

Promoting active participation in our churches.

SPECIAL MINISTRIES



Things You Should Know about People with a Developmental Disability

1. They are people first. People who have a developmental disability are people who need a Savior, like everyone else.
2. They are people “fearfully and wonderfully made” (Psalm 139:14) like everyone else.
3. They are people who have abilities and should not be viewed in terms of what they cannot do, like everyone else.
4. They are people who need to be included, to experience a sense of belonging, like everyone else.
5. They are people who need friends, like everyone else.
6. They are people who want to contribute to the body of Christ, the church—not just being in, but belonging to the church.
7. They are people who want and need to fully participate in the corporate and individual moments of speaking with God and hearing his Word, like everyone else.
8. 80% of families who have a loved one with a developmental disability are unchurched.

What Can You Do?

As WELS Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Ministry (IDDM) works to provide resources and guidance for families, pastors, teachers, congregations, and communities, we need you to prayerfully consider how you can be involved.

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