

July 2019 WELS Updates, Resources, and Prayers

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WELS Synod Convention

The 65th biennial synod convention will be held July 29-Aug. 1, 2019, at Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minn. Hundreds of delegates, including called workers and lay members, convene to make decisions about the synod's mission and ministry. Follow what happens at wels.net/2019synodconvention. There, you'll find daily news updates, videos, election results, and more. Want it delivered to your e-mail? Subscribe to the Together newsletter at wels.net/subscribe.

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What's happening in WELS?

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, expanding on important and exciting synod news.

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Grace – Hmong Outreach in Vietnam

The Vietnamese government has invited WELS to build a theological training facility in the capital city of Hanoi. This is an incredible, unprecedented opportunity for our synod. WELS is currently the only protestant church with official government permission to work with the Hmong in Vietnam. The Lord is opening a door to reach the more than two million Hmong people who live in Vietnam and the surrounding countries. For the latest updates about this amazing story, visit wels.net/vietnamhmongoutreach.

Follow Missions on Facebook

Like the new WELS Missions Facebook page to stay up to date on news from Home and World Mission fields, read inspiring stories of the gospel at work, and take advantage of the many resources WELS Missions has to offer. Visit facebook.com/WELSMissions to get started.

Know your synod

Your Sunday offerings help support the work of WELS, but do you know how? 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

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WELS App available

Nearly 20,000 people have downloaded the WELS app to their phone or tablet to access daily devotions, WELS Missions Blogs, synod news, and more wherever they go. Get the app for free by going to wels.app in your device's web browser and "add to home screen" using your device's method.

Connecting WELS members

The Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod offers many ways to connect members through social media. Join the WELS online community at facebook.com/welslutherans, twitter.com/welstweets, instagram.com/welslutherans, and vimeo.com/wels.

Additional Resources

Commission on Lutheran Schools

https://wels.net/?wysija-page=1&controller=email&action=view&email_id=2844&wysijap=subscriptions

WELS Congregational Services

<https://welscongregationservices.net/>

What about Jesus?

<https://whataboutjesus.com/>

Prayers for July 2019

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International Friendship Center – Jesus, friend of sinners, thank you for guiding the circumstances that led to a Lutheran church in Pakistan and an International Friendship Center connecting new Americans to your gospel here in the United States. **Open our eyes to see the opportunities you have put in front of us so that we can spread your Word and help others. Amen.**

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Women's Ministry Conference – Lord and Savior, you are the Living Stone on which the Church is built and thrives. Through this year's Women's Ministry Conference, help the attendees to grow in their faith as living stones built on you. Inspire, teach, and lead them as they find joy in serving you and others; and bless their time of fellowship and encouragement. Thank you for all the blessings you give through this conference and similar gatherings throughout our synod. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

July 21

Indonesia – Lord of the Church, we thank you for all who share the gospel across cultures. We especially thank you for our brothers and sisters in the church of Gereja Lutheran Indonesia. We ask you to bless their outreach efforts and give success to the new publications they are developing to reach many ethnic groups in their country. Guide the leaders of Indonesia so that Gereja Lutheran may continue to freely worship and spread the good news of Jesus. We ask this trusting in your promise through Jesus, our Savior. Amen.

July 28

Synod convention – Heavenly Father, as the Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod meets in convention this week, we thank you for the Christ-centered, Scripture-based fellowship we share. We thank you for the support of members throughout the country. We also thank you for the growing fellowship we enjoy around the world with our sister synods in the Confessional Evangelical Lutheran Conference. We especially rejoice that we will be able to formally declare fellowship with The Lutheran Congregations in Mission for Christ – Kenya and The Christian Lutheran Evangelical Church in Taiwan. Bless and strengthen these fellowship ties. Guide President Mark Schroeder and all the leaders of our synod. Grant wisdom to the delegates as they make decisions for all of us. We ask this through Jesus, our living Lord. Amen.