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From January through June 2023, *Forward in Christ* is encouraging its readers to read through the book of Psalms using a Bible reading plan and additional online commentary. St. Lucas, Bay View, Wis., took this program one step further by encouraging its entire congregation to participate and providing additional resources to enhance the study. It's part of the church's ongoing goal to read Scripture together as a congregational family—whether through entire Bible reading plans or through shorter, more focused sets of readings like this one on Psalms. “We’re certainly grateful for the resources that *Forward in Christ* makes available because it is just another way in which we can all be encouraged to savor the sweetness of the gospel,” says Peter Unnasch, pastor at St. Lucas. Check out the congregation’s plan at openthebook.org.

It's not too late to join the Psalms study. All the readings are available at forwardinchrist.net/psalms, as well as links to a corresponding Bible study.

Stay tuned for a new online reading program starting in July based on Luther's Small Catechism.

WELSCONNECTIONS

The May *WELS Connection* features last January's WELS National Conference on



Lutheran Leadership, highlighting important themes from the conference such as strategic challenges facing our churches today, the importance of a healthy congregational culture, and the use of laypeople in gospel ministry. In 2023, *Forward in Christ* has been featuring articles on Lutheran leadership, this month sharing an article by conference keynote presenter Jonathan Bauer called “Our Lutheran moment” (p. 18).

EXPLORE MAY 2023 ARTICLES



A mother shares how God hears and answers her prayers through the challenges and joys of motherhood (p. 12).



What can parents do when their children wander from the faith? Dave Scharf provides encouragement, direction, and hope (p. 14).



Nathan Wordell unwraps what the Holy Spirit's role is in the life of a Christian in “Please explain” (p. 30).

Perspectives on Christian parenting



This month's “Parent conversations” focuses on how to resist making parenting law-based (p. 16). Want more real-life perspectives on how to be a Christian parent today? Check out forwardinchrist.net/parents and search the archive to find insights for your questions.

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