

"Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every
spiritual blessing in Christ" (Ephesians 1:3).



WELS 175th Anniversary Special Offering

*In thanks for Christ's past blessings,
a gift to fund future ministry*



Past blessings, **future ministry**

WELS is coordinating a special anniversary offering to give thanks to our Lord for the blessings of our history and to support the goals set in our next long-range (ten-year) strategic plan with the expectation that Jesus will do more than all we ask or imagine.

We want the proclamation of Christ to drive every decision and action in our lives and congregations.

We want to build community among members through our churches and to become bold disciples willing to bear crosses so that we witness the gospel even when it invites opposition.

We'll recruit more workers and find more pathways into ministry while valuing our current called workers.

The synod will provide resources to free up congregational leaders for more frontline, face-to-face ministry.



We rejoice that over the past 175 years, our Savior has taken our synod from three congregations in the greater Milwaukee area to more than 1,200 congregations across North America, from one seminary in 1865 to a four-school ministerial education system, and from one world mission in 1893 to conducting and encouraging gospel outreach in 49 countries and exploring opportunities in 16 other fields.



We will promote discipleship starting in our homes and the strategic planting of churches to serve a greater number of people across America.

We pray for a future where we increasingly coordinate with sister synods overseas to gather global support for mission efforts and train and send international church leaders into mission fields. We will strategically plant seminaries for sister synods around the globe. We will pioneer missions to high-risk areas to ensure souls in difficult circumstances hear the gospel.



Special 175th anniversary offering

Join WELS in a special anniversary offering to give thanks to our Lord for the blessings of our history and to support future ministry work.

Gifts to the WELS 175th Anniversary Fund will support

- North American ministry (Home Missions, Congregational Services),
- international ministry (World Missions), and
- worker training (Ministerial Education).

GIVE ONLINE

Visit **community.wels.net/wels175th** or scan the QR code.



GIVE AT CHURCH

Make a gift to your church specifying that it's for the WELS 175th anniversary.

SMART GIVING TIP

Consider making a tax-wise gift of appreciated assets or a qualified charitable distribution from your IRA (if 70.5 and older). Call 800-827-5482 for assistance.



To learn more about WELS' 175th anniversary and see the status of this special offering, visit **welshistoricalinstitute.org/175th-offering**.

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