

WELS COMMISSION ON LUTHERAN SCHOOLS

Winter/Spring 2024



Save the Date!

The next WELS Education Conference will be held June 23-25, 2025 at the KI Convention Center in Green Bay, WI.

The Commission on Lutheran Schools (CLS) exists to guide and assist WELS congregations in advancing the gospel of Jesus by providing resources, training, and personal assistance for starting and strengthening Lutheran schools.

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Stay in Touch

Subscribe to the weekly CLS e-News or devotions at wels.net/subscribe.

Check out the Lutheran Schools Resource Center for additional materials to assist you in your teaching ministry: cls.welsrc.net

Find more resources at welscongregationservices.net.

Administrators are encouraged to join our Google group "adminmail" to ask questions and share information. Send an e-mail to lutheranschools@wels.net to request an invitation.

Divine Call Updates

The volume of teacher calls continues to be high with approximately 240 vacancies. Currently 30% of teacher calls extended have been accepted. 32 calls were accepted provisionally by WELS members with education degrees and 24 calls have been accepted by ministry trained workers who have not previously served or have not served in over a year. If you know a WELS member who would like to be considered for a provisional call, please contact your district president to begin the process.

Finally, if your situation has changed and you are unable to consider a call when previously you were able, or you were not able to consider a call but now you are, please update your bio immediately. See the My WELS Cloud information on the second page of this newsletter or contact our office.

Leadership Credential Cohorts

The Principal Credential Cohort program and EC Director Cohort program invite individuals who have demonstrated three or more years of successful teaching experience, recognized leadership gifts and characteristics, and are not currently serving in, or are new to a leadership role to participate. The cohorts provide support from mentors and fellow participants, three leadership training events, and a 50% scholarship for graduate coursework through MLC. For more information or to nominate a teacher for either Principal Credential Cohort or Early Childhood Credential Cohort programs visit cls.welsrc.net/school_leadership or contact our office.

MSOE School Business Certificate for School Leaders

This 15-credit certificate offers four core courses to educators looking to learn more about business acumen in a school setting. Courses are offered synchronously online. The duration of the certificate program is one year, with students taking one class at a time. A grant from the Kern foundation is available to significantly reduce participant's costs. Registration for the next cohort beginning summer of 2024 will be available soon. Please contact LutheranSchools@wels.net if you would like more information.

Parent resource from Forward in Christ

Share *Forward in Christ* magazine's monthly parenting column, "Parent Conversations," with your school parents. Articles are found at forwardinchrist.net/parents. Share a link in your school's digital newsletter, share on your school website or social media accounts, or print a copy.

Heart Imprints

This resource provides ideas for your chapel or children's message that coordinates with the scheduled readings for each Sunday and consists of a Bible reading, an object lesson, an outline that articulates the law and gospel, and a suggested order of service. Learn more at cls.welsrc.net/heartimprints, and download the resources.

telling the next
generation

Utilizing our schools
for outreach

Telling the Next Generation

How can our schools and early childhood ministries connect families with the gospel in an intentional way? Telling the Next Generation workshops guide your ministry team in the development of a written harvest strategy. Register your congregation for an upcoming workshop near you.

Upcoming workshops:

- April 13 - Good Shepherd, West Bend, WI
- April 20 - Christ the Lord, Brookfield, WI
- April 27 - Salem, Woodbury, MN
- May 11 - Mt Olive, Delano, MN
- June 15 - Grace, Glendale, AZ

For more information or to schedule a workshop, visit welscongregationalservices.net/telling-the-next-generation or contact tellingthenextgeneration@wels.net.

2023-24 School Statistics

Visit the CLS resource center cls.welsrc.net/stats to view a detailed summary report.

Enrollment Growth/Decline 5 years

| | 2019-2020 | 2020-2021 | 2021-2022 | 2022-2023 | 2023-2024 |
|--------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| ECM | 11,447 | 9,803 | 11,672 | 12,009 | 11,799 |
| LES | 24,394 | 24,618 | 26,586 | 27,578 | 28,081 |
| ALHS | 5,793 | 5,874 | 6,041 | 6,416 | 6,779 |
| Prep Schools | 599 | 581 | 605 | 601 | 602 |

MY WELS CLOUD

Please review and update your WELS Cloud profile and self-assessment at cloud.wels.net/me to ensure it reflects your most current information. Profiles are used to research and identify candidates for calls. Therefore, it is very important we are aware of your current ministry interests and relocation preferences/abilities.

Please complete your teacher Self-Assessment and have it reviewed if you have not done so recently.

IMPORTANT!

Self-Assessments are not uploaded to your WELS profile until you click Save & Submit on the Finalize & Submit Tab of the form.

NEED ASSISTANCE?

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