

## October 2019, WELS Updates, Resources, and Prayers

Notice: Links are highlighted in purple.

### **Equipping Christian Witnesses**

Equipping Christian Witnesses, the new campaign from Martin Luther College, focuses on recruitment, financial aid, and facilities. By enrolling more future ministry workers, helping them fund their Christian education, and enhancing their learning environments across the campus, WELS strengthens the foundation for its future. Learn more at [mlc-wels.edu/mlc-campaign](http://mlc-wels.edu/mlc-campaign).

### **WELS National Conference on Lutheran Leadership**

WELS Congregational Services will host the first WELS National Conference on Lutheran Leadership at the Sheraton Grand in Chicago, Ill., Jan. 21-23. The conference will have five keynote presentations that deal with major cultural challenges before every WELS congregation. Twenty-five breakout sessions will deal with issues specific to certain congregations, including overcoming a consumer mentality in church, Christian apologetics, increasing volunteerism, retaining and gaining young members, fully utilizing the gifts of women in ministry, equipping members for personal evangelism, having a “high-expectations” church, strategic planning, using social media for outreach, operating a financially sustainable elementary school, and more. Learn more at register at [lutheranleadership.com](http://lutheranleadership.com).

### **Information. Inspiration. Forward in Christ.**

Read Forward in Christ, the official magazine of WELS, and you will receive the latest news from the synod, gain a Lutheran perspective on current events, hear uplifting stories of faith from across the world, and much more every single month. Both print and digital subscriptions are available. Learn more at [wels.net/fic](http://wels.net/fic).

### **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.

Go to [wels.net/together](http://wels.net/together) to read more and subscribe today.

### **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](http://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](http://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](http://wels.net). Visit us online today and save us as a Favorite or a Bookmark!

## **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](http://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](https://facebook.com/welslutherans), [twitter.com/welstweets](https://twitter.com/welstweets), [instagram.com/welslutherans](https://instagram.com/welslutherans), and [vimeo.com/wels](https://vimeo.com/wels).

## Additional Resources

### **WELS Congregational Services**

<https://welscongregationservices.net/>

### **What about Jesus?**

<https://whataboutjesus.com/>

## Prayers for October 2019

### **October 6**

Equipping Christian Witnesses – Lord, thank you for Martin Luther College in New Ulm, Minn., which prepares students to be eligible for calls into ministry. Thank you for giving your Spirit to the students there so that they have a passion for ministry. Please bless efforts to equip even more Christian witnesses through recruiting, reducing costs for students, and enhancing buildings on campus. Help us to move ahead with telling many more people about your salvation in Jesus! Amen.

### **October 13**

Welcome Home Sunday – Dear Lord Jesus, you have always been interested in sheep that have gone astray. Please bless our church body's united effort through the Welcome Home program to reach members who are not coming to church very often. May these members of our spiritual family come back to church and be strengthened through your Word. Amen.

**October 20**

Nepal – Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank and praise you for allowing us to share the gospel of Jesus with over 5,000 people in Nepal. Please bless their Bible institute and the 125 leaders receiving instruction. Bless their seminary and the 12 circuit leaders as they meditate on your Word. Please protect the Christians in Nepal from imprisonment, harassment, and beatings. Do not allow the anti-Christian attitudes and beliefs to hinder your gospel from spreading throughout the country. Send your Holy Spirit upon the leaders and people of these churches so that they will stand strong and grow in their knowledge of your Word as they share your truth with the lost. Amen.

**October 27**

New mission, Houston, Texas – Dear Lord, it has been your will to bring many people from all over the United States and abroad to Houston, Texas. It is with joy in our hearts that we thank and praise you for allowing funds for a new home mission to serve these people together with the other WELS churches in the city. Please bless the gospel work and bring many people to faith in you so that we may join with them in praising you forever in glory. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.