

October 2020, WELS Updates, Resources, and Prayers

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Exciting news from Martin Luther College

New things are happening at Martin Luther College (MLC)!

Rev. Richard Gurgel began his new role as MLC's president in July. Although the circumstances surrounding his first responsibilities are unique, he is excited to support and encourage the faculty, staff, and students in their faithful service.

To celebrate the college's 25th anniversary, MLC and the Conference of Presidents invites all churches and individuals to prayerfully participate in a two-year capital campaign, "Equipping Christian Witnesses" (ECW). The goal of this campaign is to re-energize student recruitment so that even more Christian witnesses are equipped to share Christ's love. Learn how you can support current and future called workers at <https://mlc-wels.edu/>.

Learn more about MLC and its mission in this month's edition of [WELS Connection](#).

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 October 2020

October 4

Equipping Christian Witnesses – Holy Spirit, thank you for the enthusiasm you give the young men and women who are training to be our pastors, teachers, staff ministers, and missionaries. Guide them as they learn to teach and preach your Word in all situations. We also ask that you bless the efforts of our church body to limit the costs of ministerial education so that graduates can begin serving without the burden of student debt. To that end, Lord, we ask that you move us to generously support the tuition assistance efforts of our congregation and church body. Amen.

October 11

Mt. Calvary, Stockbridge, Wis. – Lord Jesus, we thank you for sending your Spirit to move us to start a new congregation, Mt. Calvary in Stockbridge, Wis. Through the gift of evangelism members invited others until there were enough people to start a new church. Continue to bless the leadership of Missionary Jesse Johnston as he preaches and teaches your Word. Grant many blessings to the new congregation according to your will. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

October 18

Hispanic ministry – Heavenly Father, thank you for giving our churches in the United States the opportunity to share the gospel with so many people groups. Today we ask you to bless our ministry efforts focused on reaching and serving Hispanic neighbors. Bless our synod's production of Spanish Bible studies, meditations, worship opportunities, and other resources of the Cristo Palabra de Vida (Christ, The Word of Life) program. According to your gracious will, bring many people to faith in Jesus

and lead those who are already Christians to better understand and believe all that Scripture teaches. We pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

October 25

The Vine, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho – Heavenly Father, please watch over and continue to bless Pastor Kevin Schultz and the members of our home mission, The Vine, in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, as they work through every means possible to spread the gospel in their community. Help The Vine to fulfill its stated purpose, "Connecting people to Jesus and growing together in his Word." Please protect and guide them during these uncertain times. Amen.