

CARE COMMITTEE FOR CALLED WORKERS

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How they can help you:

- † Congregational Care Committees are designed to:
 - ✦ *support* called workers and families
 - ✦ *encourage* them in their ministries
 - ✦ *enhance* the quality of living for called workers
- † “How-to” DVD/CD from Special Ministries or Paul Schaewe. Materials can also be accessed at connect.wels.net.

MENTAL HEALTH

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How they can help you:

- † Brochures with advice on finding quality mental health care:
 - ✦ *When to Refer* ✦ *Help for Mental Illness Issues*
 - ✦ *Christian or Non-Christian Counselor?*
 - ✦ *Ask a Therapist* (an interview tool for choosing one)
 - ✦ *Therapy Models* (an overview of counseling methods)
- † Manual and materials for beginning a support group.
- † www.ChristianTherapistNetwork.com lists WELS/ELS therapists nationwide for treatment or for networking.
- † www.ConquerorsThroughChrist.net offers help to anyone who is tempted by or addicted to internet pornography.
- † www.ChristiansintheDigitalAge.com is being developed to help those addicted to pornography/gambling/social media.

How you can help them:

- † Direct therapists to www.ChristianTherapistNetwork.com.
- † Publicize www.ConquerorsThroughChrist.net.
- † Donations from individuals, schools, organizations.

WELS SPECIAL MINISTRIES 2014 RESOURCE DIRECTORY www.wels.net/special-ministries

Your Guide To These Services

- ♥ Prison Ministry
- ♥ Health & Wellness
- ♥ Military Services
- ♥ Developmentally Disabled
- ♥ Visually Impaired
- ♥ Deaf & Hard of Hearing
- ♥ Care for Called Workers
- ♥ Mental Health

Helpful Contacts

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Subscribe to *His Hands*, the Special Ministries newsletter, by clicking on [CHANGE EMAIL SETTINGS] at the bottom of any electronic communication from WELS.

Congregational Special Ministries Committee Guidelines available at www.connect.wels.net.

PRISON MINISTRY

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How they can help you:

- † Bible correspondence courses for inmates
 - ⌘ 20 - Level 1 courses (15 in Spanish also)
 - ⌘ 11 - Level 2 courses
 - ⌘ Call or email Prison Ministry to request a list of titles
- † Bibles
 - ⌘ New International Readers Version
 - ⌘ New Testament in Everyday American English
 - ⌘ Santa Biblia
- † *Bread of Life*, Bible studies on CD for jail/prison ministry
- † *Facing Freedom*, a handbook for those newly released
- † *Water of Life*, a mentoring program for released inmates
- † *Scripture Passages & Prayers*, a devotion book
- † *The Promise*, the history of God's promise of salvation for all
La Promesa (The Promise in Spanish)
- † Selected volumes of *People's Bible* in Spanish
- † Jail Ministry Training Team trains people for a local ministry.
Contact Rick Tuttle at rick.tuttle@wels.net or (320) 420-1414.

How you can help them:

- † Make bookmarks and greeting cards for inmates.
- † Become a pen pal for a prisoner.
(Obtain guidelines for above activities from New Ulm office.)
- † Send old *Meditations* (within the past two years only).
- † Refer names at www.wels.net/special-ministries.
- † Donations from individuals, schools, organizations.

DEAF & HARD OF HEARING

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How they can help you:

- † *Sign to the Lord*, a sign language dictionary of religious terms, available at www.nph.net.
Go to WELS Products, then Special Ministries.
- † Find resources for pastors and congregations at <https://connect.wels.net> under Special Ministries, including Sunday School curricula on CD and DVD, and *Liturgy in Sign Language* on CD and DVD.
- † Learn how to sign the creeds and commandments, familiar hymns and prayers, by watching videos at www.youtube.com/welsdhh.
- † Consider installing a hearing loop. Learn more at www.hearingloop.org or www.ovalwindowaudio.com.
- † Williams Sound System, a wireless FM system, available for loan from district coordinator.
- † Video Remote Interpreting (VRI) uses an interpreter at a remote location to sign via a laptop. Learn more at codabrothersinterpreting.com or (612) 424-2751.
- † *Open to All*, a periodic newsletter.
To subscribe, send names to mdhh@wels.net and specify electronic or print delivery.

How you can help them:

- † Submit names of your deaf or hearing-impaired members to mdhh@wels.net.
- † Add known looped facilities at loopamerica.com.
- † Encourage people to consider interpreter training.
- † Donations from individuals, schools, organizations.
(Free offering envelopes are available from MDHH.)

VISUALLY IMPAIRED

Contact: Bill Bremel
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How they can help you:

- † *Meditations* and other materials available on cassette tape or in Braille. For large print *Meditations*, contact NPH.
- † *Forward in Christ* available on cassette tape or in large print.
- † *Christian Worship: Supplement* available in Braille.
- † Some *ChristLight* materials available in Braille.
- † Digital catalog of materials (large print, cassette, Braille) at www.wels.net/special-ministries/visually-impaired. A print catalog is available upon request.
- † All materials are FREE and there is NO POSTAGE to receive or return materials.

How you can help them:

- † Inform your blind or visually impaired members of the services offered by MVI.
- † Send names and addresses of blind or visually impaired members to welsvisimp@wels.net.
- † Send your old 90-minute cassette tapes to MVI.
- † Donations from individuals, schools, organizations.

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Contact: Jacki Schleicher
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How they can help you:

- † *Scripture Passages & Prayers*, a booklet of simple devotions for use by lay visitors to the sick.
- † *God Our Refuge* features Scripture, hymn verses, prayers, devotions, and catechism portions.
- † *Out of the Depths*, four booklets written for those facing their own death or a loved one's. Also on CD.

Order above materials at www.nph.net.

- † 51 devotions on leave-behind cards for \$10 from OWLS (Organization of WELS Lutheran Seniors), PO Box 84, New Ulm, MN 56073; (507) 354-4403.
- † WELS Nurses Association (www.welsnurses.net) offers spiritual support, education, consultation, advocacy, resources, and volunteer opportunities, plus guidelines for Parish Nurses and caregivers.
- † Chaplain Certification offers training for those working with institutions and agencies outside the congregation. Email Rev. Robert Dick at chaplaincert@wels.net or visit www.wels.net/special-ministries/chaplain-certification-program.

How you can help them:

- † Begin a nursing home/assisted living ministry, utilizing the time and talents of your lay people.
- † Direct your nurses to www.welsnurses.net.
- † Donations from individuals, schools, organizations.

MILITARY SERVICES

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How they can help you:

- † Chaplain Josh Martin serves military and civilians in Europe. Worship rotates among Germany, Switzerland, and England.
- † Military contact pastors stationed near many US bases.
- † Regular devotions via email; *Meditations* mailed quarterly.
- † *God Our Refuge*, a pocket-size devotional book including Scripture, hymn verses, devotions, catechism portions, etc.
- † Spiritual Deployment Kits available FREE to those deploying.
 - ✦ NIV New Testament/Psalms/Proverbs; *God Our Refuge*; MP3 player with audio Bible and 200+ devotions
 - ✦ The kit is available to all others for \$25 plus shipping (\$20 plus shipping for the MP3 player only)
 - ✦ Order from NPH or Special Ministries at (414) 256-3241
- † Find prayers and other worship resources at <https://connect.wels.net> under Military Services

How you can help them:

- † Submit names of members on active duty, Guard, or Reserve at www.wels.net/special-ministries/online-referrals.
- † Send letters for assignment to random service members to Special Ministries at WELS Center for Mission & Ministry.
- † Donations to support our civilian chaplain in Europe and other ministry to military personnel and their families

INTELLECTUAL & DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES MINISTRY

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How they can help you:

- † Visit the IDDM website (www.wels.net/iddm) for:
 - ✦ Monthly recorded “Worship at the Cross” services
 - ✦ God’s Word for You, a monthly devotion
 - ✦ Webinar training
 - ✦ *He Cares – We Care*, sent 7 times per year and on birthdays to people with intellectual disabilities
 - ✦ Archive of *He Cares – We Care* materials
 - ✦ *Establishing a Special Needs Parent Network*
 - ✦ *Pastors: Your Piece of the Autism Puzzle*
 - ✦ Catalog of religious special education materials
 - ✦ Directory of WELS-affiliated summer camps, “Jesus Cares” Bible Classes, Worship at the Cross
- † Parent/Caregiver Support Network offers advice and support to families with a special needs member. Contact Alison Wolf at 5wolfden@att.net.
- † Jesus Cares Ministries facilitates worship, Bible class and fellowship for the disabled and their families.
 - ✦ Ask Jackie, a blog for parents of disabled children
 - ✦ New Friends connects high school and college kids with special needs children and their families
 - ✦ Learn more at www.tlha.org/jesus-cares-ministries

How you can help them:

- † Send names of parents/caregivers of special needs kids to Rev. Joel Gaertner at jpgaertner@tlha.org.
- † Follow us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/IntellectualAndDevelopmentalDisabilitiesMinistry>
- † Donations from individuals, schools, organizations.