

May 2019 WELS Updates

Christian Aid and Relief Humanitarian Aid

WELS Christian Aid and Relief assists communities across the world and in our own backyards. It is their mission to provide faithful support and encouragement as people recover and rebuild in the wake of disaster. Christian Aid and Relief also funds humanitarian aid projects that reflect Christ's love to those in need. For more information about the Christ-like kindness that Christian Aid and Relief aims to share, visit wels.net/relief.

Grace – Hmong Outreach in Vietnam

The Vietnamese government has invited WELS to build a theological training facility in the capital city of Hanoi. This is an incredible, unprecedented opportunity for our synod. WELS is currently the only protestant church with official government permission to work with the Hmong in Vietnam. The Lord is opening a door to reach the more than two million Hmong people who live in Vietnam and the surrounding countries. For the latest updates about this amazing story, visit wels.net/vietnamhmongoutreach.

Women's Ministry Conference

WELS Women's Ministry will be holding a conference this summer, July 18–20, at Luther Preparatory School, Watertown, Wis. The conference will discuss how Christian women are called to be a part of the body of believers. For more information on the Women's Ministry Conference and to register, visit wels.net/wmconference.

EdTechLead Summit registration is now open

Registration is now open for the National WELS Education, Technology, and Leadership Summit, June 25-27, 2019. Enjoy early bird savings when you register by May 1. Check out the complete summit schedule, presenter line-up, and frequently asked questions at welsedtechlead.com. Make plans to bring your family for a summer get-away when you attend the summit at the Kalahari Resort and water park in the Wisconsin Dells this June.

For the Generations to Come

WELS Congregational Services helps congregations engage in faithful and fruitful ministry. Programs are being developed to assist congregations with evangelism, worship, compassion ministries, discipleship, and outreach through WELS schools. By strengthening our members and congregations, WELS will be able to continue proclaiming the gospel message around the world. To learn more about how Congregational Services is supporting our synod for future generations, visit wels.net/forthe-generationstocome.

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 to get started.

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!

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 to read more and subscribe today.

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.

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 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, twitter.com/welstweets, instagram.com/welslutherans, and vimeo.com/wels.

Prayers for May 2019

May 5

Christian Aid and Relief – Lord, in this fallen world there are many troubles, including natural disasters. We thank you for being our confidence, our light in darkness. May our joy, prompted by your salvation through Jesus, lead us to serve others facing challenges, to show love without expecting anything in return. Thank you for WELS Christian Aid and Relief’s coordination of help for those in need. May their loving, confident witness draw people to you. Amen.

May 12

WELS Hymnal Project – “Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things!” Dear Lord, we thank you for the privilege of singing your praises for all the blessings you’ve bestowed upon us. With eager anticipation, we look forward to the release of the new WELS hymnal. Continue to be with those working on this project and bless the plans to introduce it to congregations in the years prior to its release. Amen.

May 19

Ministerial Education – Father in heaven, today we ask your blessing upon all those who graduate this month from our ministerial education schools: Martin Luther College, Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, Luther Preparatory School, and Michigan Lutheran Seminary. Bless these graduates as they enter a new phase of their lives as your witnesses, especially those receiving divine calls into the public ministry. May your wisdom and strength be with them in all that they do for the glory of your name. Amen.

May 26

WELS Multi-Language Publications – Dear Lord, more than 2.9 million print items, audio and video resources, and online training resources have been produced to date in more than 52 languages—all through WELS Multi-Language Publications. Thank you for this blessing, which has assisted and enhanced outreach opportunities for so many churches, especially in places where our synod does not have resident missionaries. May those who work in this division of WELS World Missions continue to find strength and confidence in your promise that your Word does not return to you empty, but always accomplishes what you desire and achieves the purpose for which you sent it. Amen.