsin District – LC—MS, Wausau, Wisconsin was born on August 4, 1953 at Belleville, Illinois. He is married to the former Velma R. Dunn. They have five children and four grandchildren.

He graduated from Concordia Theological Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri, and was ordained in 1979. He is a life-long member of a synodical congregation.

#### Served as:

Pastor, St. John's, Oxford, NE 1979-81  
Pastor, St. Matthew, Almena & Immanuel, Silver Creek, WI 1981-94  
Pastor, Our Redeemer, Eau Claire, WI 1994-2006  
President, North Wisconsin District, Wausau, WI 2006-present

#### Positions held:

Zone L.W.M.L. Pastoral Advisor 1980-81 (Nebraska District)  
Circuit Youth Representative 1982-84; Rice Lake Circuit  
Circuit Counselor 1985-85 & 1990-94; Rice Lake Circuit  
Regional Contact Person for Alive in Christ  
Chairman, Sundry Matters Committee, 1988 North Wisconsin District Convention  
Chairman, Elections Committee 1991 North Wisconsin District Convention  
Chairman, North Wisconsin Congregational Celebration 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of

#### Synod:

Secretary, North Wisconsin District 1997-present  
Chairman, North Wisconsin District Constitution Committee 1997-present  
Member of Ministerial Alliance, Oxford, NE 1979-81  
Member of Endowment Committee, Barron Area School District 1986-88

## **BIOGRAPHICAL DATA**

### **Pastor Thomas E. Myhre**

Rev. Myhre, pastor of St. John Lutheran Church, Withee, Wisconsin, was born on January 23, 1952 at Miami, Florida. He is married to the former Jean A. Hesselink. They have two children: Samuel and Bethany.

He graduated from Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana, and was ordained in 1982.

#### Served as:

Pastor, St. Paul Lutheran Church, Bowler, WI 1982-1991  
Pastor, St. John Lutheran Church, Withee, WI 1991-present

#### Positions held:

Circuit Youth Advisor, Embarrass River Circuit 1982-85  
Circuit Counselor, Embarrass River Circuit 1985-91  
Circuit Youth Advisor, Abbotsford Circuit 1991-99  
Circuit Missions Representative, Abbotsford Circuit 1996-2002  
Volunteer Fireman, Bowler, WI 1983-91  
School Crisis Counselor, Bowler, WI & Tigerton, WI 1983-91  
School Crisis Counselor, Withee, WI & Thorp, WI 1992-present  
Various Ad-Hoc School Committees, Bowler, WI & Withee, WI  
Secretary and President, Owen-Withee Ministerial Association  
Owen-Withee Lions Club  
Substitute School Bus Driver 1998-present

## ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENTS

The procedure for electing Vice Presidents is spelled out in the 2006 District Handbook (p.16):

- 3.01 c. The Vice Presidents shall be elected on a regional basis and each Vice President shall live within the region he represents. The three regions are as follows:

Region A – Circuits 2, 12, 13, 14, 18 and 19

Region B – Circuits 1, 5, 6, 7, 11, 16 and 17

Region C – Circuits 3, 4, 8, 9, 10, 15 and 20

- d. In the event that a Vice President moves from his region, the District President shall appoint the candidate within the region who received the next highest number of votes in the election to fill the unexpired term assuming the rank of the Third Vice President. In the event that no candidate is available, the District President, with the approval of the Board of Directors, shall appoint a pastor of the region to fill the unexpired term assuming the rank of Third Vice President. The ranking of the other Vice Presidents shall be adjusted accordingly.

### 5.04 Nomination and Election of Vice Presidents (p.24)

- a. Every voting congregation of each region shall be entitled to nominate three candidates for regional vice president of its region. They shall be three different pastors from the roster of the Synod serving a congregation in the region, or from among the rostered emeritus pastors holding membership in one of the congregations of the region. A congregation may not nominate the same name more than once. Those congregations wishing to place names in nomination shall return the ballot signed by the president and secretary of the congregation to the District secretary at least 90 days prior to the opening of the District Convention. To facilitate this election, a list containing the names of all eligible pastors shall be submitted to the congregations with the official nomination ballot.
- b. The District secretary and the chairman of the nominations committee shall tabulate the nominating ballots. In the event of a tie among the three candidates receiving the most nominations in any region, the tie shall be broken by a blind draw. The District secretary shall notify the three pastors receiving the most

nominations in each region, and secure in writing the approval of each to have his name presented to the convention as needed.

- c. After the election of the District president, the names of the three eligible pastors having received the most nominations in each region shall be presented to the convention for election of the regional vice president by ballot vote.
- d. After all vice presidents have been elected, another ballot shall be taken to determine their rank.

This procedure has been followed and the following slate of Vice Presidents is herewith presented for ratification:

**Region A**

John Laatsch  
Paul Pett  
Paul Weber

**Region B**

Joel Danner  
Donald Engebretson  
Timothy Wenger

**Region C**

Ron Mueller  
William Plautz  
Paul Woebbeking

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Steven A. Hulke, Chairman  
2009 Nominations Committee

## ELECTION OF CIRCUIT COUNSELORS

The procedure for electing Circuit Counselors is spelled out in the 2007 Synodical Handbook (p.195):

### 5.2.2 Nomination and Election

- (a) Every voting congregation of each Circuit shall be entitled to nominate as a candidate for the office of Circuit Counselor either one or two individual pastors of the member congregations of the Circuit or from among the emeriti who hold membership in one of the member congregations of that Circuit.
  - (1) The nominations shall be made at least four months prior to the elections and shall be submitted to the Nominating Committee through the Secretary of the District.
  - (2) The pastor who receives a majority of votes cast on the nominating ballot shall be the nominee.
- (b) If no candidate has received a majority, the District Secretary shall forward to each congregation in that Circuit an additional ballot with the names of the two men, or more in case of a tie, receiving the highest number of votes in the initial balloting.
  - (1) The congregation shall then mark their ballot with one name and return it to the District Secretary by the date specified by him.
  - (2) The pastor who receives the majority of votes cast shall be the nominee.
- (c) If no pastor has received a majority in the voting, a Circuit caucus shall be held during an early session of the convention at a specified time on the agenda. Balloting shall take place by the pastors and lay delegates of the Circuit until one pastor receives the majority of votes.
- (d) Should the candidate(s) no longer be available for this office, the Circuit caucus shall have the right to act on behalf of the congregations to nominate a replacement.
- (e) The convention shall have the right to alter the slate by amendment.
- (f) The convention shall then ratify the slate of Circuit Counselors, which ratification shall constitute election.

This procedure has been followed and the slate of Circuit Counselors is herewith presented for ratification:

| <b><u>Circuit</u></b>         | <b><u>Name and Location</u></b> |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Lake Superior Circuit # 1     | Larry Steckling, Ashland        |
| Michigan Circuit # 2          | Paul Kelto, Chatham, MI         |
| Rice Lake Circuit # 3         | Ronald Mueller, Barron          |
| Park Falls Circuit # 4        | Gary Lodholz, Phillips          |
| Eagle River Circuit # 5       | Jonathan Cluppert, Woodruff     |
| Merrill Circuit # 6           | Joel Danner, Merrill            |
| Antigo Circuit # 7            | Donald Engebretson, Antigo      |
| New Richmond Circuit # 8      | Michael Scholz, River Falls     |
| Eau Claire Circuit # 9        | Dan Welch, Thorp                |
| Abbotsford Circuit # 10       | Paul Hunsicker, Abbotsford      |
| Wausau Circuit # 11           | David Faulkner, Wausau          |
| Embarrass River Circuit # 12  | Todd Jerabek, Embarrass         |
| Shawano Circuit # 13          | David Miller, Bonduel           |
| Gillett Circuit # 14          | Paul Scheunemann, Mountain      |
| Fall Creek Circuit # 15       | Ricky Bertels, Fall Creek       |
| Marshfield Circuit # 16       | Douglas Schalow, Vesper         |
| Wisconsin Rapids Circuit # 17 | Kevin Ader, Wisconsin Rapids    |
| Appleton Circuit # 18         | Paul Shackel, Greenville        |
| Green Bay Circuit # 19        | Steven Kline, Greenleaf         |
| Mondovi Circuit # 20          | Dennis Voss, Osseo              |

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## GENERAL BALLOT NOMINATIONS

- 01 The North Wisconsin District *2006 Handbook* (5.01.c. p.22) states: "The Nominations Committee shall nominate twice the number of candidates needed for each position on the general ballot..."
- 02 The *2006 Handbook* also provides for additional nominations from the floor of the Convention (5.01.e. p.19): "Additional candidates may be nominated for any position on the general ballot by the convention provided that **prior written consent** has been obtained from the prospective candidate. Whenever possible, written information similar to that provided by the Nominations Committee shall be presented for each candidate nominated from the floor to the District Secretary, along with the written consent form at the time the name is placed in nomination or before.
- 03 The Nominations Committee would like to place the following names in nomination for the indicated positions.

### 2006 Nominations Committee

Area A – Rev. Steven Hulke  
Ms. Joanne Bublitz

Area B – Rev. Timothy Roser  
Mr. David Hussong

Area C – Rev. Cory Rajek  
Ms. Anne Hartman

Teacher – Mr. Frank Wegner

**DISTRICT SECRETARY** (Vote for 1)

**Name:** Rev. Jason A. Reed  
**Address:** 721 Sixth Street, Mattoon, WI 54450  
**Age:** 34  
**Congregation:** St. John, Mattoon, WI  
**Occupation or Profession:** Pastor  
**Offices or positions, past or present served in the church:**  
    **Local:** Elder–3 years; Trustee-3 years (1 year as Head Trustee);  
    **Circuit/Zone:** Fill-in Vicar (Preacher-at large for circuit during vicarage year)  
**Community Involvement:** Coffee-shop Outreach (using the local diner to reach out to the community); Regular Veterans' events participant; Monthly Chapel Service for Homme Home of Wittenberg (local residential assistance facility);

**Name:** Rev. Daniel P. Thews  
**Address:** 601 E. Glendale Avenue, Appleton, WI 54911  
**Age:** 45  
**Congregation:** Faith, Appleton, WI  
**Occupation or Profession:** Pastor  
**Offices or positions, past or present served in the church:**  
    **Circuit/Zone:** Have led various workshops  
    **District:** NWD District Secretary - 2006-09; Conference Planning Committee – several terms; College of Counselors; Administrative Services Committee;

**Name:** Rev. Jody R. Walter  
**Address:** 203 First Avenue S., Frederic, WI 54837  
**Age:** 45  
**Congregation:** Immanuel, Frederic, WI  
**Occupation or Profession:** Pastor  
**Offices or positions, past or present served in the church:**  
    **Circuit/Zone:** Circuit 3 Secretary since fall 2003  
    **Synod:** 2004 Synodical Convention Delegate  
**Community Involvement:** Lion Tamer – Frederic Lions Club since 2002; Columnist  
for the local paper since 2005

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS – PASTORS**

**(Vote for 1)**

**Name:** Rev. Vernon F. Heim  
**Address:** 749 Silver Creek Drive, Oneida, WI 54155  
**Age:** 63  
**Congregation:** Zion, Oneida, WI  
**Occupation or Profession:** Pastor  
**Offices or positions, past or present served in the church:**  
    **Local:** Pastor for 38 years – Zion, Oneida  
    **Circuit/Zone:** Chairman; Circuit Counselor; Youth Advisor; Evangelism Representative; Convocation Chairman; Stewardship Representative; Chairman-Area Mission Strategy Committee; Northeastern Wisconsin Lutheran High School Board of Directors; Finance Committee; Site Committee Chairman; Religion Teacher  
    **District:** Circuit Counselor; President's District Development Advisory Council; Pastoral Advisor for Camp Luther Handi-Camp; Camp Luther Golf Challenge Planning Committee & participant since inception;  
    **Synod:** Convention Delegate; Pastoral Liaison to NWD for Financial Education; Financial Education Program Partner; Synodical Community Life Leader; Synodical Servant Event Leader;  
**Community Involvement:** Tri-County Optimist Club-Charter Member; Tri-County Lutherans for Life-Charter Member; Concordia University Century Club; Wisconsin Real Estate Broker-35 years;

**Name:** Rev. Timothy M. Ott  
**Address:** 1510 County Road 496, Ishpeming, MI 49849  
**Age:** 60  
**Congregation:** Christ the King, Ishpeming, MI  
**Occupation or Profession:** Pastor  
**Offices or positions, past or present served in the church:**  
    **Local:** Pastor for 26 years – NWD  
    **Circuit/Zone:** Circuit Counselor – 8 years  
    **District:** Board of Directors – 6 years  
    Board of Finance – 6 years  
    **Synod:** Forward in Remembrance  
**Community Involvement:** Volunteer Chaplain-Bell Hospital; Little League Coach;

**Name:** Rev. Chris A. Schwanz  
**Address:** 223 Grant Street, Amherst, WI 54406  
**Age:** 50  
**Congregation:** Immanuel, Marshfield, WI  
**Occupation or Profession:** Pastor  
**Offices or positions, past or present served in the church:**  
     **Local:** Pastor St. Paul, Amherst, WI 2002-2009; Pastor Immanuel, Marshfield, WI 2009-present; Stephen Ministry Leader 1983-99;  
     **Circuit/Zone:** Mexico Missions Team Coordinator 1996-present; New Orleans Relief Team Coordinator 2006-present;  
     **District:** NWD Post-seminary Applied Learning and Support (PALS) facilitator 2006-present; NWD Missions and Cross Cultural Servant Events Think Tanks 2006-08; Lutheran Counseling and Family Services (LCFS) Board of Directors 2005-08; Natural Church Development (NCD) trained facilitator 2005-06; Iowa District West (IDW) Camp Okoboji Board of Directors 1995-99; IDW High School and All-Iowa Youth Gathering Chairman 1992-96;  
     **Synod:** Ministry Technology Mentor (MTM) Project Think Tank 2008; Pastoral Leadership Institute (PLI) 2006-present; Community Life Builder (CLB) National Youth Gatherings 1998-present;  
**Community Involvement:** Tomorrow River School District (TRSD) 4K Task Force 2007-present; TRSD Human Growth and Development Advisory Committee 2004-06; Monteverdi Master Chorale Stevens Point 2005-present;

**Name:** Rev. Dennis L. Voss  
**Address:** E11770 County Road HH, Osseo, WI 54758  
**Age:** 60  
**Congregation:** St. Peter & St. Paul, Osseo, WI  
**Occupation or Profession:** Pastor  
**Offices or positions, past or present served in the church:**  
**Local:** Congregational chairman; Member of Stewardship Committee (twice); Evangelism calling team member; Member of Board of Elders; 2 different churches-Head Elder at 1; Head of committee to purchase/repair organ at 2 churches; Chairman of building project; Member of choir; Taught Sunday School 2-3 times;  
**Circuit/Zone:** Circuit 20 Circuit Counselor since 2000; Led LWML Zone Rally opening/closing devotions 2 times; Celebrant at the LWML District Convention held in Eau Claire in 2008;  
**District:** Chairman of the Election Committee at the NWD Convention; Member of 2 brief task forces;  
**Synod:** 2001 LCMS Synodical Convention Election Committee Member;  
**Community Involvement:** Lead worship services at Osseo Nursing Home 5-6 times/year; Formerly Cub Master;

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS-TEACHER/COMMISSIONED**  
**MINISTERS** (Vote for 2)

**Name:** Brian Betts  
**Address:** 1021 Chester Court, Nekoosa, WI 54457  
**Age:** 38  
**Congregation:** Immanuel, Wisconsin Rapids, WI  
**Occupation or Profession:** Principal  
**Offices or positions, past or present served in the church:**  
**Local:** All at Immanuel Lutheran School – Wisconsin Rapids:  
6-8 grade teacher Science/ Technology 1992-2005;  
Youth Director 1992-98; Sunday School Superintendent  
1998-2004; Principal 2005-present;  
**Circuit/Zone:** Participated and organized youth events as youth  
director; Circuit Volleyball Tournament;  
**Synod:** Participant in SLED program and graduate of SLED 7  
2005; Participant in Funding Academy for Lutheran  
Schools graduate 2008;  
**Community Involvement:** Soccer coach Wisconsin Rapids Recreational Soccer  
Program 2003-present; Snyder 4-H Club Volunteer;  
Firewise community effort Lake Camelot-Rome,  
Wisconsin 07-present;

**Name:** Jerry Jiter  
**Address:** 214 Lincoln Street, Antigo, WI 54409  
**Age:** 58  
**Congregation:** St. Martin, Clintonville, WI  
**Occupation or Profession:** Principal  
**Offices or positions, past or present served in the church:**  
**Local:** Teacher (various grade levels); Principal; Minister of  
Outreach and Youth; Youth Director; Sunday School  
Superintendent; Sunday School Teacher; Adult & Youth  
Bible Study Teacher; Athletic Director/Coach; Christ  
Care Small Group Leader; Confirmation Instruction;  
**District:** National Lutheran Schools Accreditation (NLSA) Captain;  
NLSA Team Member; Social Ministry (early 1980's)  
**Community Involvement:** Habitat for Humanity Committee Member; Antigo Area  
Lutherans for Life President;

**Name:** Joan Klaas  
**Address:** 1925 N. Eugene Street, Appleton, WI 54914  
**Age:** 61  
**Congregation:** Celebration, Appleton, WI  
**Occupation or Profession:** Elementary Principal/Teacher  
**Offices or positions, past or present served in the church:**  
**Local:** Principal/Part-time 1<sup>st</sup> grade teacher @ Celebration 1998-present; Secretary to Rev. Rinne @ CLCM 2/97-7/98; Preschool Teacher/Preschool Director @ Grace Christian Day School-ELCA Appleton 1982-97; Grade 1 Midweek Teacher Faith, Appleton 1979-98; Grade 5 Teacher in public system Anna, IL 1972-74; Grade 4 Teacher Hope Park Forest, IL 1969-70; Board Member Faith Child Care Appleton; Board Chair for Initial Planning Committee and Board; General Volunteer in an assortment of roles;  
**District:** Past Planning Committee for Volunteer Teacher Conferences for NWD LCMS; Past presenter at Volunteer Teacher Conferences; Current Board Member of MTM Project;

**Name:** Ken Longmire  
**Address:** 1365 Dallman Lane, Shawano, WI 54166  
**Age:** 57  
**Congregation:** Pilgrim, Green Bay, WI  
**Occupation or Profession:** Teaching Ministry  
**Offices or positions, past or present served in the church:**  
**Local:** Teacher-Trinity, Sheboygan, WI 1974-84; Teacher-Pilgrim, Green Bay, WI 1984-2000; Principal, Pilgrim, Green Bay, WI 2000-present; Board of Evangelism; Board of Christian Life; Secretary of Congregation;  
**District:** NWD Evangelism Board; NWD Board of Parish Services; Board of Missions Chairman; Volunteer Teachers' Conference Chairman; NWD Teachers Conference Vice President; NWD Board of Directors 1997-2003 & 2006-09;  
**Synod:** Wrote portion of curriculum of "Integrating the faith: *A Teacher's Guide for Curriculum in Lutheran Schools*"; Mentored a group of Lutheran school teachers interested in becoming Lutheran school principals-SLED program; Advisory Delegate for 1998 & 2008 Synodical convention;

## **BOARD OF DIRECTORS – LAYPERSONS (Vote for 6)**

**Name:** John Buchman  
**Address:** N9956 Lakeside Road, Trego, WI 54888  
**Age:** 61  
**Congregation:** Christ, Lampson, WI  
**Occupation or Profession:** Sawmill Owner/Operator  
**Offices or positions, past or present served in the church:**  
**Local:** President; Vice President; Trustee; Elder; LCEF Representative;  
**Circuit/Zone:** LCEF Circuit Representative; Circuit Forum Representative;  
**District:** District Convention Delegate;  
**Community Involvement:** Spooner-Trego Lions; Town Board Supervisor; 4H;

**Name:** Dennis Clauss  
**Address:** 233 E. Timberline Drive, Appleton, WI 54911  
**Age:** 62  
**Congregation:** Faith, Appleton, WI  
**Occupation or Profession:** Retired Executive (Thrivent/AAL)  
**Offices or positions, past or present served in the church:**  
**Local:** Member-Personnel Committee; Ministry Study Committee; Education Committee; Chair-Strategic Planning Task Force; Elder-Good Shepherd, Appleton; Instructor-Adult Education (Faith & Good Shepherd, Appleton);  
**District:** Vice Chair-NWD Board of Directors;  
**Synod:** Chair-Board for Communication Services; Member-Administrative Cabinet; Center for U.S. Missions – Irvine, CA;  
**Community Involvement:** Board Member-Lutheran Counseling & Family Services; Member-Education Task Force; Fox Cities Chamber of Commerce Adjunct Faculty – Graduate School of Business, Lakeland College;

**Name:** Wayne Grosskopf  
**Address:** 235 N. Wisconsin Street, Fall Creek, WI 54742  
**Age:** 63  
**Congregation:** St. Paul, Fall Creek, WI  
**Occupation or Profession:** Retired Office Manager  
**Offices or positions, past or present served in the church:**  
**Local:** Stewardship Board; LCEP Representative; Board of Elders; Congregation President;  
**Community Involvement:** Retired member-Fall Creek Volunteer Fire Department; Fall Creek District Fire Department Board; Secretary-Fall Creek Lions;

**Name:** Anne Hartman  
**Address:** 7515 South Davis Drive, Eau Claire, WI 54701  
**Age:** 37  
**Congregation:** Peace, Eau Claire, WI  
**Occupation or Profession:** Homemaker  
**Offices or positions, past or present served in the church:**  
**Local:** Board of Deacons-Peace, Eau Claire; Board of Education-Our Savior-Eagle River; Board of Youth Ministry-Brookfield Lutheran, Brookfield;  
**District:** NWD Nominations Committee-2009 Convention; Camp Luther Strategic Planning Committee 2007-present; Village Task Force for Camp Luther Spring 2007-Spring 08; District LWML Young Women Coordinator 2003-present; NWD Board of Outdoor Ministry 2003-06; South Wisconsin District Youth Ministry Committee 1997-99;  
**Synod:** National LWML Leader Development Committee 2005-07;  
**Community Involvement:** Volunteer at school

**Name:** Marvin Klosterman  
**Address:** 410 E. Cedar Street, Bonduel, WI 54107  
**Age:** 76  
**Congregation:** St. Paul, Bonduel, WI  
**Occupation or Profession:** Retired Teacher  
**Offices or positions, past or present served in the church:**  
**Local:** Chair-Stewardship Board; Past Member-Parish Education Board; Past President-St. Paul Men's Club;  
**District:** NWD Board of Directors;  
**Synod:** Delegate-Synodical Convention 1989;  
**Community Involvement:** Bonduel Community Archives; Bonduel Community Association;

**Name:** Paula Krueger  
**Address:** H8734 County Road Q, Wausau, WI 54403  
**Age:** 56  
**Congregation:** Zion, Aniwa, WI  
**Occupation or Profession:** Homemaker & caregiver for grandchildren Formerly sales/marketing  
**Offices or positions, past or present served in the church:**  
**Local:** Christian Outreach Board; Coordinator for Easter dramatic musical which involves members from several churches; Sunday School Teacher and Superintendent; Board of Education; Bible Study Leader; VBS Teacher and Superintendent; Thrivent Financial for Lutherans Congregational Coordinator;  
**Circuit/Zone:** Lay Delegate-2007 Synodical Convention;  
**District:** Board of Directors; Lay Representative Theological Convocation-August 2008; Mission Services Board;  
**Community Involvement:** Jr. Achievement classroom educator;

**Name:** John Paddock  
**Address:** S7011 CTH B, Eau Claire, WI 54701  
**Age:** 59  
**Congregation:** Zion, Cleghorn, WI  
**Occupation or Profession:** Retired  
**Offices or positions, past or present served in the church:**  
    **Local:** Congregational President; President-Board of Elders;  
    Sunday School teacher; Board of Stewardship;  
    **Circuit/Zone:** Lay Representative;  
    **District:** Board of Directors;  
**Community Involvement:** Lions Club; District Lions Club Cabinet; 4-H; Eau Claire  
County Board Groundwater Committee; Eau Claire  
County Board of Health;

**Name:** Robert Rajek  
**Address:** W7220 River Road, Merrill, WI 54452  
**Age:** 60  
**Congregation:** Faith, Merrill, WI  
**Occupation or Profession:** Supervisor – Electric Utility  
**Offices or positions, past or present served in the church:**  
    **Local:** Trustee; Elder; Congregation Vice President;  
    Congregation President; Convention Delegate;

**Name:** Jack Kleinschmidt  
**Address:** 1101 Jefferson Street, Merrill, WI 54452  
**Age:** 59  
**Congregation:** Trinity, Merrill, WI  
**Occupation or Profession:** Self-employed – Owner of Thelma's & Guy's Shop  
clothing stores  
**Offices or positions, past or present served in the church:**  
    **Local:** Past Chairman-Trinity; Chair-Board of Elders;  
    **District:** NWD Board of Directors-1 term;  
**Community Involvement:** Current member-Merrill Chamber Retail Council; Past  
member-Chamber Board of Directors;

**Name:** Richard Ross  
**Address:** N16872 N. River Road, Park Falls, WI 54552  
**Age:** 69  
**Congregation:** Peace, Park Falls, WI  
**Occupation or Profession:** Retired Educator  
**Offices or positions, past or present served in the church:**  
**Local:** Congregation President; Chairman-Board of Elders; Trustee; Taught Confirmation and various Bible classes;  
**District:** NWD Board of Directors;  
**Synod:** Lay Delegate at Synodical Convention;  
**Community Involvement:** Price County Aging Commission; Price County Fair Board; Price County Antique Association; Serving on various committees for school consolidation;

**Name:** Richard (Rick) Steinke  
**Address:** 3340 Delahaut Street, Green Bay, WI 54301  
**Age:** 62  
**Congregation:** Faith, Green Bay, WI  
**Occupation or Profession:** Orthodontist (retired)  
**Offices or positions, past or present served in the church:**  
**Local:** Church Council; Board of Elders; Board of Stewardship; Congregational Gift Planner;  
**District:** Current Member-NWD Board of Directors; Past Chairman-Board of Finance; Co-Chair "Entrusted with Treasure" a campaign for Camp Luther;  
**Synod:** 2007 Convention – Voting Delegate;  
**Community Involvement:** Kiwanis Club; American Dental Association; American Society of Orthodontists;

**Name:** Marlyn Teetzen  
**Address:** 518 S. Bartlett Street, Shawano, WI 54166  
**Age:** 69  
**Congregation:** St. Jakobi, Shawano, WI  
**Occupation or Profession:** Retired  
**Offices or positions, past or present served in the church:**  
    **Local:** Congregation Secretary; Several terms as Elder,  
    President and Vice President; Served on a few Building  
    Committees;  
    **Circuit/Zone:** Current Treasurer-Circuit #13;  
    **District:** Lay Delegate to several NWD Conventions;  
**Community Involvement:** Currently member – City of Shawano Election Board;

## **2012 NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE – TEACHER AT LARGE**

**(Vote for 1)**

**Name:** Susan Longmire  
**Address:** 1365 Dallman Lane, Shawano, WI 54166  
**Age:** 54  
**Congregation:** St. James, Shawano, WI  
**Occupation or Profession:** School Administrator  
**Offices or positions, past or present served in the church:**  
    **Local:** School Promotion Committee; School Technology  
            Committee; Church Board of Directors; School Board of  
            Education;  
    **District:** NWD Nomination Committee; Transforming  
            Congregations Network (TCN) training;  
**Community Involvement:** Member-Chamber of Commerce;

**Name:** Andy Heren  
**Address:** 3711 Brian Street, Eau Claire, WI 54701  
**Age:** 43  
**Congregation:** Epiphany Lutheran, Eau Claire, WI  
**Occupation or Profession:** Teacher  
**Offices or positions, past or present served in the church:**  
    **Local:** Teacher; Bible class leader;

## **2012 NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE – AREA A – PASTOR**

**(Vote for 1)**

**Rev. Steven Kline**

**Name:**

**Address:** 8378 County Road W, Greenleaf, WI 54126

**Age:**

**Congregation:** Zion, Greenleaf, WI

**Occupation or Profession:** Pastor

**Offices or positions, past or present served in the church:**

**Circuit/Zone:** Green Bay Circuit Counselor; past Circuit Conference Chairman & Secretary;

**District:** District Pastors' Conference Secretary; past Nominations Committee;

**Community Involvement:** baseball coach; baseball & basketball officiating; Youth Adaptive Sports Association;

**Name:**

**Rev. Chad Ott**

**Address:** 420 W. Breitung Avenue, Kingsford, MI 49802

**Age:** 34

**Congregation:** Our Redeemer, Kingsford, MI

**Occupation or Profession:** Pastor

**Offices or positions, past or present served in the church:**

**Local:** Sole pastor at multiple-staff church

**District:** Dreams of Harvest Missions Task Force 2000-01;  
Pastoral Conference Program Committee 2003-05;  
Pastoral Conference Chairman 2008-present;

**Community Involvement:** Involvement in community youth wrestling program;

## PENDING INFORMATION

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| <b>Name:</b>   | <b>Rev. Martin Koeller</b>                 |
| <b>Address:</b>  | 2220 E. College Avenue, Appleton, WI 54915 |
| <b>Age:</b>  |  |
| <b>Congregation:</b>   | Good Shepherd, Appleton, WI                |
| <b>Occupation or Profession:</b>                                   | Pastor                                     |
| <b>Offices or positions, past or present served in the church:</b> |  |
| <b>Local:</b>  |  |
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| <b>Circuit/Zone:</b>   |  |
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| <b>District:</b>   |  |
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| <b>Community Involvement:</b>                                      |  |

## **2012 NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE – AREA A – LAYPERSON**

**(Vote for 1)**

**Name:** Steve Norman  
**Address:** N5068 N. Samuelson Road, Chatham, MI 49816  
**Age:** 59  
**Congregation:** Sion, Chatham, MI  
**Occupation or Profession:** Self-employed  
**Offices or positions, past or present served in the church:**  
**Local:** Board of Elders; Endowment Committee; Building Committee;  
**Community Involvement:** Rock River Township Volunteer Fire Department; Lions Club; Marquette Alger Regional Education Service Agency School Board;

**Name:** Richard (Rick) Steinke  
**Address:** 3340 Delahaut Street, Green Bay, WI 54301  
**Age:** 62  
**Congregation:** Faith, Green Bay, WI  
**Occupation or Profession:** Orthodontist (retired)  
**Offices or positions, past or present served in the church:**  
**Local:** Church Council; Board of Elders; Board of Stewardship; Congregational Gift Planner;  
**District:** Current Member-NWD Board of Directors; Past Chairman-Board of Finance; Co-Chair "Entrusted with Treasure" a campaign for Camp Luther;  
**Synod:** 2007 Convention – Voting Delegate;  
**Community Involvement:** Kiwanis Club; American Dental Association; American Society of Orthodontists;

**Name:** Robin Trembath  
**Address:** 2553 Waldo Street, Marquette, MI 49855  
**Age:** 55  
**Congregation:** Redeemer, Marquette, MI  
**Occupation or Profession:** Self-employed builder  
**Offices or positions, past or present served in the church:**  
**Local:** Elder; President; Trustee; Various committees;  
**Community Involvement:** National Exchange Club;

## **2012 NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE – AREA B - PASTOR**

**(Vote for 1)**

**Name:** Rev. Wes (Bo) Baumeister  
**Address:** E5120 Margaret Street, Ironwood, MI 49938  
**Age:** 45  
**Congregation:** Trinity, Ironwood/Immanuel, Little Girl's Point  
**Occupation or Profession:** Pastor  
**Offices or positions, past or present served in the church:**  
**District:** Program Director-Camp Luther; Lay Leadership Instructor-Nebraska District; Bible Study Leader-Nebraska District;  
**Synod:** University Chaplain-Concordia University Nebraska;  
**Community Involvement:** Kiwanis Club-Marquette, MI; Optimist Club-Seward, NE; Seward Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors; New Beginnings Pregnancy Center-volunteer instructor-Ironwood, MI;

**Name:** Rev. David Karolus  
**Address:** 300 Lincoln Street, Antigo, WI 54409  
**Age:** 46  
**Congregation:** Peace, Antigo, WI  
**Occupation or Profession:** Coordinating Pastor  
**Offices or positions, past or present served in the church:**  
**Local:** Pastor of following churches:  
Peace, Antigo 2006-present; Bethlehem, Altoona 1998-2006; Mount Olive, Schofield 1993-98; St. Mark's, Hollywood, FL 1989-93;  
**Circuit/Zone:** Circuit Counselor 2002-06;  
**District:** Nominations Committee 2000-03; Standing Committee for Camp Luther and Youth 2006-09; Student Financial Aid Committee 1994-2003;  
**Synod:** Community Life Builder for National Youth Gatherings 1995 & 1998;  
**Community Involvement:** Antigo Optimist Club;

**Name:** Rev. David Klemm  
**Address:** 615 West Main Street, Merrill, WI 54452  
**Age:** 45  
**Congregation:** Trinity, Merrill, WI  
**Occupation or Profession:** Pastor  
**Offices or positions, past or present served in the church:**  
**District:** Senior High Youth Gathering Committee; Volunteer  
Teacher Conference Committee;

## **2012 NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE – AREA B – LAYPERSON**

**(Vote for 1)**

**Name:** **Ralph Buch**  
**Address:** 15885 60<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Merrill, WI 54452  
**Age:** 70  
**Congregation:** Faith, Merrill, WI  
**Occupation or Profession:** Semi-Retired  
**Offices or positions, past or present served in the church:**  
**Local:** Board of Education-6 years; Chairman Fund Raising Committee-10 years; Chairman Investment Committee-10 years; Vice President-6 years; President-past 6 years to present; Elder-6 years;  
**Community Involvement:** Various Thrivent funding projects;

**Name:** **Gary Fawcett**  
**Address:** 1033 Walnut Street, Eagle River, WI 54521  
**Age:** 67  
**Congregation:** Our Savior, Eagle River, WI  
**Occupation or Profession:** Retired – AAL District Representative  
**Offices or positions, past or present served in the church:**  
**Local:** Elder; Board of Evangelism; Lutherans for Life;  
**District:** Past Board Member-Camp Luther; Outdoor Ministry;  
**Community Involvement:** President-Northwoods Children's Museum; Chamber Member; President of Easy Eagles Men's Club; President of 50/50 Dinner Club-Couples;

## **2012 NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE – AREA C – PASTOR**

**(Vote for 1)**

**Name:** Rev. David Emmons  
**Address:** 306 Martin Avenue W., Turtle Lake, WI 54889  
**Age:** 42  
**Congregation:** Zion/Immanuel, Turtle Lake, WI  
**Occupation or Profession:** Pastor  
**Offices or positions, past or present served in the church:**  
**Local:** Pastor; Board of Education as a layman; Board of Evangelism as a layman; Board member to local crisis pregnancy center (Massachusetts);  
**Community Involvement:** AYSO Soccer Board member and U12 Soccer Coach; Lions Club;

**Name:** Rev. Jeffrey Lambrecht  
**Address:** 2241 Hayden Avenue, Altoona, WI 54720  
**Age:** 38  
**Congregation:** Bethlehem, Altoona, WI  
**Occupation or Profession:** Clergy  
**Offices or positions, past or present served in the church:**  
**Local:** Pastor-Bethlehem, Altoona 2007-present; Pastor-Immanuel, Guthrie Center, IA 2003-07;  
**District:** NWD Archivist 2007-present;  
**Community Involvement:** Community opportunities; Board of Directors;

**Name:** Rev. Thomas Myhre  
**Address:** 808 School Street, Withee, WI 54498  
**Age:** 57  
**Congregation:** St. John, Withee, WI  
**Occupation or Profession:** Pastor  
**Offices or positions, past or present served in the church:**  
**Local:** Pastor-St. Paul-Bowler, WI 1982-91; Pastor St. John-Withee, WI 1991-present;  
**Circuit/Zone:** Circuit Youth Advisor – Embarrass River Circuit 1982-85; Circuit Counselor – Embarrass River Circuit – 1985-91; Circuit Youth Advisor – Abbotsford Circuit 1991-99; Circuit Missions Representative – Abbotsford Circuit 1996-2002;  
**Community Involvement:** Volunteer Fireman-Bowler 1983-91; School Crisis Counselor-Bowler & Tigerton 1983-91; School Crisis Counselor-Owen/Withee & Thorp 1992-present; Various ad-hoc school committees in Bowler & Withee; Secretary Ministerial Association Owen/Withee 1991-92; President Ministerial Association Owen/Withee 1996-present; Owen/Withee Lion's Club; Substitute school bus driver 1998-present;

**2012 NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE – AREA C –**  
**LAYPERSON** (Vote for 1)

**Name:** Dottie Neumann  
**Address:** 19010 52<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Chippewa Falls, WI 54724  
**Age:** 64  
**Congregation:** Faith, Chippewa Falls, WI  
**Occupation or Profession:** Current NWD LWML District President; Before retirement: full-time homemaker & mother; Coordinator of the 3 Education for Families in Divorce Transition programs for Winona County Minnesota; Divorce and Custody Mediator; Floral Designer. A professional trained Support Group Facilitator and Trainer, Domestic Violence Advocate and Educational Presenter;

**Offices or positions, past or present served in the church:**

**Local:** Choir; taught Sunday School, Vacation Bible School, Midweek Classes; served on Flower and Banner committees. Caring Evangelism Trainer and active in LWML including: Vice Chair, Christian Growth, Bylaws Committee.

**Circuit/Zone:** LWML Zone President in IA West and Minnesota South; LWML Zone Bylaws Committee;

**District:** LWML District Newsletter Coeditor; and Editor; LWML 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President; Current LWML District President; LWML District Bylaws Committee; Publicity Chair for LWML Retreat; attended LWML District Conventions and Retreats; attended District Great Commission Convocation.

**Synod:** Publicity Chairman – 1985 International LWML Convention in Ames, IA; attended several International LWML Conventions and a LCMS Great Commission Convocation; attended a national WELCA Convention as a guest. In 2003 was invited to share Domestic Violence presentation at LCMS Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, IN.

**Community Involvement:** Girl Scout Leader; Cancer Fund-all levels from Town Chairman on down; Community Schools Needs Assessment Committee; Federated Women's Club President and Secretary; Homemakers Chairman and Secretary; Music Mothers; Iowa Area Education Agency as a Team Presenter and on an Evaluation Team; Adults and Children with Learning Disabilities as local Chapter Chairman; Iowa Parent Educator Connection State

Steering Committee as the Laity Representative. Winona County Community Connectors Project; School Linked Services Committee; a member of the University of Minnesota Extension "Parents Forever" Design Team; Volunteer Mediator for Olmsted County Minnesota; Volunteer for the Council on Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence, Plymouth County, IA, as an Advocate; Coordinator of Activities for Domestic Violence Awareness month, participated in Outreach Education, and initiated the start of support group for battered women in Plymouth County.

**Name:** Eugene Schroeder  
**Address:** 719 Colfax Street, Augusta, WI 54722  
**Age:** 74  
**Congregation:** Grace, Augusta, WI  
**Occupation or Profession:** Counselor, Municipal Judge  
**Offices or positions, past or present served in the church:**  
**Local:** Chairman for Council-served twice; Elder; Trustee; Delegate to District; Sunday School Teacher; Janitor; Call Committee; Reconciliation Committee; other committees.  
**Community Involvement:** Counselor; Municipal Judge, Long term support committee for DHS; Volunteer for cancer fund drive; blood donor;

**Name:** Gary Volbrect  
**Address:** E14070 County Road JJ, Fall Creek, WI 54742  
**Age:** 53  
**Congregation:** St. Paul, Fall Creek, WI  
**Occupation or Profession:** Sales  
**Offices or positions, past or present served in the church:**  
**Local:** St. Paul Elder-4 years to present; St. Peter Chairman-12 years; St. Peter Vice Chairman-18 years;  
**Community Involvement:** Home & Garden Committee-Chippewa Valley Home Builders Association;

## **2010 SYNODICAL NOMINATING COMMITTEE (Vote for 1)**

*One-half of the electing districts shall be designated by the Secretary of the Synod to elect a professional church worker and the other half a layperson, with roles reversed every six years. (2007 Handbook, bylaw 3.12.3.3, page 182)*

### **Pastor James (Jim) Wiebel**

Rev. Wiebel is married to his wife Kathy of 37 years. They are the proud parents of two sons and their lovely wives, and even "prouder" grandparents of three beautiful grandchildren, all born since the Wiebel's return to "winters in Wisconsin"!

He received his M.Div. degree in 1971 and his S.T.M. degree in pastoral counseling in 1972 from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, Missouri.

#### **Served as:**

Pastor, St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Wausau, WI 1972-1996  
Sr. Pastor, Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Orlando, FL 1996-2006  
Pastor, Faith Lutheran Church, Appleton, WI 2006-present

### **Pastor Dennis L. Voss**

Rev. Voss graduated from Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana in November 1999. He is also a graduate of North Dakota State University, Fargo, North Dakota with a bachelor's degree in Chemistry, as well as a graduate of Arizona State University, Tempe, Arizona with a masters' degree in Industrial Engineering.

He is a retired Air Force Officer having flown C-130 cargo aircraft and worked on the acquisition program for the C-17 cargo aircraft. Also a graduate of the Air War College.

He served as chairman of the Elections Committee for the 2000 North Wisconsin District Convention. Also served on the 2001 Synod Elections Committee. Appointed Circuit Counselor to the Mondovi Circuit in 2000 and is still serving in this role. Attended the 2006 National Circuit Counselor's Congress in Milwaukee. Also selected to by Pastor Lutz to attend the first Synod Theological Convocation in 2002.

#### **Served as:**

St. Paul Lutheran Church, Whitehall, WI and St. Peter Lutheran Church, Osseo, WI since December 1998. Sent here as deferred vicar of these two vacant congregations. In 1999, called as their pastor and have served here ever since and am enjoying every minute of it.

## **Pastor Thomas E. Myhre**

Rev. Myhre, pastor of St. John Lutheran Church, Withee, Wisconsin, was born on January 23, 1952 at Miami, Florida. He is married to the former Jean A. Hesselink. They have two children: Samuel and Bethany.

He graduated from Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana, and was ordained in 1982.

### Served as:

Pastor, St. Paul Lutheran Church, Bowler, WI 1982-1991

Pastor, St. John Lutheran Church, Withee, WI 1991-present

### Positions held:

Circuit Youth Advisor, Embarrass River Circuit 1982-85

Circuit Counselor, Embarrass River Circuit 1985-91

Circuit Youth Advisor, Abbotsford Circuit 1991-99

Circuit Missions Representative, Abbotsford Circuit 1996-2002

Volunteer Fireman, Bowler, WI 1983-91

School Crisis Counselor, Bowler, WI & Tigerton, WI 1983-91

School Crisis Counselor, Withee, WI & Thorp, WI 1992-present

Various Ad-Hoc School Committees, Bowler, WI & Withee, WI

Secretary and President, Owen-Withee Ministerial Association

Owen-Withee Lions Club

Substitute School Bus Driver 1998-present

## **Consent form for floor nominations**

To be filled out and given to the District Secretary when nominating from the floor at convention.

I accept the nomination for \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

### **B I O G R A P H Y**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Approximate age \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Congregation \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation or Profession \_\_\_\_\_

Offices or positions, past or present, served in church:

Local congregation:

Circuit/zone:

District:

Community involvement: