

November 2020, WELS Updates, Resources, and Prayers

Notice: Links are highlighted in purple.

WELS C20 Program

The WELS' C20 program is an effort to reach more than a million souls with the gospel prior to and on Christmas Eve. Go to <https://welscongregationalervices.net/c20/> for more information.

What is Siloah Lutheran Church doing to help? On October 27th, 2020, our church members and school parents were asked (via-email) to share this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=efFTPrYpklo>. As a result, that video was viewed by 72 people within eight days. Relatively speaking, that is a high number, if you compare it to other YouTube videos found at this link:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCfS_M_nCdmvonrGABVsc5Cw/videos

So, let us continue to promote our Christmas church service attendance with a relevant sermon from Pastor Coleman at this link:

https://www.siloahlutheran.org/application/files/3316/0416/2429/Pastor_Brady_Coleman_mp3_Audio_Sermon_1_6_19_incr_vol.mp3

Last year, we sent a postcard/calendar, which resulted in increased church attendance for our face-to-face events. This year, as we strive to maintain CDC guidelines, we should count our online church attendance as well. We ask the Lord to give us at least 1500 combined views on our YouTube channel and Facebook page before Christmas. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Here are the current totals since October 25th, 2020:

Facebook: 10/25/2020 (99 Views) + 11/1/2020 (65 Views) = 164 views

YouTube: 10/25/2020 (72 Views) + 11/1/2020 (12 Views) = 84 views

Total online views: 248 views since 10/25/2020

Giving thanks for ministry work in East Asia

WELS World Missions is thankful the many blessings God has showered on work in East Asia. Here are some quick facts:

- 209 students are studying at Asia Lutheran Seminary
- About 38 Asia Lutheran Seminary graduates work full-time in public ministry
- In 2019, 109 people were baptized in East Asia
- There are 20 congregations comprised of 55 different groups in East Asia
- Eight WELS missionaries serve on the East Asia missions team

Although Missions has to limit details due to security concerns in this region of the world, information about this mission work is available at <https://wels.net/serving-others/missions/asia/east-asia/>. And, don't forget to follow WELS Missions on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/WELSMissions>.

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 <https://welscongregationalservices.net/ministry-resources/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 <https://wels.net/serving-you/devotions/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 <https://www.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 <https://wels.net/news-media/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 <https://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 <https://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 November 2020

November 1

East Asia – Lord Jesus, we praise you for your enduring love that has worked salvation for us. We thank you for the privilege of the Great Commission to share this good news with all nations. Thanks for giving us the opportunity to begin mission work in East Asia a decade ago and for blessing those efforts despite government restrictions. Please guide our strategy now as missionaries have had to leave the country. Grow the house churches that are being led by national pastors. Help WELS as we train, mentor, and visit. May your gospel reap a rich harvest among the Chinese-speaking people of this region. Amen.

November 8

Mt. Lebanon, Milwaukee, Wis. – Lord, during this time of unrest and uncertainty, we ask you to be with congregations and missions in the cities of our country. We pray for Mt. Lebanon in Milwaukee. Guide the mission work they carry out especially through their school. Bless them as they strive to be for their community a community of love and forgiveness through Jesus Christ. Amen.

November 15

Prison Ministry – "I was in prison, and you came to visit me." With these words, Jesus, you remind us that serving souls in prison is really serving you. During this time when your ministers cannot visit prisoners in person, bless the various other means—the mailings, letters, and pamphlets—by which our prison ministries bring the gospel to those who need to know it. Bring many more to believe in you, the Savior, the One who has truly set sinners free. Amen.

November 22

Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary – "Ask the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into his harvest field." We thank you, Lord, that you have heard our prayers and blessed Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary with increased enrollment. Send your Spirit on these young men studying for the pastoral ministry so that they are well-equipped to serve you and your people with the one thing that is needed. Continue to provide students to prepare and workers to work while it is day, bringing many more to know you and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. Amen.

November 29

Christian Aid and Relief – Lord of love who enables us to care for all people, we praise you for the opportunities we have to reflect your love through WELS Christian Aid and Relief. Give us, your people, the means to support their work, and give WELS Christian Aid and Relief the wisdom to administer assistance to those in need. Lead those who receive aid not only to see the help we are giving them for their earthly needs, but also to know the love of Christ that provides for their spiritual and eternal welfare. Amen.