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## WHAT'S INSIDE AND ONLINE!

Looking for a good small group Bible study topic for this fall? Check out a new Bible study series starting this month called “When politics drives you crazy” (p. 34). Retired pastor and district president Charles Degner will cover topics such as government, civil servants, and church and state—all the while reminding us that God is in charge no matter what happens in the political arena.

This series—derived from a Northwestern Publishing House Bible study called “Politics is driving me crazy”—will also be featured in a four-week live online Bible study in October. Start gathering your small group now for weekly watch parties on this important, timely topic.

Stay tuned for dates, times, and registration information at [forwardinchrist.net/online-study](http://forwardinchrist.net/online-study).

Did you miss the last live online Bible study “What if it’s true . . .” with Greg Lyon? All six studies are now available online at [forwardinchrist.net/online-study](http://forwardinchrist.net/online-study).



### WELS CONNECTIONS

July’s *WELS Connection* highlights a new four-tiered program at Martin Luther College, New Ulm, Minn., that early childhood centers can use to develop their staff both spiritually and professionally. In *Forward in Christ* this month, you’ll see photos and assignments of this year’s graduates from Martin Luther College and Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary, more evidence of their mission to train men and women to meet our synod’s public ministry needs (pp. 20–30).

## EXPLORE JULY 2024 ARTICLES



See how three congregations made staffing decisions based on their individual needs in this month’s “Free in Christ” article (p. 8).



Meet Kostia Skorenkyi, a young man studying to be a pastor who learned to trust God in all circumstances, even when war broke out in his hometown in Ukraine (p. 11).



What does it mean to be called into the public ministry? Dave Scharf explores this question and looks at how called workers deliberate calls (p. 14).



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