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This month's issue is full of Advent and Christmas articles. New features as well as our familiar columns highlight the coming of our Savior.

Keep these gospel-centered thoughts in the forefront of your members' minds by featuring articles in your newsletters, service folders, e-mails, and weekly announcements following worship services.

For added content for your congregation's website and/or social media, link to articles from forwardinchrist.net and share posts from our Facebook and Instagram pages.

HOW ARE WE DOING? It's already been a year since the re-design, the launch of the *Forward in Christ* website, and the start of this newsletter. What do you think? What do you like? Are the new resources helpful? What do you want to see more of (or less of)? We want to hear from you. Send in your thoughts at forwardinchrist.net/submit.



WELS CONNECTIONS

The December *WELS Connection* video features *Academia Cristo*, a program that offers Spanish-language self-study Bible studies, music, and training courses for leaders with a primary goal to help people start Bible-centered churches in Latin America. On *Forward in Christ's* pages, you'll meet the Herrera brothers. Luis "Lucho" from Miami, Florida, uses *Academia Cristo* to share the gospel with his brother Camilo as well as other friends and family in Bogotá, Colombia (p. 21).

EXPLORE DECEMBER 2020 ARTICLES



"Christmas 2020 has the potential to shatter your treasured holiday traditions," writes James Aderman in this month's "Parent conversations."

He and Laurie Gauger-Hested highlight new ways for families to celebrate Jesus' birth this year (pp. 16,17).

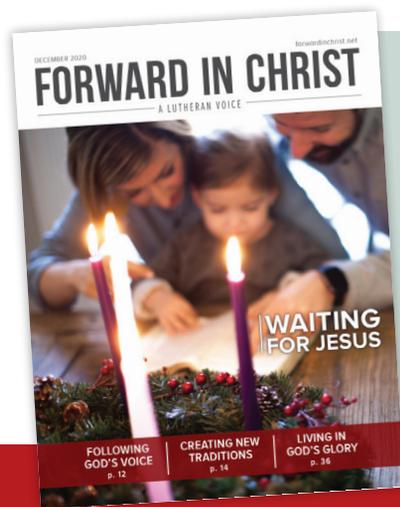


"Waiting is still the heart of Advent faith." Join author Kurt Ebert as he explores the concept of waiting—for Elizabeth, the mother of John; for the children of Israel; and for us

(pp. 10,11). Then turn to p. 28 to continue preparing your heart for Jesus' second coming on judgment day.



"Am I being judgmental if I point out someone's sin?" Dave Scharf tackles this difficult question in a world that stresses tolerance (p. 14).



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