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Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

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CONGREGATIONS and MINISTERS by CONFERENCE

* Indicates interim pastor ~ SAM = Synod Authorized Minister

NORTH CONFERENCE

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<u>Congregation</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Pastor/Leader</u>	<u>Phone</u>
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Halfway Creek	Holmen	Vacancy	608-526-3701
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Living Hope	Ettrick	*Howe, Libby	608-525-3454
Mindoro	Mindoro	Grinde, Emma	608-857-3474
Mt. Calvary	Trempealeau	Drees, Paul	608-534-6672
North Beaver Creek	Ettrick	*Howe, Libby	608-525-2406
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St. John	Alma	Rem, Michelle	608-685-4534
Tamarack	Arcadia	Drees, Paul	608-534-6672
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SOUTH CONFERENCE

Rev. Amanda Schultz Garcia, Conference Dean

<u>Congregation</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Pastor</u>	<u>Phone</u>
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Coon Valley	Coon Valley	Morris, Ben	608-452-3772
DeSoto	DeSoto	Vacancy	608-648-3569
Fish Creek	Rockland	*Ziems, Pat	608-654-7798
Freeman	Ferryville	Vacancy	608-648-3569
Good Shepherd	Viroqua	Rajkumar, Christopher	608-637-3978
Immanuel	Viroqua	Engh, Michele	608-637-3983
Immanuel	Cashton	Schultz, Amanda	608-654-5236
Kickapoo United	Soldiers Grove	Anderson, Carrie	608-624-5413
Luther Memorial	Gays Mills	Anderson, Carrie	608-735-4445
Middle Coon Valley	Chaseburg	Hoversten, Meg	608-483-2454
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North Coon Prairie	Cashton	*Ziems, Pat	608-654-7798
Our Savior's	Westby	Kempf, Pat	608-634-4871

Our Savior's	Soldiers Grove	Anderson, Carrie	608-624-5754
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Portland	Cashton	*Ziems, Pat	608-654-7798
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Trinity	Cashton	Schultz, Amanda	608-654-5236
Utica	Ferryville	Vacancy	608-734-3505
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Westby Coon Prairie	Westby	Weaver, Alyssa	608-634-3412
Zion	Viroqua	Vacancy	

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Trinity	Sparta	Buzbee, Josh	608-269-5081
Trinity	Hustler	Pechman, Michael (SAM)	608-462-5398
Woodland	Nekoosa	Peterson, Margo	715-325-3686
Zion	Big Flats	Werner, Peggy (SAM)	608-339-3515

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Lower Coon Valley	Stoddard	Vacancy	608-483-2384
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Our Redeemer	La Crosse	Bartusch, Mark	608-788-0242
Our Savior's	West Salem	Schmidt, Jon/Schmidt, Jean	608-786-0030
Our Savior's	La Crosse	Richmond, Joanne	608-782-3468
Prince of Peace	La Crescent MN	*Sorenson, Anna	507-895-4440
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