

September 2021, WELS Updates, Resources, and Prayers

WELS Synod Convention

WELS held its biennial synod convention July 26-28. Visit [2021synodconvention](#) to catch up on all the news from the convention, see photos, watch the archived livestream, view presentations and videos, and access the committees' reports and resolutions.

WELS Historical Institute celebrates 40 years

The WELS Historical Institute will be marking 40 years of preserving WELS history at an event Sept. 25, 2021, at Salem, Milwaukee, Wis. The event will feature speakers, tours of the Salem Landmark Church, and a hymn sing. The event will be livestreamed. Find out more at wels.net/events.

NEW *Christian Worship: Hymnal* coming soon!

This fall, the new *Christian Worship: Hymnal*, psalter, and multiple supporting resources for pastors, musicians, and worship planners will be available to congregations and WELS members. The hymnal is available for preorder. Visit nph.net to find out more.

Calling all college-bound students!

Are you heading to college this fall? Do you know someone who is going to college? Don't leave your faith life at home! Sign up with WELS Campus Ministry to get connected with the local campus pastor near your school and to receive free copies of *Meditations* devotions and *Forward in Christ* magazine. Sign up at wels.net/college.

Get even more from *Forward in Christ*

Need a weekly boost from your favorite Lutheran magazine? Get previews, updates, and extra content with the *Forward in Christ* FREE weekly e-newsletter. For more inspiration, more stories, and more photos, sign up fowardinchrist.net.

Follow *Forward in Christ* on Facebook

Get more from *Forward in Christ*, the synod's official magazine, by following it on Facebook at facebook.com/ForwardinChristMagazine. Join the community and join the conversation.

WELS Together e-newsletter

Stay in the loop! Subscribe to the WELS Together e-newsletter to stay connected with the people of your synod and the ministry they serve. Also, don't miss the twice-monthly videos that cover important and exciting synod news. Go to wels.net/together to read more and subscribe today.

Have you visited wels.net lately?

Do you ever wonder how your Sunday offerings help support the work of WELS? Go to wels.net to discover stories about the many WELS world and home mission fields; explore which ministries can support you and your congregation; enjoy daily devotions and Bible readings; and subscribe to stay up to date on the latest news from your synod. All of this and more is available on wels.net. Visit us online today and save us as a Favorite or a Bookmark!

Connecting WELS members

Connection is more important now than ever. The Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod offers many ways for members to connect through social media. Join the WELS online community at the following links:

<https://www.facebook.com/welslutherans>

twitter.com/welstweets

instagram.com/welslutherans

vimeo.com/wels

Prayers for September 2021

August 1

New hymnal – Lord God, you are worthy of praise! Thank you for resources that help us connect our heads and hearts in impactful Christian worship. You have provided talented believers who have produced our next hymnal for singing, guiding worship, and leading devotions at home. Thank you for their work, that they strove to be faithful to your Word so that the truths of Scripture could be proclaimed to many people over several generations. Amen.

August 8

Recruiting called workers – Heavenly Father, the global mission field that you have given to us is always abundant. In the same way that your Son longingly looked over fields of souls and saw a bountiful harvest, give our eyes the same vision and our hearts the same sense of urgency. We boldly ask that you raise up men and women among us, equip them as Christian witnesses, and send them into your harvest field. Help us to equip and encourage current and future called workers in their service to you. Amen.

August 15

Confessional Evangelical Lutheran Conference – Gracious Lord God, we thank you for the Confessional Evangelical Lutheran Conference and the fellowship that we share with these 32 church bodies from around the world. We ask for your continued blessing as we work together to proclaim the truths of the gospel of Christ. Grant us unity in doctrine and in practice, that we would hold unswervingly to the truth of your Word. In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

August 22

Start of school year – Dearest Lord, we ask for your blessing as the school year commences again in classrooms across the nation. We pray for students, that they would learn more about the mysteries of this world and the marvels of your Word. We pray for teachers, that you would refresh their minds and renew their hearts as they impart the wisdom and knowledge that come from you. More than anything, we pray that you yourself would step into every classroom as our great Teacher, transforming all who encounter your Word by the power of your gospel. Prepare your people for life on earth but, more importantly, for life in heaven with you. Amen.

August 29

Liberia – Lord of the Church, it is your will that the good news about Jesus would go forth into all creation. We are encouraged to see your Word taking root in the hearts of so many in Liberia, Africa. Continue to fan into flame the faith of these fledgling flocks. Send your angels to guard and protect each of the 35 congregations and watch over the more than 5,000 souls that call on your name. Bless the efforts of our One Africa Team as they teach and preach your saving truths as you give them the opportunity. Grant all who hear your Word faith to believe it, strength to obey it, and conviction to confess it. Amen.