



# GOODNEWSletter

*Proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ throughout Europe  
March 2016*

Rejoice and Boast in Christ



## **Isaiah 53:1-7**

*Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? <sup>2</sup> He grew up before him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground. He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. <sup>3</sup> He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering. Like one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. <sup>4</sup> Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows, yet we considered him stricken by God, smitten by him, and afflicted. <sup>5</sup> But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed. <sup>6</sup> We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all. <sup>7</sup> He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth.*

Christian Worship #100

1 A Lamb goes uncomplaining forth, Our guilt and evil bearing  
And, laden with the sins of earth, None else the burden sharing.  
Goes patient on, grows weak and faint, To slaughter led without complaint,

That spotless life to offer, Bears shame and stripes and wounds and death,  
Anguish and mockery and says, "Willing all this I suffer."

2 This Lamb is Christ, the soul's great friend, The Lamb of God, our Savior;  
Him God the Father chose to send To gain for us his favor.  
"Go forth, my Son," the Father said, "And free my children from their dread  
Of guilt and condemnation. The wrath and stripes are hard to bear,  
But by your passion they will share The fruit of your salvation."

You did not deserve one and neither did I. Yet all of us have a substitute. Jesus did the unthinkable and carried the weight of the sins of all people. As our sacrificial Lamb he did this all without complaining. Now all who believe in him can share in the salvation he has won for all. In Him you have hope and forgiveness. Let's sing the praises of our Savior and boast of the wonderful things he has done.

Have a blessed March!

### **March Worship Schedule**

Northwood, England – contact Pastor Martin for location details

#### **March 6**

Worship at 13:00 followed by Bible study and fellowship.

Wicker, Germany (Frankfurt Area) – contact Pastor Martin for location details

#### **March 13**

Worship is at 11:00 followed by fellowship, Bible study and Sunday school.

Note: Due to the Easter retreat there will be no worship on March 28

Ramstein Air Force Base, Germany – at the Southside Chapel

#### **March 13**

Worship is at 16:00 followed by Bible study, Sunday school, and fellowship.

Note: Due to the Easter retreat there will be no worship on March 28

Vilseck, Germany – in the small chapel next to building #205 on the Vilseck Army Base

#### **March 19**

Worship is at 10:30 followed by Bible study, Sunday school, and fellowship.

Zurich, Switzerland area – contact Pastor Martin for location details

#### **March 20**

Worship is at 11:00 followed by fellowship and Bible study.

Munich – contact Pastor Martin for location details

#### **No service in March**

Worship is at 18:30 followed by going out to eat.

Ede, Netherlands – contact Pastor Martin for location details

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Worship is at 18:00.

### **Offerings**

Local offerings for the month were €2,999. Thank you for your offerings. God bless the generous and humble gifts of his people.

### **Vacancy and Fulltime pasors**

Pastor Ken Kratz (wife, Diane) has accepted the invitation to be the vacancy pastor, if needed. He will fill in while we wait for another fulltime pastor.

Pastor Richard Miller has been extended the call to be the full time pastor. His wife is Astrid and they have three children (9,6,2). Pastor Miller currently serves at Our Savior in Hart, Michigan.

### **Easter Retreat**

When: March 24-27, 2016

Where: contact Pastor Martin for location details

Prices: 35.00Euro per adult per night. This includes all meals at the youth hostel. Children 3-14 are half price and children 0-2 are free.

**There is no longer space available at the youth hostel. However, there is the possibility to stay at nearby hotels or pensions. Let us know if you would like assistance with that.**

Sample Schedule:

#### **Thursday, March 24**

Check in after 16:00

18:00 -Dinner at youth hostel

19:00 -Maundy Thursday worship

#### **Friday, March 25**

6:30 Breakfast at youth hostel

9:00 Bible study for children and adults

10:30 Choir practice

12:15 Lunch at youth hostel

13:00 Women's Bible study

14:00 Free time  
17:30 Dinner at the youth hostel  
18:30 Choir practice  
19:15 Good Friday worship  
20:30 Free time, Fellowship

Saturday, March 26

6:30 Breakfast at youth hostel  
9:00 Bible study for children and adults  
10:30 Choir practice  
12:15 Lunch at youth hostel  
13:00 free time  
17:30 Out to eat for dinner (optional)  
19:00 Free time, Fellowship

Sunday, March 27

6:30 Breakfast at youth hostel, room check-out  
8:30 Choir practice  
9:00 Easter Sunday worship  
10:00 Group picture and Easter egg hunt

Women's Bible Study

The next one will be in April.

Reformation Retreat

October 21-23, 2016 - Bad Homburg, Germany

Contact Us

If you have need of pastoral assistance or just want to talk, please make contact. Your e-mails, phone calls, & letters are welcomed.

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Prayer Chain

*Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened unto you. (Matthew 7:7)*

God in His Word encourages Christians to pray continually. It is such an important gift that our loving God has given us in which we can communicate with him and he blesses us. As a Christian congregation that is spread out across an entire continent, we may often find it difficult to know what is going on in the lives of our brother and sisters in Christ in order that we may offer prayers of thanksgiving and supplication for each other. In an effort to keep us united in prayer to our loving God, we have a weekly prayer chain. At the beginning of each week, you will be sent an email asking if you have any special prayer requests for yourself or a loved one. At the end of the week, the prayers received will be sent out to all those who subscribed to the email list. Please feel free to submit all prayer requests to Pastor Martin or directly to Melinda Gribble at [rmgribble@aol.com](mailto:rmgribble@aol.com). If you do not have an email address but would like to add a prayer request, please don't hesitate to call Pastor Martin directly.

Sermons on the Web

Video of the sermons is available at the church web site ([www.welseurope.net](http://www.welseurope.net)). I pray this can be another tool for you to use to feed yourself with the Word. If there are any problems, please let me know. Thank you to the volunteers who take the time out of their busy schedules to make this possible.