

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

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### **WELS Synod Convention**

The 65<sup>th</sup> biennial synod convention was held July 29-Aug. 1, 2019, at Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minn. Hundreds of delegates, including called workers and lay members, convened to make decisions about the synod's mission and ministry. Follow what happened at [wels.net/2019synodconvention](https://wels.net/2019synodconvention). There, you can catch up on daily news updates, videos, election results, and more.

### **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](https://wels.net/fic).

### **What's happening in WELS?**

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### **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](https://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](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 [wels.net](https://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](https://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://welscongregationalservices.net/>

What about Jesus?

<https://whataboutjesus.com/>

## Prayers for September 2019

### September 1

*Synod Convention* – Lord God, we praise you for the blessings celebrated at this summer’s synod convention—WELS programs to enhance outreach, discipleship, and ministerial education, declaring fellowship with Lutheran church bodies in Kenya and Taiwan, and the progress of our theological training center in Vietnam. We pray that you continue to bless the work of our synod—guide President Mark Schroeder and second vice president Joel Voss in their new terms and help our congregations to increase offerings so we can better meet the opportunities you are giving to us. Amen.

### September 8

*Christian Aid and Relief* – Almighty God, you remind us through the Apostle James that “Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.” We thank you for the opportunities you have prepared for us to be of service to the poor and the vulnerable in the world through WELS Christian Aid and Relief. May their humanitarian aid projects be an effective opportunity to share the gospel with those who have not heard it. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

### September 15

*Commission on Inter-Church Relations* – Lord Jesus, we praise you for building your Church despite all the obstacles the devil and the world try to set up. Thank you for the 34 church bodies in fellowship with WELS around the world. Bless the efforts of the WELS Commission on Inter-Church Relations as they work to establish, preserve, and strengthen the bond of confessional fellowship with these and other churches. Amen.

### September 22

*New mission, Wesley Chapel, Fla.* – Lord of the Church, we thank you that you have provided us with so many opportunities to proclaim the gospel to new communities through the establishment of home mission congregations. We ask you to bless our new mission in Wesley Chapel, Fla. May they glorify your name as they seek to reach their community. In your name we pray. Amen.

**September 29**

*India* – We thank you, Lord, for the work that our synod has undertaken in India over the past 20 years: for the dozens of personnel trained, for the materials published, and for the children who have been educated. In a place where so much of a person's ability to succeed is often tied to the opportunities afforded to them by their families and communities, we praise you that we have been able to freely share clothing, food, and education with those who would be otherwise unable to access it. Finally, we thank you that you've enabled us to use this as an opportunity to spread your gospel to those who don't yet believe. Amen.