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Looking for a new way to use *Forward in Christ* in your congregation? John Melke, a pastor at Good Shepherd, Wisconsin Rapids, Wis., shares the following:

“Each Monday morning, members at Good Shepherd gather at a local restaurant (Grace’s—perfect name!). We meet in person and by Zoom to read through the latest issue of *Forward in Christ* and appreciate the Bible-based materials with its variety of subjects. We invite the community to sit in and enjoy a free cup of coffee. Thank you for setting the table for our time in the Scriptures as we grow in our Christian faith and a stronger bond of fellowship with each other!”

How do you use *Forward in Christ* in your congregation? Let us know at forwardinchrist.net/submit or by e-mailing ficsubmissions@wels.net.



WELSCONNECTIONS

This month’s *WELS Connection* highlights the blessings of being together in church for public worship. In May’s issue of *Forward in Christ*, Pres. Mark Schroeder talks about the impact COVID-19 had on public worship and ministry and the effort it will take to return to normal after the pandemic (p. 6).

EXPLORE MAY 2021 ARTICLES



While many in WELS congregations know the story of Pentecost and how the apostles scattered to share what they “have seen and heard,” they may not be aware how the true Word continued to spread after the

death of the last apostle. Prof. Dan Balge digs into this critical topic in church history and how we still a part of that story today (p. 10).



Several articles highlight the importance of personal witnessing in a Christian’s life, as we follow Jesus’ ascension directive, “Go and make

disciples.” Don’t miss “God makes it grow” (p. 5), “Share the gospel” (p. 12), and “Their message to us” (p. 30).



What makes a work good? Find out in this month’s “Please explain” (p. 26).

WE WANT

your stories

Several stories this month share examples of WELS members witnessing to their neighbors and friends. Do you have members who let their faith shine in their daily lives and have stories to tell? Let us know at forwardinchrist.net/submit or by e-mailing ficsubmissions@wels.net.