

June 2021, WELS Updates, Resources, and Prayers

Did you know . . .

More than 70 percent of our WELS congregations have Spanish-speaking people living in their communities and WELS Home Missions wants to reach them with the saving message of the gospel. A Board for Home Mission's Hispanic Outreach Consultant helps congregations identify communities, trains individuals and congregations, and offers ongoing support to those sharing the gospel message with Hispanic and Latino people in the United States.

Reflections on Our Unique Callings

Sign up for a twice-weekly devotion series, *Reflections on Our Unique Callings: Men, Women, and the Body of Christ*, that explores biblical principles and applications, poses thoughts and questions for further reflection, and encourages conversations on how our unique callings find their fulfillment in the home, the church, and the world. Sign up today at wels.net/unique-callings.

God's People Gather

Church has been different this year. No doubt, you missed gathering together with our family of believers for regular worship. As churches are able to open their doors more and more, we hope to see more and more of our brothers and sisters in Christ each week. The "God's People Gather" series of short videos are available from WELS Congregational Services to share, encouraging God's children to remember the importance of gathering for worship together. You can access, view, and share these videos at welscongregationalservices.net/gods-people-gather.

Let's Go

Are you struggling with talking to your friends and neighbors about God's love? Let's Go is designed to encourage and equip Christians to connect unchurched people in their lives to the gospel of Jesus Christ. It consists of seven lessons in which Christians are taught a simple, three-part process for sharing their faith—*Love* the unchurched people God has brought into their lives; *Listen* carefully to their cares, concerns, and questions; and *Lead* them to the gospel so that the Holy Spirit can change their hearts and lives. Find it at welscongregationalservices.net/lets-go.

A God-Lived Life

A God-Lived Life is a four-month challenge designed to give you an opportunity to put into practice what God's Word teaches—to help us live a more God-lived life. The only way we can live for God is because he lived, died, and lived again for us. Our God-lived lives are a response to his life and love for us. Living as Christians, we have the privilege of demonstrating what God looks like in how we live our lives. Learn more at welscongregationalservices.net/a-god-lived-life.

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 forwardinchrist.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](https://www.instagram.com/welslutherans)

vimeo.com/wels

Prayers for June 2021

June 6

Immanuel, Waukegan, Ill. – Lord Jesus, give us hearts like yours, with such compassion for others, particularly our fellow believers. Thank you for examples like our home mission congregation, Immanuel Lutheran Church in Waukegan, Ill., that demonstrate how loving concern for physical and spiritual needs leads people closer to you and to each other. Fill our churches with your Spirit as we carry out your Great Commission. Amen.

June 13

Pakistan – Jesus, Lord of the Harvest, we praise and thank you for blessing our mission work in Pakistan, where Christians live under death threats. We pray that you would extend your almighty hand of protection over this little flock of your faithful sheep. Give them courage to hold to the truth of your saving Word and to proclaim it to their fellow Pakistanis still living in the darkness of sin and unbelief. Build up your people in the faith so that they honor you with their lives and, in doing so, draw others to your saving name. Amen.

June 20

Martin Luther College – Almighty and eternal God, we praise and thank you for blessing our efforts to plan and construct a new athletic facility, the Betty Kohn Fieldhouse, on the campus of Martin Luther College. Thank you, also, for moving the hearts of your people to support this project with their generous offerings and fervent prayers. We pray that the fieldhouse will be constructed in a timely way, and that you would keep safe all those involved in its construction. Fill us with joy as we look forward to the day when it will be dedicated to your honor and glory for Jesus' sake. Amen.

June 27

Mission for the Visually Impaired – Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, you are the One who brings the light of salvation into our world full of darkness. We praise and thank you for blessing the efforts of our synod's Mission for the Visually Impaired to bring your saving Word to people with vision impairments, enabling them to read it, ponder it, and be enlightened by it. Fill those who are blessed by this ministry with holy joy over their place in your saving kingdom. Amen.