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This month's issue explores some timely questions for your congregation's small groups to discuss:

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- **As your church looks at year-end giving:** Am I a cheerful giver? Josh Birkholz digs into what being a cheerful giver means and how you can find joy in giving to church (p. 12).
- **During elections:** How can a parent model being a Christian citizen? Two moms discuss how they are helping their children understand their civic duties—offering tips for others along the way (p. 16). WELS President Mark Schroeder also explores what it means to be citizens of two kingdoms (p. 6).
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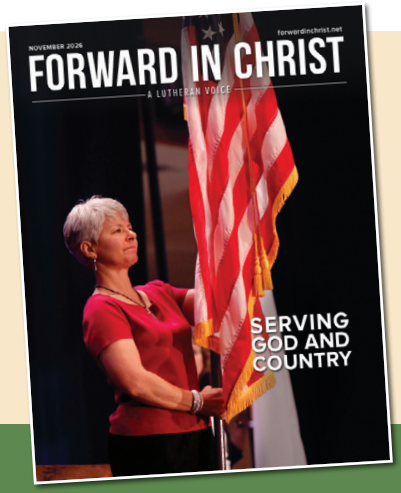

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