



Northeast Conference

2020 Report to Assembly

**Pastor Pete Hinrich, Dean
St. Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church
Gilman**

Congregations	20	Retired	12
Specialized Ministry	2	Called Pastors	12
On-leave From Call	4	Interim Agreements	5 congregations
Parish	1		

Congregations:

St. John	Bloomington	Pastor David Glesne – Senior Pastor Pastor Anne Christiansen – Associate
St. Paul	Chatsworth	Pastor Mauricio Vieira
Zion	Clifton	Pastor Joel Brown – Contractual
Community	Cornell	Pastor Chrissy Salser
St. Peter	Crescent City	Pastor Joel Brown
St. Peters	Dwight	Pastor Chrissy Salser
Trinity	Fairbury	Pastor Tom Krieger
St. Petri	Flanagan	Pastor Amy Berger
American	Gibson City	Pastor Jim Davis
St. Paul	Gilman	Pastor Pete Hinrich
Our Savior	Normal	Pastor Jeff Henricks
St. Paul	Pontiac	Pastor Mathew Berger
St. Paul	Roberts	Pastors Priscilla and Matt Geerdes
St. John	Sibley	Pastor Jim Davis

VACANCIES:

American	Bourbonnais	Pastor David Russell - Interim
Immanuel	Colfax	Pastor Tom Krieger, Interim
Our Savior	Bradley	Pastor Pete Hinrich, Contractual Interim
Pontopidan	Elliott	Pastors Matt & Priscilla Geerdes, Contractual Pastors
St. Paul	Forrest	Pastor Paul Lellelid, Interim
Servants United Parish		Awaiting Interim

Comments:

This year we welcomed two newly ordained pastors to our conference. Pastor Amy Berger now serves St. Petri in Flanagan and Pastor Mathew Berger is at St. Paul in Pontiac. Pastor Emily Sauer left our conference after serving at American in Bourbonnais. St John in Cullom voted to disaffiliate with the ELCA in the fall of 2019.

In the fall of 2019, we held an interesting series of meetings. Pastor Mauricio Vieira shared his experiences with the disaffiliation of St. John – Cullom. It was a heartbreaking experience, but he also shared ideas about making sure we understand our congregational constitutions. In other meetings in the fall we had engaging conversations about the Dean's work on creating proposals coming out of the Bishops sabbatical report.

The winter and spring meeting schedule was decimated by the winter weather followed by the COVID-19 situation. However, we now meet weekly by Zoom. It is wonderful to see and hear about the ways Pastors and congregations have adapted to the changing environment. The Holy Spirit is certainly guiding this work.