

February 2021, WELS Updates, Resources, and Prayers

WELS Christian Aid and Relief

WELS Christian Aid and Relief assists those impacted by natural disasters, partners with WELS Home and World missions to support humanitarian aid projects around the world, and helps members of our congregations who are facing extreme medical or financial difficulties. We do all of this seeking to touch hearts with the gospel of our Savior. Learn more and find out how you can help at wels.net/relief.

WELS Annual Report

Learn how your gifts to God impact the mission and ministry of WELS. The WELS Annual Report is now available. If you didn't get a hard copy, you can find all the mission and ministry updates, stories, pictures, and more online at wels.net/annualreport.

E21-Easter Outreach Program

E21 is a synod-wide initiative to encourage and equip WELS congregations to invite the unchurched to worship this Easter. Watch for materials to assist you and our congregation to reach out to our friends and neighbors this Easter season.

Don't miss *Forward in Christ*

Did you get your February issue of [Forward in Christ magazine](https://www.forwardinchrist.com)? Along with the monthly devotions, Bible studies, and stories of faith, you can also read about showing our neighbors genuine love to share the gospel and the Christian's relationship with the government.

Sign up today for Marriage Moments

Every marriage has its "moments." That's why marriages need moments of encouragement and refreshment. *Marriage Moments* are short, weekly videos highlighting one biblical marriage thought accompanied by a discussion question. Couples may subscribe to receive the videos in a weekly e-mail. Watch a video introduction and subscribe to receive the videos directly to your e-mail at welscongregationservices.net/marriagemoments.

WELS Family Devotions

Get your family into God's Word during the week! WELS has developed short devotions for the entire family to use. Each devotion comes complete with a set of questions for different age groups, a prayer, and hymn verses that can be sung or spoken. Downloadable printable versions are also available. Find the family devotions at wels.net/family-devotions.

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](https://www.vimeo.com/wels)

Prayers for February 2021

February 7

Christian Aid and Relief – Jesus, you ask us to love one another and to do good to all people especially to those who belong to the family of believers. We thank you for WELS Christian Aid and Relief, which not only provides humanitarian aid in our mission fields and disaster relief to communities served by our churches, but also helps families deal with tragedies. Bless those we help, and may the love shown to our neighbors reflect the great love you have shown to us. Amen.

February 14

Sure Foundation, Brandon, S.D. – Heavenly Father, thank you for blessing Sure Foundation Lutheran Church last fall with a new parsonage that will also function as their Ministry Center. Bless Missionary Craig Wilke and his wife Christina as they are expecting a baby; we pray that you would protect that unborn child. Provide the members of Sure Foundation with the continued zeal to reach out to the lost in the Brandon area. Open the hearts of the lost to receive the message of forgiveness with faith so that even more people will build their lives on Jesus, their Sure Foundation. Amen.

February 21

Haiti – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, the people of Haiti live in extreme poverty in the midst of political unrest. Encourage all who are in this plight. Please bless Pastor Rona Abraham as he helps train and equip leaders for the church. In this country where Vodou remains so prominent, cause the power of the gospel to reach more and more lives. We praise you for the 25+ treadle sewing machines that have been donated. May these machines be used by the Lutheran Vocational Sewing Institute to help train Haitian orphans to learn a trade that they can use to support themselves and your work. Amen.

February 28

WELS Commission on Evangelism – Holy Spirit, encourage Pastor Eric Roecker and the entire staff at our WELS Commission on Evangelism by the promises you have given us in your Word. With the celebration of Easter quickly approaching, bless the efforts of our all congregations that will use Easter materials developed by the Commission on Evangelism. May these resources clearly communicate the saving gospel of Jesus and lead many to join us in worshipping our living Lord. Amen.