

## 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, and ★ *enhance* their quality of living.
- † “How-to” DVD/CD available from Special Ministries, or access materials at [csm.welsrc.net/called-worker-care](http://csm.welsrc.net/called-worker-care).
- † Retirement planning materials (at the same website)

## MENTAL HEALTH

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### How they can help you:

- † Brochures on key topics at [csm.welsrc.net/mental-health](http://csm.welsrc.net/mental-health):
  - ◆ *When to Refer*      ◆ *Help for Mental Illness Issues*
  - ◆ *Christian or Non-Christian Counselor?*
  - ◆ *Ask a Therapist* (how to choose one)    ◆ *Therapy Models*
- † [ChristianTherapistNetwork.com](http://ChristianTherapistNetwork.com) lists WELS/ELS therapists nationwide for treatment or for networking.
- † [ConquerorsThroughChrist.net](http://ConquerorsThroughChrist.net) offers help to men and women who struggle with an addiction to pornography.
- † [FreedomForCaptives.com](http://FreedomForCaptives.com) provides resources and guidance to help the Body of Christ support survivors of child abuse.

### How you can help them:

- † Direct therapists to [ChristianTherapistNetwork.com](http://ChristianTherapistNetwork.com)
- † Publicize [ConquerorsThroughChrist.net](http://ConquerorsThroughChrist.net)
- † Publicize [FreedomForCaptives.com](http://FreedomForCaptives.com)
- † Donations from individuals, schools, organizations

## WELS SPECIAL MINISTRIES 2017 RESOURCE DIRECTORY [wels.net/special-ministries](http://wels.net/special-ministries)

### Your Guide To These Services

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| ♥ Prison Ministry          | ♥ Visually Impaired         |
| ♥ Health & Wellness        | ♥ Deaf & Hard of Hearing    |
| ★ Nurses Association       | ♥ Care for Called Workers   |
| ★ Chaplain Certification   | ♥ Mental Health             |
| ♥ Military Services        | ★ Conquerors Through Christ |
| ♥ Developmentally Disabled | ★ Freedom for the Captives  |

### Helpful Contacts

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### At the Resource Center ([csm.welsrc.net](http://csm.welsrc.net)) you can:

- ★ Subscribe to the quarterly newsletter, *His Hands*
- ★ Download *Establishing a Special Ministries Committee* at [csm.welsrc.net/general-church-resources](http://csm.welsrc.net/general-church-resources)

## PRISON MINISTRY

Contact: Brad Price  
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### How they can help you:

- † Bible correspondence courses for inmates
  - ✦ 22 - Level 1 courses (15 in Spanish also)
  - ✦ 15 - Level 2 courses
  - ✦ Order form at [csm.welsrc.net/prison-ministry-bible-studies](http://csm.welsrc.net/prison-ministry-bible-studies)
- † Bibles
  - ✦ New International Readers Version (NIRV)
  - ✦ New Testament in Everyday American English (EAE)
  - ✦ *Santa Biblia*
- † 96 Bible studies at [csm.welsrc.net/bread-of-life-bible-studies](http://csm.welsrc.net/bread-of-life-bible-studies)
- † *Scripture Passages & Prayers*, a devotion booklet
- † *The Promise* (also in Spanish), the history of salvation for all
- † Selected volumes of *People's Bible* in English and Spanish
- † Jail Ministry Training Team trains people for a local ministry. Contact Rick Tuttle at [rick.tuttle@wels.net](mailto:rick.tuttle@wels.net) or (320) 420-1414.
- † *Facing Freedom*, a handbook for those newly released
- † *Water of Life*, thirty 30-minute Bible studies for released inmates
- † *Guidelines for Dealing with Sexual Offenders* can be accessed at [csm.welsrc.net/ministry-to-the-released](http://csm.welsrc.net/ministry-to-the-released)

### How you can help them:

- † Make bookmarks and greeting cards for inmates
- † Be a pen pal, or correct tests submitted by inmates (Obtain guidelines for above activities from New Ulm office)
- † Send *Meditations* (not older than two years)
- † Submit names of inmates at [wels.net/refer](http://wels.net/refer)
- † 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 terms used in worship, available at [nph.net](http://nph.net).
- † Find resources for pastors and congregations at [csm.welsrc.net/mdhh-resources-for-congregations](http://csm.welsrc.net/mdhh-resources-for-congregations).
- † *By Grace Alone*, an adult instruction manual for the deaf and hard of hearing. Call (414) 256-3241 or e-mail [specialministries@wels.net](mailto:specialministries@wels.net).
- † Learn how to sign the creeds and commandments, familiar hymns, prayers, and other resources by watching videos at [youtube.com/welsdhh](http://youtube.com/welsdhh).
- † Learn about hearing loops at [hearingloop.org](http://hearingloop.org) and [ovalwindowaudio.com](http://ovalwindowaudio.com), or download the brochure "Understanding Hearing Loops" at [csm.welsrc.net/mission-for-the-deaf-and-hard-of-hearing](http://csm.welsrc.net/mission-for-the-deaf-and-hard-of-hearing)
- † Video Remote Interpreting (VRI) delivers on-demand interpreting services via Internet video connection. Learn more at [codabrothersinterpreting.com](http://codabrothersinterpreting.com) (run by WELS members) or at [purple.us/vri](http://purple.us/vri).

### How you can help them:

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

## VISUALLY IMPAIRED

Contact: Bill Bremel  
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South St. Paul, MN 55075  
(651) 291-1536 (Tuesdays only)  
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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.
- † Online catalog of large print, audio, and Braille materials at [wels.net/visually-impaired](http://wels.net/visually-impaired). (Hard copy available on 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](mailto:welsvisimp@wels.net)
- † Send 90-minute cassette tapes to MVI
- † Donations from individuals, schools, organizations

## HEALTH & WELLNESS

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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 [nph.net](http://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 ([welsnurses.net](http://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. Contact the committee chairman, Rev. Robert Dick, at [chaplaincert@wels.net](mailto:chaplaincert@wels.net) or visit [wels.net/chaplain-certification](http://wels.net/chaplain-certification).

### How you can help them:

- † Begin a nursing home or assisted living ministry, utilizing the time and talents of your lay people
- † Direct your nurses to [welsnurses.net](http://welsnurses.net)
- † Donations from individuals, schools, organization

## MILITARY SERVICES

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### How they can help you:

- † A WELS pastor serves military and civilians in Europe. Worship rotates among Germany, Switzerland, and England.
- † Military contact pastors stationed near many US bases.
- † Regular devotions via e-mail; *Meditations* mailed quarterly.
- † *God Our Refuge*, a pocket-size devotional book.
- † 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
  - ✦ Order from NPH or Special Ministries at (414) 256-3241
- † Find prayers, special services, etc. at [csm.welsrc.net/military](http://csm.welsrc.net/military).
- † Lutheran Military Support Group aims to support active duty, veterans, and families. Learn more at [lutheranmilitary.org](http://lutheranmilitary.org).

### How you can help them:

- † Submit names of your members who are on active duty, Guard, or Reserve at [wels.net/refer](http://wels.net/refer)
- † 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:

- † Find the following resources at [csm.welsrc.net/intellectual-developmental-disabilities](http://csm.welsrc.net/intellectual-developmental-disabilities):
  - ✦ *Establishing a Special Needs Parent Network*
  - ✦ *Pastors: Your Piece of the Autism Puzzle*
  - ✦ *What I Want and Need for My Child*
  - ✦ Sign up for “He Cares – We Care” letters, sent six times per year and on birthdays, to people with developmental disabilities (at [wels.net/refer](http://wels.net/refer))
- † Parent/Caregiver Support Network offers advice and support to families with a special needs member. Contact Alison Wolf at [5wolfden@att.net](mailto:5wolfden@att.net).
- † Jesus Cares Ministries facilitates Bible study, worship and fellowship ([tlha.org/jesus-cares-ministries](http://tlha.org/jesus-cares-ministries))
  - ✦ “New Friends” connects teens & college students with special needs children and their families
  - ✦ Variety of religious special education materials
  - ✦ Directory of WELS-affiliated summer camps, “Jesus Cares” Bible Classes, Worship at the Cross
  - ✦ Contact Rev. Joel Gaertner ([jpgaertner@tlha.org](mailto:jpgaertner@tlha.org))

### How you can help them:

- † Submit names of persons with special needs at [wels.net/refer](http://wels.net/refer)
- † Follow us on Facebook: [facebook.com/IntellectualAndDevelopmentalDisabilitiesMinistry](https://www.facebook.com/IntellectualAndDevelopmentalDisabilitiesMinistry)
- † Donations from individuals, schools, organizations