



2023 Spring Newsletter

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 welscongregationalservices.net.

Principals and directors receive a monthly Lutheran Schools Leader electronic newsletter.

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

Lutheran Schools has provided support for over 400 teacher calls so far during the 2022-2023 active teacher calling window (Oct. 12, 2022 – April 16, 2023). This is a 10% decrease in calls issued (531) from the same period last year (10/10/21 – 1/12/22). Eligible active called teachers may receive up to two calls during the calling window.

Since October 0f 2021, more that 100 WELS members with an education degree from institutions other than MLC have received provisional calls to serve in WELS schools. If you know of a WELS member who would like to be considered for a provisional call please contact your district president to begin the process.

Principal Credential Cohort & Early Childhood Emerging Leader Cohort

The Principal Credential Cohort program and Emerging Leader 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 Emerging Leader Cohort programs visit cls.welsrc.net/school_leadership or contact our office.

MSOE School Business Certificate for School Leaders

MSOE's Business Certificate for School Leaders prepares teachers and administrators in understanding the key relationships between education and business practices.

The 20-credit certificate offers five core courses to educators looking to learn more about business acumen in a school setting. Participants will directly apply their learning through a project implemented at their school site with the support of a site supervisor and university supervisor. 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 2023 will be available soon. Please contact LutheranSchools@wels.net if you would like more information and to be notified when registration is available.

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. View the Heart Imprints Introduction for helpful tips for presenting devotions to children.

Telling the Next Generation

WELS schools and early childhood ministries serve children and families with a goal of connecting them with the gospel. How can we connect them 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:

- Sat., Feb. 4, 2023: Ascension Lutheran School, Sarasota, FL
- Sat., Feb. 4, 2023: St Mark Lutheran School, Citrus Heights, CA
- Sat., Feb. 11, 2023: Illinois Lutheran Schools, Crete, IL
- Sat., Mar. 4, 2023: Bethlehem Lutheran School, Hortonville, WI
- Sat., Mar. 11, 2023: Faith Lutheran School, Fond du Lac, WI
- Sat., April 15, 2023: St. Paul Lutheran School, Saginaw, MI

This six-hour workshop can be presented to a group of congregations, to a single congregation, or shared virtually. For more information or to schedule a workshop, visit welscongregationalervices.net/telling-the-next-generation or contact tellingthenextgeneration@wels.net.

2022-23 School Statistics

Annual statistics collection helps us recognize the many blessings, challenges, and opportunities that our schools face. Thank you to all schools who participated in submitting their data this year. Visit the CLS resource center cls.welsrc.net/stats to view a detailed summary report.

Enrollment Growth/Decline 5 years

	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023
ECM	11,270	11,447	9,803	11,672	12,009
LES	24,348	24,394	24,618	26,586	27,578
ALHS	5,619	5,793	5,874	6,041	6,416
Prep Schools	611	599	581	605	601

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 a new Teacher Self-Assessment and have it reviewed if you have not done so since 2020.

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?

Account Access:
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Profile Forms:
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