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Forward in Christ's parenting column provides insights, ideas, and inspiration to help parents with the critical task of raising their children in the world today. The author of August's "Parent conversations" highlights messages he wants to share with his son as his son starts his final semester in college (p. 16).

You easily can share perspectives like these through a monthly parenting newsletter based on the articles. Available online or as a downloadable PDF, this newsletter can be distributed to church or school families as handouts or through emailed newsletters. Find it at forwardinchrist.net/parents.

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WELS CONNECTIONS

WELS has been in fellowship with the Evangelical Lutheran Free Church—Germany (ELFK) for 150 years. The August *WELS Connection* highlights that relationship and partnership. In *Forward in Christ*, you can see photos from the recent convention of the Confessional Evangelical Lutheran Conference, a worldwide fellowship of confessional Lutheran church bodies that includes WELS and the ELFK (p. 18). You'll also get to meet Holger Weiss (pictured, right), the president of the ELFK seminary.

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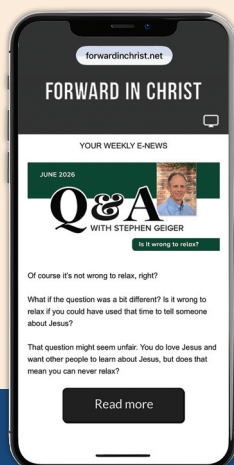
The quiet exodus of women from the church didn't happen overnight. What's happening, why is it happening, and what can we do (p. 7)?



A dad enters recent social media conversations about Down syndrome and Trisomy 21 pregnancies by introducing us to his daughter, Evie (p. 12).



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