

# DISCIPLESHIP

WESTERN WISCONSIN DISTRICT

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## Committee Members

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## *Mission Statement*

"Our Commission on Discipleship provides resources, encouragement, and training to assist congregations as they seek to strengthen individuals and families in their connection to Christ and their ongoing walk of faith."

## Fall 2023 REPORT

We continue to provide resources at [discipleshipwwd.org](http://discipleshipwwd.org)

**Teen Youth Nights** ([welscongregationalservices.net](http://welscongregationalservices.net)): "Youth Night" provides a series of youth-focused events, where youth will experience an inspiring evening of games, music, prayer, Bible message, small group discussion, and fun with high school youth (9th-12th grade) from local WELS congregations in your area. The goal is for our youth to see that they are not alone and to be encouraged to enjoy the faith they share with others.

1. Peace in Sun Prairie has used these very successfully. However, they tend to be more Lakeside kids only and not include many public school kids.

### **Other Teen/Confirmation Outings in our District**

1. Camp Philip has confirmation retreats and teen retreats in the fall.
2. Fall Teen Retreat (ELS) – "Even There" – October 21-22 at Living Waters Bible Camp in Westby, WI

**Heart Imprints** ([welscongregationalservices.net](http://welscongregationalservices.net)): Heart Imprints is a worship resource for children in the congregation, elementary school, or early childhood ministry. Whether you are giving a children's sermon, or planning chapel for your Sunday school, early childhood

ministry, or Lutheran elementary school, this resource provides ideas for your message that will coordinate with the church year and the worship being planned on Sunday.

Consisting of a Bible reading, an object lesson outline that articulates the law and gospel, and a suggested order of service, Heart Imprints connects to the church year and is available throughout the year.

These serve as great opening devotions for Sunday School, etc.

**Upcoming Sunday School Conference of the Western Wisconsin District.** This was originally scheduled for October 2023. It has been moved to July 20, 2024. (A survey indicated many people desired the summer instead of fall for the conference to be held). Possible location is St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church in Woneewoc, WI.