

## NOMINATIONS

### REPORT ON NOMINATIONS FOR PRESIDENT AND FIRST VICE PRESIDENT

The Secretary of the District is responsible for receiving and tabulating nominations for President and First Vice-President from the congregations.

The congregations had the opportunity to nominate two different individual pastors for each of the two positions.

The nominating ballot tallies are as follows:

#### **President**

Rev Richard Boche, Cheyenne	32
Rev Mark Maas, Cheyenne	15
Rev Shawn Kumm, Laramie	10
Rev Marvin Temme, Torrington	7
Rev John Hill, Casper	6
Rev Dan Holthus, Casper	5
Rev Marcus Zill, Laramie	4
Rev Richard Neugebauer, Gering	3
Rev Craig Niemeier, Bridgeport	3
Rev John Rasmussen, Cheyenne	2
Rev Paul Cain, Morrill	1
Rev John Christensen, Thermopolis	1
Rev Jeff Grams, Scottsbluff	1
Rev Phil Grovenstein, Greybull	1
Rev William Heine, Sheridan	1
Rev Kirk Peters, Buffalo	1

#### **First Vice-President**

Rev Shawn Kumm, Laramie	29
Rev Richard Boche, Cheyenne	12
Rev Craig Niemeier, Bridgeport	10
Rev Richard Neugebauer, Gering	7
Rev Mark Maas, Cheyenne	5
Rev Paul Cain, Morrill	4
Rev John Hill, Casper	4
Rev Kirk Peters, Buffalo	4
Rev Lee Wisroth, Powell	3
Rev Scott Firminhac	2
Rev Dan Holthus, Casper	2
Rev Tim Klug, Cody	2
Rev Martin Schnare, Alliance	2
Rev Peter Bertram, Chadron	1
Rev Chris Brandt, Lovell	1
Rev John Christensen, Thermopolis	1
Rev Jeff Grams, Scottsbluff	1
Rev Brad Heinecke, Sidney	1
Rev Jonathan Lange, Evanston	1
Rev Dan Mulholland, Ft. Bridger	1
Rev Scott Shields, Rock Springs	1
Rev Marvin Temme, Torrington	1
Rev Barry Warpness, Scottsbluff	1

The following have given their consent to serve if elected and therefore constitute the official slate in alphabetical order:

#### **President**

Rev Richard Boche, Cheyenne  
Rev Mark Maas, Cheyenne  
Rev Marvin Temme, Torrington

#### **First Vice-President**

Rev Richard Boche, Cheyenne  
Rev Shawn Kumm, Laramie  
Rev Craig Niemeier, Bridgeport

These two slates will be submitted separately, each at its proper time to the Convention for adoption as presented or as amended by the Convention. The amendment procedure is governed by the following District by-law: "The convention retains the right to alter each slate at the proper time by amendment. Any delegate making a nomination from the floor will do so with a simple motion, a second, and a vote on the amendment. *(And this next part is important and the portion I want to put before you for your awareness)*. Prior consent shall have been obtained from the nominee and the proper written information concerning the nominee... will be

immediately submitted to the District Secretary. After all amendments have been voted on, the Convention shall ratify the slate of candidates prior to each election”

The biographical information forms submitted by the nominees chosen by the congregations are attached to this report.



## PRESIDENT NOMINEES

**Name:** Rev. Richard O. Boche

**Address:** 7520 Drummond Avenue  
Cheyenne, Wyoming 82009

**Age:** 58

**Year Ordained:** 1973

**Number of Years in District:** 29 Years

**Present Position:**

Senior Pastor of Our Savior Lutheran Church - Cheyenne, Wyoming  
Wyoming District Second Vice-President; Constitutions Chairman  
Commission of Congregational Services Advisory  
Wyoming District Reconciler  
Synodical PALS Facilitator

**Past Experience:**

Wyoming District Board of Directors Secretary  
Cheyenne Circuit Visitor; Wyoming District "Mission: 2000" Coordinator;  
Continuing Education Coordinator  
Wyoming District Memorial Library Committee Member  
Wyoming District Resolutions Committee; Task Force on Structure Chairman, Task Force on  
"Funding the Mission" Chairman  
Nebraska District Youth Board; Wyoming District Youth Chairman;  
"Living For Christ" Stewardship Committee  
New Pastors' Conference Speaker - San Francisco; Pastors' Conference Presenter;  
Zone LWML Pastoral Advisor  
Synodical Convention District Advisory Delegate  
Synodical Convention Pastoral Delegate; Synodical Conference of Congregational Services  
District Representative  
Synod "Model Theological Conference" participant and District Theological Conference Planner

**Former Pastorates:**

Grace Lutheran Church, Pleasanton/Grace Lutheran Church, Sumner, Nebraska (1973-1997)  
St. Andrew's Chapel & Lutheran Campus Center, Laramie, Wyoming (1997-1984)  
Our Savior Lutheran Church, Cheyenne, Wyoming/Immanuel Lutheran Church, Burns, Wyoming  
(1984-1988)

**Other Specific Experience:**

Lions Club Vice-President  
Community College Co-op Education Instructor

**Home Congregation:** Our Savior Lutheran Church, Cheyenne, Wyoming



**Name:** Rev. Mark J. Maas  
**Address:** 810 Centennial Drive  
Cheyenne, Wyoming 82001

**Age:** 46

**Year Ordained:** 1987

**Number of Years in District:** 8 Years; Vicar - 1 Year

**Present Position:**

Pastor of King of Glory Lutheran Church, Cheyenne, Wyoming  
Cheyenne Circuit Visitor  
Pastors' Conference Committee Chairman  
LWML Zone Counselor

**Past Experience:**

Wyoming District Worship Chairman  
Nebraska District Circuit Youth Counselor

**Former Pastorates:**

St. John Lutheran Church, Wilcox, Nebraska

**Other Specific Experience:**

Meals on Wheels Chair  
Housing Authority Chair  
Volunteer Fireman  
Community Improvement Association  
Chamber of Commerce

**Home Congregation:** King of Glory Lutheran Church, Cheyenne, Wyoming



**Name:** Rev. Marvin L. Temme

**Address:** 2201 Lupine Drive  
Torrington, Wyoming 82240

**Age:** 59

**Year Ordained:** 1973

**Number of Years in District:** 29 Years; Layman - 18 Years

**Present Position:**

Pastor of Our Savior Lutheran Church, Torrington, Wyoming  
District Education Chairman  
Ministerial Growth & Support Chairman  
Synodical Facilitator for Dispute Resolution Panels  
Synodical Commission on Structure

**Past Experience:**

Wyoming District First Vice-President; Wyoming District Board of Directors Chairman  
Wyoming District Second Vice-President; Constitutions Chairman  
Wyoming District Board of Directors Secretary; Oklahoma District Secretary  
Circuit Counselor and Wyoming District Memorial Library Standing Committee  
Commission of Mission Services Advisory; Wyoming District Reconciler  
Wyoming District Family Life Chairman  
Wyoming District LWML Counselor; Oklahoma District LWML Counselor  
Alive in Christ Leader; Forward In Remembrance Leader  
Synodical Nominations Committee; Synodical Convention Advisor

**Former Pastorates:**

Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Buffalo, Wyoming  
Zion Lutheran Church, Fairmont, Oklahoma

**Home Congregation:** Our Savior Lutheran Church, Torrington, Wyoming



## VICE PRESIDENT NOMINEES

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Commission of Congregational Services Advisory  
Wyoming District Reconciler  
Synodical PALS Facilitator

**Past Experience:**

Wyoming District Board of Directors Secretary  
Cheyenne Circuit Visitor; Wyoming District "Mission: 2000" Coordinator;  
Continuing Education Coordinator  
Wyoming District Memorial Library Committee Member  
Wyoming District Resolutions Committee; Task Force on Structure Chairman, Task Force on  
"Funding the Mission" Chairman  
Nebraska District Youth Board; Wyoming District Youth Chairman;  
"Living For Christ" Stewardship Committee  
New Pastors' Conference Speaker - San Francisco; Pastors' Conference Presenter;  
Zone LWML Pastoral Advisor  
Synodical Convention District Advisory Delegate  
Synodical Convention Pastoral Delegate; Synodical Conference of Congregational Services  
District Representative  
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St. Andrew's Chapel & Lutheran Campus Center, Laramie, Wyoming (1997-1984)  
Our Savior Lutheran Church, Cheyenne, Wyoming/Immanuel Lutheran Church, Burns, Wyoming  
(1984-1988)

**Other Specific Experience:**

Lions Club Vice-President  
Community College Co-op Education Instructor

**Home Congregation:** Our Savior Lutheran Church, Cheyenne, Wyoming



**Name:** Rev. Shawn L. Kumm

**Address:** 420 South 19th Street  
Laramie, Wyoming 82070

**Age:** 41

**Year Ordained:** 1990

**Number of Years in District:** 9 Years

**Present Position:**

Pastor of Zion Lutheran Church, Laramie, Wyoming  
Wyoming District First Vice-President

**Past Experience:**

Worship Chairman  
Wyoming District Board of Directors Secretary  
Wyoming District Advisory Delegate for Board of Directors in 2004  
Synodical Convention Pastoral Delegate – 1998

**Former Pastorates:**

Our Savior Lutheran Church & Lutheran Student Center, Carbondale, Illinois (Associate Pastor)

**Other Specific Experience:**

Laramie Ministerial Association President & Treasurer  
Ivinson Memorial Hospital Diabetes Task Force  
Carlsandale Memorial Hospital Bioethics Committee  
Lutheran Student Fellowship Region Eight Pastoral Advisor

**Home Congregation:** Zion Lutheran Church, Laramie, Wyoming



**Name:** Rev. Craig K. Niemeier

**Address:** P O Box 40  
1223 T Street  
Bridgeport, Nebraska 69336

**Age:** 34

**Year Ordained:** 1998

**Number of Years in District:** 7 Years; Vicar - 1 Year

**Present Position:**

Pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Bridgeport, Nebraska  
Wyoming District Board of Directors Secretary

**Past Experience:**

Wyoming District Evangelism Committee  
LWML Junior Counselor; LWML Senior Counselor  
Wyoming District Pastor's Conference Planning Committee  
Wyoming District 2003 Convention Nomination Committee, Chairman

**Former Pastorates:**

**Home Congregation:** St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Bridgeport, Nebraska



## NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

Final results and slate of nominees for Wyoming District Convention, May 4-6, 2006:

### DISTRICT SECRETARY

Craig Niemeier, Bridgeport  
Martin Schnare, Alliance

VOTE FOR ONE

### DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS PASTOR-AT-LARGE

Kirk Peters, Buffalo  
Duane Simonson, Moorcroft/Sundance

VOTE FOR ONE

### LAYMEN

Ron Garland, Sheridan  
Ken Temme, Casper

VOTE FOR ONE

### COMMISSION OF MISSION SERVICES CHAIRMAN ELECT

Scott Firminhac, Gillette  
Richard Mueller, Alliance

VOTE FOR ONE

### COMMISSION OF CONGREGATIONAL SERVICES

James Martin, Crawford/Harrison  
Terry Wiley, Rawlins

VOTE FOR ONE

## NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE FOR NEXT CONVENTION

### SLATE 1

1. Nebraska Pastor Frank Coniglio, Bayard
2. Nebraska Layman Frank Craft, Gering
3. Wyoming Pastor Fred Schroeder, Lander
4. Wyoming Layman Robert Banker, Cheyenne
5. Advisory Member Vernon Boehlke, Pavillion

### SLATE 2

1. Nebraska Pastor Paul Cain, Morrill
2. Nebraska Layman Phil Miller, Potter
3. Wyoming Pastor William Heine, Sheridan
4. Wyoming Layman Ed Steele, Riverton
5. Advisory Member Ralph Morris, Gering

## DISTRICT SECRETARY NOMINEES

**Name:** Rev. Craig K. Niemeier  
**Address:** P O Box 40 (1223 T Street)  
Bridgeport, Nebraska 69336

**Age:** 34

**Year Ordained:** 1998

**Number of Years in District:** 7 Years; Vicar - 1 Year

**Present Position:**

Pastor of St. Paul's Lutheran Church - Bridgeport, Nebraska  
Wyoming District Board of Directors Secretary

**Past Experience:**

Wyoming District Evangelism Committee  
LWML Junior Counselor; LWML Senior Counselor  
Wyoming District Pastor's Conference Planning Committee  
Wyoming District 2003 Convention Nomination Committee, Chairman

**Former Pastorates:**

**Home Congregation:** St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Bridgeport, Nebraska



**Name:** Rev. Martin T. Schnare  
**Address:** 1015 Box Butte Avenue  
Alliance, Nebraska 69301

**Age:** 51

**Year Ordained:** 1984

**Number of Years in District:** 14 Years

**Present Position:**

Senior Pastor of Immanuel Lutheran Church - Alliance, Nebraska  
Commission of Congregational Services Chairman-Elect  
Family Ministry Chairman

**Past Experience:**

Concordia South Circuit Counselor (Missouri District)  
Stewardship Chairman  
His Love-Our Response Area Coordinator  
Board for Youth Ministry  
LWML Zone Counselor

**Former Pastorates:**

St. Luke's Lutheran Church - Worland, Wyoming

Immanuel Lutheran Church - Sweet Springs, Missouri

**Other Specific Experience:**

Rotary Club Member & President

**Home Congregation:** Immanuel Lutheran Church, Alliance, Nebraska



## PASTOR-AT-LARGE NOMINEES

**Name:** Rev. Kirk Lynn Peters

**Address:** 141 Norma Drive  
Buffalo, Wyoming 82834

**Age:** 46

**Year Ordained:** 1998

**Number of Years in District:** Pastor - 6 Years; Layman - 8 Years

**Present Position:**

Pastor of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Buffalo, Wyoming  
Missions Development Chairman  
Evangelism Committee  
Seminary Student Interview Committee

**Past Experience:**

Board of Elders, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Crawford, Nebraska  
Secretary of Voters Assembly, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Crawford, Nebraska

**Former Pastorates:**

**Other Specific Experience:**

Fisheries Biologist, Nebraska Game and Parks Commission  
Sales Manager, Darlings Nutrition Company

**Home Congregation:** Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Buffalo, Wyoming



**Name:** Rev. Duane R. Simonson

**Address:** 503 West Foote  
Buffalo, Wyoming 82834

**Age:** 63

**Year Ordained:** 1976

**Number of Years in District:** Pastor- 17 Years; Vicar- 1 Year; Teacher- 4 Years

**Present Position:**

Semi-Retired Pastor / Called part-time Pastor of Mt. Calvary, Sundance & Bethlehem, Moorcroft, Wyoming  
Wyoming District LLL Pastoral Advisor

**Past Experience:**

Nebraska LLL Zone Pastoral Advisor  
Parish Services Commission Chairman  
Nebraska District LLL Pastoral Advisor  
Commission on Adjudication  
Doshler Circuit Counselor, Nebraska  
LWML Circuit Counselor  
Chairman of Nebraska Board of Missions  
Wyoming District LLL Pastoral Advisor  
Casper Circuit Counselor

**Former Pastorates:**

Zion Lutheran Church, Hay Springs/St. Paul Lutheran Church, Rushville, Nebraska  
Zion Lutheran Church, Douglas/Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Glenrock, Wyoming  
Redeemer Lutheran Church, Jackson, Wyoming  
Trinity Lutheran Church, Hebron/Zion Lutheran Church, Shickley, Nebraska  
Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church, Star Valley, Wyoming (Missionary-at-Large)

**Other Specific Experience:**

Lutheran School Teacher, Zion Lutheran Church and School, Omaha, Nebraska  
Lutheran School Teacher, Trinity Lutheran Church and School, Cheyenne, Wyoming

**Home Congregation:** Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Moorcroft, Wyoming



**LAYMEN NOMINEES**

**Name:** Ronald J. Garland  
**Address:** 18 Piper Road  
Sheridan, Wyoming 82801  
**Age:** 70  
**Number of Years in District:** 35 Years  
**Present Position:** Retired  
**Past Experience:**  
United States Air Force  
FAA; Airway Facilities Sector Manager  
Charter Pilot  
Flight Instructor  
Real-estate

**Church and Parish Experience:**

Scoutmaster of Hope Lutheran Boy Scout troop  
Sunday School Superintendent & Chairman of building program for church/school- Idaho Falls  
Treasurer of Hope Lutheran School, Idaho Falls, Idaho  
Elder & Chairman of the Board at Hope Lutheran Church, Idaho Falls, Idaho  
Elder & Chairman of the Board at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Sheridan, Wyoming  
Member of CMM, WY District  
Synodical Stewardship service –“Forward in Remembrance” & “His Love, Our Response”  
Assist with interviews of WY District seminary applicants  
District Convention lay delegate for Immanuel Lutheran, Sheridan  
Synodical Convention lay delegate  
Adult Bible class and junior confirmation class leader, Immanuel Lutheran, Sheridan  
Currently involved with building expansion and serve as congregational secretary

**Home Congregation:**

Immanuel Lutheran Church, Sheridan, Wyoming



**COMMISSION OF MISSION SERVICES CHAIRMAN ELECT NOMINEES**

**Name:** Rev. Scott G. Firminhac

**Address:** 1010 Skyview  
Gillette, Wyoming 82716

**Age:** 36

**Year Ordained:** 1996

**Number of Years in District:** 6 Years; Vicar - 1 Year

**Present Position:**

Senior Pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church, Gillette, Wyoming  
Assistant Pastor of Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Moorcroft/Mount Calvary Lutheran Church,  
Sundance, Wyoming  
Missions Support Chairman

**Past Experience:**

Assistant Pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church, Gillette, Wyoming

**Former Pastorates:**

Immanuel Lutheran Church - Houston, Texas (Assistant Pastor)  
Immanuel Lutheran Church - Houston, Texas (Senior Pastor)

**Other Specific Experience:**

**Home Congregation:** Trinity Lutheran Church, Gillette, Wyoming



**Name:** Rev. Richard C. Mueller

**Address:** 1042 Duncan Avenue  
Alliance, Nebraska 69301

**Age:** 42

**Year Ordained:** 1990

**Number of Years in District:** 13 Years

**Present Position:**

Associate Pastor of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Alliance, Nebraska

**Past Experience:**

Casper Circuit Visitor  
Pastors' Conference committee Secretary  
Human Care Ministries Committee Pastor-at-Large  
LWML Zone Counselor

**Former Pastorates:**

Zion Lutheran Church, Douglas/Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Glenrock, Wyoming

**Other Specific Experience:**

**Home Congregation:** Immanuel Lutheran Church, Alliance, Nebraska



**COMMISSION OF CONGREGATIONAL SERVICES NOMINEES**

**Name:** Rev. James Richard Martin

**Address:** 916 2nd Street  
Crawford, Nebraska 69339

**Age:** 47

**Year Ordained:** 1999

**Number of Years in District:** 6 Years

**Present Position:**

Pastor of Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Crawford/Redeemer Lutheran Church, Harrison, Nebraska  
Outdoor Ministry Chairman  
Beaver Valley Youth Camp Committee

**Past Experience:**

LWML Chadron Zone Counselor

**Home Congregation:**

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Crawford/Redeemer Lutheran Church, Harrison, Nebraska

**Name:** Rev. Terry W. Wiley

**Address:** 1305 Ritter  
Rawlins, Wyoming 82301

**Age:** 50

**Year Ordained:** 1993

**Number of Years in District:** 9 Years; Layman - 34 Years

**Present Position:**

Pastor of Christ Lutheran Church, Rawlins, Wyoming

LWML Circuit Counselor

**Past Experience:**

Special Ministry Chairman

Campus Ministry Chairman

Missions Chairman

**Former Pastorates:**

**Home Congregation:** St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Thermopolis, Wyoming



**NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE DISTRICT CONVENTION 2006 NOMINEES**

**SLATE 1**

**Name:** Rev. Frank J. Coniglio

**Address:** PO Box 537  
137 East 7th Street  
Bayard, Nebraska 69334-0537

**Age:** 69

**Year Ordained:** 1986

**Number of Years in District:** 4 Years

**Present Position:**

Pastor of Mount Calvary Lutheran Church, Bayard, Nebraska  
Semi-Retired Pastor

**Past Experience:**

Missouri District Missionary-at-Large  
Missouri District Convention Manager  
Rolla Zone LWML Counselor; Washington Zone LWML Counselor (Missouri District)  
Synodical Convention Pastoral Delegate  
Wyoming District LWML Jr. Counselor

**Former Pastorates:**

Concordia Lutheran Church - Bourbon, Missouri (Senior Pastor)  
St. Peter Lutheran Church - St. Louis, Missouri  
Immanuel Lutheran Church - Rosebud, Missouri (Senior Pastor)

**Other Specific Experience:**

Crawford County Foster Children Review Board (Missouri)

**Home Congregation:** Mount Calvary Lutheran Church, Bayard, Nebraska



**Name:** Rev. Fred F. Schroeder

**Address:** 648 Shoshone St.  
Lander, Wyoming 82520

**Age:** 61

**Year Ordained:** 2003

**Number of Years in District:** 3 Years

**Present Position:**

Pastor of Bethel Lutheran Church, Lander, Wyoming

**Past Experience:**

Wyoming District Chairman, Lutheran Child & Family Service/Lutheran Social Ministry/Human Care Ministry

Wyoming District Taskforce on "Funding the Mission"

Wyoming District Member, Commission of Congregation Services

**Former Pastorates:**

**Other Specific Experience:**

CEO/Hospital Administration

Owner/Operator of Independent Insurance Agency

**Home Congregation:** Zion Lutheran Church, Douglas, Wyoming



**Name:** Robert Banker

**Address:** 1507 Kotsa Court  
Cheyenne, Wyoming 82007

**Age:** 70

**Number of Years in District:** 59 Years

**Present Position:** Part-time Marketer

**Past Experience:** Military

**Church and Parish Experience:**

Many Church offices

**Home Congregation:** Our Savior Lutheran Church, Cheyenne, Wyoming



**Name:** Rev. Vernon C. Boehlke

**Address:** 420 Gabes Road  
Pavillion, Wyoming 82523

**Age:** 72

**Year Ordained:** 1993

**Number of Years in District:** Pastor - 9 Years; Lay Minister - 23 Years

**Present Position:**

Missionary-at-Large to Wind River Lutheran Indian Missions –  
Crowheart/Fort Washakie, Wyoming

**Past Experience:**

Special Ministry/Institutional & Other Chairman  
Wyoming District Board of Directors Commissioned Minister; Wyoming District Board of  
Directors Pastor-at-Large  
Evangelism Committee  
Youth Committee  
Mormonism Committee  
Wyoming District LWML Counselor (Zone & District)  
Wyoming District LLL Counselor

**Former Pastorates:**

Lutheran Children's Friend Society - Wauwatosa, Wisconsin (Lay Assistant)  
Trinity Lutheran Church - Glidden, Wisconsin (Lay Assistant)  
Wyoming District, LCMS - Jeffrey City, Wyoming (Missionary-at-Large)  
St. Paul Lutheran Church - Kemmerer, Wyoming

**Other Specific Experience:**

Law Enforcement Chaplain  
Mental Health Board  
Alcohol Rehab Board of Directors  
Community Council - Jeffrey City, Wyoming  
Lions Club Treasurer & President - Jeffrey City, Wyoming

**Home Congregation:**

Wind River Lutheran Indian Missions - Crowheart/Fort Washakie, Wyoming



**NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE DISTRICT CONVENTION 2006 NOMINEES**

**SLATE 2**

**Name:** Rev. Paul Cain, Jr.  
**Address:** P O Box 185  
Morrill, Nebraska 69358

**Age:** 31

**Year Ordained:** 2000

**Number of Years in District:** 5 Years

**Present Position:**

Pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church, Morrill, Nebraska  
Lutheran Hymnal Project/Lutheran Service Book Contributor  
Wyoming District Worship Chairman

**Past Experience:**

Tell the Good News About Jesus Evangelism Committee, Chairman  
Inter-District Resource Committee on Mormonism, Chairman  
Sweetwater County Family Resource Center  
Green River Advisory Council

**Former Pastorates:**

Emmanuel Lutheran Church - Green River, Wyoming

**Home Congregation:** Trinity Lutheran Church, Morrill, Nebraska



**Name:** Phil Miller  
**Address:** 8710 Road 40  
Potter, Nebraska 69156

**Age:** 59

**Number of Years in District:** 37

**Present Employment:** Farmer

**Past Experience:** LLL

**Church and Parish Experience:**

Church Officer and Elder

**Home Congregation:** St. Paul Lutheran Church, Potter, Nebraska

**Name:** Rev. William C. Heine  
**Address:** 910 Idaho Avenue  
Sheridan, Wyoming 82801

**Age:** 51

**Year Ordained:** 1986

**Number of Years in District:** 8 Years

**Present Position:**

Pastor of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Sheridan, Wyoming  
Education Chairman

**Past Experience:**

South Dakota District Board of Youth  
LWML Zone Pastoral Counselor  
Synodical Convention Pastoral Delegate  
Lutheran School Teacher: St. Paul Lutheran, Rockford, Illinois  
Lutheran School Teacher: Trinity Lutheran, Berrien Springs, Michigan

**Former Pastorates:**

St. John Lutheran Church, Gregory, South Dakota  
Our Savior Lutheran Church, Pagosa Springs, Colorado (Pastor/Headmaster, Elementary School)  
St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Stony Plain, Alberta Canada (Associate Pastor/Headmaster of Pre-School - Junior High)

**Other Specific Experience:**

City Councilman - Gregory, South Dakota  
President Local Ministerial Association  
Chaplain in USAF Auxiliary CAP, Captain

**Home Congregation:** Immanuel Lutheran Church, Sheridan, Wyoming



**Name:** Ed Steele  
**Address:** 1315 East Sunset  
Riverton, Wyoming 82501

**Age:** 54

**Number of Years in District:** 54

**Present Employment:** Wyoming Dept. of Transportation

**Past Experience:**

**Church and Parish Experience:**

Elder, Sunday School Superintendent, Sunday School teacher  
Serve on Board of Education, Youth Ministry Chairman, Bible School teacher  
Youth Coordinator for Youth gathering  
Convention delegate for Wyoming District  
Director of Wyoming District Ongoing Ambassadors for Christ  
National Board of Director for Ongoing Ambassadors for Christ

**Home Congregation:** Trinity Lutheran Church, Riverton, Wyoming



**Name:** Rev. Ralph Morris

**Address:** 1755 Flaten Avenue  
Gering, Nebraska 69341

**Age:** 65

**Year Ordained:** 1978

**Number of Years in District:** 19 Years

**Present Position:**

Retired Pastor

**Past Experience:**

Wyoming District Board of Directors Pastor-at-Large  
Evangelism Representative  
Pastors' Conference Committee  
His Love-Our Response Coordinator  
LWML Circuit & District Counselor

**Former Pastorates:**

Bethlehem/Zion Lutheran Churches, Fall Creek, Wisconsin  
Assistant Pastor of Faith Lutheran Church, Gering, Nebraska

**Other Specific Experience:**

Western Nebraska Regional Medical Center Chaplain  
Night Call Chaplain - 5th Step Chaplain  
Gering Hospital - Pastoral Care Council Chairman

**Home Congregation:** Faith Lutheran Church, Gering, Nebraska



## CIRCUIT VISITOR NOMINATIONS REPORT

Each congregation of the seven Circuits of the Wyoming District are entitled to nominate as a candidate for the office of Circuit Visitor 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. Those nominations, conducted according to the time frame stipulated by the Synodical Handbook, resulted in the completion of this process in the following Circuits:

### **Sidney Circuit #1**

<b>Ted Bourret</b>	<b>8</b>
Brad Heinecke	3
Ken Mars	3

### **Chadron Circuit #3**

<b>Peter Bertram</b>	<b>4</b>
Jim Martin	1
Richard Mueller	1
Martin Schnare	1

In five of the Circuits, no candidate received a majority of votes. Following the Synodical Handbook guidelines, the District Secretary forwarded to each congregation in this group 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. The congregations marked one choice on their ballot. The circuit visitor nominees are listed alphabetically. The second ballot resulted in the following:

### **Scottsbluff Circuit #2**

Richard Neugebauer	4
Craig Niemeier	2

### **Worland Circuit #5**

Christopher Brandt	1
John Christensen	2
Phil Grovenstein	2
Tim Klug	2
Lee Rupert	1

### **Casper Circuit #4**

John Hill	6
Scott Firminhac	2
Kirk Peters	1

### **Rawlins Circuit #6**

Dan Mulholland	6
Terry Wiley	0

### **Cheyenne Circuit #7**

Shawn Kumm	1
Mark Maas	4
Lincoln Winter	0
Marcus Zill	1

The nominees in each circuit are highlighted in bold print. These names will serve as the slate of Circuit Visitors to be ratified by the Convention. In Circuit #5, the Worland Circuit, and Circuit #7, the Cheyenne Circuit, the second ballot did not result in a majority. According to the Synodical Handbook, if no pastor has received a majority in the second ballot,

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. Should the candidate(s) no longer be available for this office, the Circuit shall have the right to act on behalf of the congregations to nominate a replacement. The convention shall have the right to alter the slate by amendment. The convention shall then ratify the slate of Circuit Counselors, which ratification shall constitute election.