



Pacific Northwest  
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Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It feels great to be wanted, doesn't it? If you have a puppy at home then you know exactly what I mean. It's in your pup's eyes the moment you walk out the door as if to say, "Please don't go. I want you here with me." It's in the way your pup destroys the house while you're gone as if to say, "I told you not to go." It's in his entire body, from tail to snout, as he shakes with excitement when you return. It feels great to be wanted!

That great feeling, of course, isn't limited to our pups. It feels great to have a spouse who calls you during the middle of the day just because he or she wants to hear your voice. It feels great to have a loved one leave random notes around the house or surprise you with an unexpected gift just because you are wanted.

In Ephesians chapter 1, God goes out of his way to let you know that you are wanted by God. God the Father assures you that you aren't an afterthought but you are his eternal thought as he chose you before the creation of the world. God the Son shows you how much you are wanted as he shed his blood as the payment for your forgiveness so that you could be with him in glory. God the Holy Spirit reminds you how much you are wanted as he points you to the baptismal font and reminds you that he made a concerted effort in your life to connect you to Christ through the Gospel in Word and Sacrament. It feels great to be wanted by God!

You are also wanted by your brothers and sisters in the district. We want you to join us October 17-19 for the WELS & ELS Pastor/Teacher Fall Conference. Our venue is the Great Wolf Lodge, Grand Mound, WA. If you would like to learn more about Great Wolf Lodge visit their website at [www.GreatWolf.com](http://www.GreatWolf.com).

**To make your family's reservation:**

- 1) Call Great Wolf Lodge's Call Center at: 1-866-941-9653
- 2) Provide their reservationist our Group Code: 1018CHURCH
- 3) Importantly: **all reservations MUST be made by: 9/16/18**



After September 16 the rooms we have blocked for our conference may no longer be available! Additional details concerning the conference and registration will be made available on our district website in the coming weeks.

God's blessings on your ministry and look forward to seeing you at Great Wolf!

The Fall Conference Committee

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