

June 2020, WELS Updates, Resources, and Prayers

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WELS Christian Aid and Relief

Did you know WELS Christian Aid and Relief works to reflect Christ's love and compassion to souls suffering from disasters and hardships. With the combining of disaster and humanitarian aid committees, the Lord gives new opportunities to bridge the gospel proclamation with acts of compassion. As Christian Aid and Relief provides for people's physical needs, it opens doors for WELS missionaries to share what they know about our Savior and his good news for their lives. Learn more at wels.net/relief.

Taste and See online event

The WELS Missions office is excited to partner with the Lutheran Women's Missionary Society (LWMS) to host an online event called Taste and See! This first-of-its-kind event will combine the very best of Taste of Missions and LWMS Convention to provide all WELS members an opportunity to be an important part of gospel outreach occurring in our synod. Tune in beginning on Saturday, June 27, to watch a livestreamed opening worship service with brothers and sisters around the world. From June 28 – July 10, learn about Missions through keynote presentations, recorded workshops, mission-minded daily devotions, and more. Participate in family-friendly scavenger hunts, try your hand at making ethnic recipes shared by our missionaries, and ask questions during live Q&A sessions with Home and World Missions representatives. The festivities will wrap up with the livestreamed commissioning of new missionaries on Saturday, July 11.

Be on the lookout for more information as it becomes available at facebook.com/WELSMissions and wels.net/events/taste-and-see.

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.

June Forward in Christ available

Forward in Christ, the synod's official magazine, is offering free digital access to the June issue for both subscribers and non-subscribers. Do you know someone who could benefit from spiritual comfort right now? This is the perfect time to share with them the strength from God's Word found in *Forward in Christ*. Find out more at 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, 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 facebook.com/welslutherans, twitter.com/welstweets, instagram.com/welslutherans, and vimeo.com/wels.

Additional Resources

WELS Congregational Services

<https://welscongregationalservices.net/>

What about Jesus?

<https://whataboutjesus.com/>

Prayers for June 2020

June 7

Christian Aid and Relief – Lord Jesus, you command us to love our neighbor as you have loved us. We praise you for this privilege of expressing our thanks to you by serving others. Thank you for WELS Christian Aid and Relief, which provides us the opportunity to help churches, communities, and individuals through disaster relief or humanitarian aid. By your grace, enable us to participate in these efforts with our offerings, prayers, and volunteer efforts. May this love we show our neighbors allow us to be witnesses of your love to us. Amen.

June 14

Martin Luther College Daylight mission trips – Lord Jesus, we pray for your blessing and protection on Martin Luther College students involved in summer Daylight trips to assist home mission congregations. May your Holy Spirit reach many souls through the gospel they proclaim. Give them a sense of deep satisfaction in the kingdom work they do and bless them as they return home to continue their preparation for service in your kingdom. Amen.

June 21

Multi-Language Productions – Gracious God, Multi-Language Productions has been “Bringing the Word to the World” for years, and you’ve blessed this organization by making their vision a reality. We request your continued blessings for one of their new productions, TELL, which stands for “Think, Evaluate, Learn, Lead.” Enable this English-language online Bible-based training platform to continue bringing the gospel to more than 1.2 million English-speakers around the world. Be with Pastor Dan Laitinen who began serving as a full-time TELL missionary this past November. May his leadership prove to be a wonderful blessing in the use of technology to share the good news of salvation with more and more people. Amen.

June 28

Military Services – Dear Lord, today we thank you for the work you do through the WELS Military Services Committee. By providing spiritual services to WELS members and others who serve in the United States Armed Forces, this committee enables those absent from their home congregations to stay close to you as their Lord and Savior. Bless the work of the military contact pastors this committee supervises as they serve the military installations in their cities and communities, providing the assurance of your comforting peace and constant presence to those serving our country. Amen.