

August 2019, WELS Updates, Resources, and Prayers

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WELS Home Missions

WELS Home Missions is blessed to plant churches and assist mission-minded congregations in the United States, Canada, and English-speaking West Indies. Home Missions currently supports 126 congregations with financial subsidy or district mission board/mission counselor assistance, with 26 of those being cross-cultural mission congregations. Five new mission starts/enhancements were started in 2019. Learn more at wels.net/missions.

WELS Synod Convention

The 65th biennial synod convention will be held July 29-Aug. 1, 2019, at Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minn. Hundreds of delegates, including called workers and lay members, convene to make decisions about the synod's mission and ministry. Follow what happens at wels.net/2019synodconvention. There, you'll find daily news updates, videos, election results, and more. Want it delivered to your e-mail? Subscribe to the Together newsletter at wels.net/subscribe.

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Know your synod

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!

WELS App available

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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, 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 August 2019

August 4

The Vine, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho – Loving Savior, by your victory over sin you have freed us and called us to the privileged mission of sharing your love with others. Thank you for the energy and enthusiasm of The Vine, our mission in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Continue to bless their evangelism efforts. Bless us as well to see the ways you have prepared for us to show your love to our own community; and enable us to share your love with people beyond our community through our Congregation Mission Offerings. Bless this work so that more people come to know you through us. Amen.

August 11

Special education task force – Heavenly Father, thank you for blessing us with schools that provide a high-quality Christian education. We ask for your guidance as a task force of WELS and ELS schools, Jesus Cares Ministries, and Christian Educators for Special Education meets to discuss how to enhance special education in our schools to better serve learners who struggle in academics or behavior. May the resources they develop support students, teachers, and administrators. Amen.

August 18

Pakistan – Lord Jesus, thank you giving us the privilege of sharing your Word in places where, not too long ago, we never expected to be serving. We praise you that in Pakistan 12 students from our new Pakistan Bible Institute care for 58 house churches. Guide and bless their gospel labors! We also ask your blessing on the schools and Sunday schools that serve more than 1,000 children. We rejoice that your Word does not return to you empty! Amen.

August 25

Lutheran Schools – Savior God, in love you have shared a simple, powerful truth with each of us—that you love us and have already forgiven us! Thank you for bringing us to a knowledge of this saving truth through your Son, Jesus. As students return to their classrooms this fall, we humbly ask you to accompany them with your truth. Let their learning lead to many benefits for their lives and a better appreciation of you, their God. Let their thirst for knowledge remain in its proper place—never replacing you. Preserve their faith. Guide their daily decisions. Allow them to “grow in the grace and knowledge” of their Savior, Jesus, in whose name we ask this. Amen.