



church for help in recovery, will they find welcome and encouragement among us? WELS Special Ministries is releasing free Bible study material, "Helping the Hurting with Hope." It will give a congregation the opportunity to discuss how its members can be more like Jesus in welcoming people who are seeking the hope only Jesus brings. Watch for the course to be posted on WELS Congregational Services website this summer.

**Military Service brings spiritual danger** Can you imagine a young person leaving home, facing life and death situations and pressures to sin? It happens to our military members. The dangers and the solutions are described in the video "**Staying Close to God's Word While in the Military.**" [csm.welsrc.net/military-resources/](http://csm.welsrc.net/military-resources/) If you have a member in the military or entering the military, refer them at [wels.net/refer](http://wels.net/refer)

**Online learning – Chaplain courses** Chaplain Certification offers useful online learning opportunities, often with financial aid, even if you (or your lay leader) does not become a chaplain. In September these online chaplaincy courses will be offered: "Communicating Forgiveness," "Ministering to the Incarcerated and their Families," "Geriatric and Care Facility Ministry" (Free!), "The Spiritual Side of PTSD" and "Grounded in Scripture" a doctrinal course for those interested in ministry but have not had a foundational study of Scripture. For more information, see the MLC website [mlc-wels.edu/continuing-education/wels-chaplain-certificate/](http://mlc-wels.edu/continuing-education/wels-chaplain-certificate/) or email [chapcert@wels.net](mailto:chapcert@wels.net).

**Child Safety** has always been a Christian issue. Early Christians rescued abandoned babies and organized orphanages. Luther and Walther were ahead of their time in speaking against child abuse. WELS offers the most thorough abuse prevention resources of any faith community. Freedom for the Captives' website has new information every month – not only to make our churches and schools safer, but to recognize child abuse and respond to protect children. Have you looked at the website this month? [Freedomforcaptives.com](http://Freedomforcaptives.com)

**Where do they turn?** Are your members so family with Conquerors through Christ that when they need a resource, they know where to find it? One WELS mom turned to the CtC website when her eight-year-old saw some porn on the Internet. "The materials for parents are amazing," she told us. Promote the *newly updated* [conquerorsthroughchrist.net](http://conquerorsthroughchrist.net) website to your members and called workers.

**Training for meaningful volunteer opportunities** Prison Ministry offers mentor training, a valuable way to make a difference in the life of someone who has been released from prison. For more information and to refer someone, go to [wels.net/prison-ministry](http://wels.net/prison-ministry) or email [prisonministry@wels.net](mailto:prisonministry@wels.net). Mission for the Visually Impaired needs people who can do repetitive computer tasks (such as sound editing on a recorded book) or are willing to learn how to braille. To learn more, email [welvisimp@wels.net](mailto:welvisimp@wels.net). Military Services is looking for writers to create content on specific topics to help military members and families and churches that serve them.

Rev. Patrick Feldhus  
WELS MN District Special Ministries Coordinator  
[pfeldhus@hotmail.com](mailto:pfeldhus@hotmail.com)