

July 2020, WELS Updates, Resources, and Prayers

Notice: Links are highlighted in purple.

Supporting students on the path to ministry

You can help support students along their path to serving in the ministry. Tuition and education expenses can be a big hurdle. The WELS Endowment for Student Financial Assistance provides tuition help to students at all four ministerial education schools: Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, Martin Luther College, Luther Preparatory School, and Michigan Lutheran Seminary. Visit wels.net/foundation to learn how you can contribute to the education of our future WELS pastor and teachers.

WELS Family Devotions

Get your family into God's Word during the week. WELS has started offering devotions developed for the entire family to use. Each devotion is 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, expanding on important and exciting synod news. Go to wels.net/together to read more and subscribe today.

Have you visited wels.net lately?

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 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 to connect members through social media. Join the WELS online community at the following links:

- facebook.com/welslutherans
- twitter.com/welstweets
- instagram.com/welslutherans
- vimeo.com/wels

Prayers for July 2020

July 5

WELS Ministerial Education – Lord Jesus, we praise you for keeping your promises and victoriously conquering sin and death. Thank you for giving us the privilege of sharing the message of your salvation with others. Please raise up young men and women to fill all the opportunities we have for pastors, teachers, staff ministers, and missionaries across our church body. Thank you for the support of your people that helps remove obstacles from their path. Jesus, continue to grant that your gospel is shared across the earth. Amen.

July 12

Taste and See – Heavenly Father, King David encouraged us to “Taste and see that the LORD is good” (Psalm 34:8). Truly, you are good, Lord. We thank you for blessing the online “Taste and See” conference conducted by Home and World Missions and the Lutheran Women’s Missionary Society. We thank you for the technology that allows us to grow in our knowledge of the synod’s mission work since we can’t meet in person at the present time. We pray that you would bless our mission work throughout the world, granting faithfulness to our missionaries and success to the gospel message. Open the hearts of many people to hear and believe your saving truth, through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

July 19

New president at Martin Luther College – Lord of the Church, we thank you for providing those who are called to train workers for your kingdom. We ask that you bless all the ministerial education staffs of our schools with gifts and abilities to train the next generation. We especially pray for Rev. Richard Gurgel, new president of Martin Luther College. Bless his leadership of our college of ministry. Fill him with your Spirit that he may be a blessing to his colleagues and the students of MLC. We also thank you for the service to our synod from former President Mark Zarling. Bless his retirement and grant him new ways to serve you. This we ask in the name of Jesus. Amen.

July 26

Pandemic – Heavenly Father, watch over all whose lives have been disrupted by the COVID-19 pandemic, especially those who have suffered illness, lost loved ones, or whose livelihoods have been impacted in a negative way. Give them strength and courage as they contend with their trying circumstances. Give wisdom and insight to our government and health leaders as they navigate these uncharted waters. Guide our WELS ministries and churches as we strive to carry out your Great Commission in changed circumstances. And we boldly ask, if it’s your will, that you mercifully end this health crisis and allow us to return to our normal routines. In Jesus’ name. Amen.