



# GOODNEWSletter

*Proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ throughout Europe*



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## **When life is over, there are only two options.**

A little girl came home from Sunday School holding her lesson that was titled, "Jonah and the whale." A neighbor, wanting to have some fun with her, asked "Do you really believe that Jonah was swallowed by a whale?" "Of course I do," she said, "It's in the Bible." He pushed a little more and asked, "You really believe that a man can be swallowed by a big whale, stay inside for three days, and then come out and still be alive?" The little girl said, "Absolutely." Then the man asked, "Can you prove to me the story is true? The girl thought a bit and said, "Well, when I get to heaven, I'll ask Jonah." "What if Jonah's not in heaven," he asked? She thought for a moment and replied, "Then you can ask him."

This young girl recognized a truth that many don't understand or believe. When our life on this earth is over, there are only two places we can go. One is heaven. The other is hell.

A poll revealed that 89 percent of Americans believe in heaven and 73 percent believe in hell. When asked where they think they will go when they die, three out of four thought they would go to heaven. Only two percent thought they would end up in hell.

People have all kinds of ideas about how one gets to heaven. "Live a good life!" "Follow the golden rule." "Be better than most and hope that God grades on a curve." Others believe that God is simply too nice to send anyone to hell. Another popular belief is - "So long as you are sincere, it really doesn't matter what you believe." These ideas may sound good. They may bring people comfort and soothe their

conscience, but, they are wrong. When they die, they are going to be face to face with their Creator and Judge. They are going to be found guilty and sent to hell. It's a sad fact, but, it's true. Living by the 'Golden Rule,' being sincere, will not help.

Jesus makes it clear as it can be when he says, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me" (John 14:6). In Acts 16:31 it says, "Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and you will be saved." Jesus is our only hope for the life to come. God tells us to confess our sins, take them to the cross, and trust in the Lord Jesus for your salvation.

If you want to be ready to meet your Maker and Judge, the time to get ready is now. When you die, it will be too late. Jesus is the only way in. Put your faith in him and, when you die you will be welcomed into the glory of heaven where you will live with the Lord forever.

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## **Worship Schedule**

### **Northwood, England**

**June 1-4 – Spring Retreat**

Contact [WELSchaplain@gmail.com](mailto:WELSchaplain@gmail.com) for more information.

### **Wicker, Germany (Frankfurt area)**

**June 10th – Sunday**

at the Evangelische Gemeindehaus  
Worship is at 11:00 AM followed by fellowship and Bible study.

### **Ramstein Air Force Base, Germany**

**June 10th – Sunday**

Worship is at 4:00 PM (16:00) followed by Bible study, Sunday School, and meal at the Exchange.

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### **Munich, Germany**

**June 14<sup>th</sup> - Thursday**

Worship is at 6:30 PM. We worship at the home of Mike Kube. His address is Pressburger Strasse 65, Munich.

### **Vilseck, Germany**

**June 16th - Saturday**

Worship is at 11:00  
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### **Zurich, Switzerland area**

**June 17th – Sunday**

Worship is at 11:00 AM followed by food and Bible study. - at the Bachmann home  
Waldstrasse 41 Adliswil

### **Wicker, Germany (Frankfurt area)**

**June 24th – Sunday**

at the Evangelische Gemeindehaus  
Worship is at 11:00 AM followed by fellowship and Bible study.

### **Ramstein Air Force Base, Germany**

**June 24th – Sunday**

Worship is at 4:00 PM (16:00) followed by Bible study, Sunday School, and potluck.

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## **OFFERINGS**

On May 1st was €71.727,03. The balance in the church account on May 31<sup>st</sup> was €71.583,26. During May we received worship service offerings of €1.394,36. We also received gifts of €2.336,70 in direct bank deposits. We thank the Lord for moving the hearts of his people to make such generous gifts in support of this ministry.

### **Direct Deposit Information**

Designate: WELS European Chaplaincy  
IBAN: DE98 5519 0000 0938 6260 25  
BIC: MVBMD55

### **Sunday School 2017-2018**

Sunday School materials are now available ONLY for those who are part of our European church. The copy masters and teacher's guides can be found at the available links at Dropbox. Contact Pastor Stuppy if items are needed.

## **THINGS TO KNOW – SYNOD WEB SITES**

**MILITARY DEVOTIONS** – by Rev. P. Ziemer

<https://wels.net/serving-you/devotions/military-devotions/> -

### **WELS CHURCH LOCATOR**

Use when on vacation, business trips, relocation.

<https://yearbook.wels.net/unitsearch> or go to <https://yearbook.wels.net/>

### **ONLINE REFERRAL – SPECIAL MINISTRIES**

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