



GOODNEWSletter

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GOD WILL GUIDE YOU IN ALL YOU DO. JUST LISTEN!

I heard a story that went back to the era when the telegraph and sending a message by Morse Code was a common means of communication for sending messages. A young man applied for a job as a Morse Code operator. He went to the office address listed on the ad. Upon entering, he found himself in a large, busy office filled with noise and clatter. A sign on the receptionist's counter instructed the job applicants to fill out a form and wait until they were summoned to enter the inner office.

The young man filled out his form and sat down with seven other applicants. After a few minutes, the young man stood up, crossed the room, and entered the inner office. The others all assumed that the young man had entered without permission and would certainly not be hired.

Within a few minutes, however, the boss, accompanied by the young man, came out and told everyone that the job had just been filled and they could go home. They were upset and complained that they had never had a chance to interview for the job. "That's not fair!" they cried.

To that the employer explained, "I'm sorry, but all the time you've been sitting here, a telegraph was ticking in the background was sending a message by Morse Code. If you had been listening or understood it, you would have known what this man knew. The message said to come right in. When he heard it, that's what he did and he got the job.

We live in a world filled with noise and distractions, just like that office. Friends, family members, TV personalities, radio

commentators are all quick to give us advice on how to live our life. Movies, commercials, best sellers from the newsstands, tell us how to raise our kids, lose weight, find happiness, satisfaction, fulfillment, and success in life. Add to that the daily flood of activities that fill our lives.

With all these things screaming for our attention, squeezing time out of each day, zapping us of our energy, it is easy to forget that God wants our attention as well. Like the young man who heard and listened to the Morse Code message above the din of office noise, we need to listen to our Lord. No matter how busy our lives may be, no matter how many distractions we must deal with every day, we need to listen to what the Lord has to say.

Through regular reading of our Bibles, faithful attendance at church, God's Word will help you sift through the clutter and chaos of life. His Word will remind you of what is truly important. Through his Word, God will guide you in making your decisions, help you deal with your problems, and lead you to Jesus as your Savior. Listen to the Lord and you will find the key to the happiness, satisfaction, fulfillment, and success that the world offers but only God can give.

Easter Retreat 2019 - Oberwesel

Our Easter retreat is planned for April 18th to 21st (Maunday Thursday evening through Easter Sunday noon.)

It would help a lot if you would respond sooner rather than later. If you are a regular at our retreats and NOT coming, please let

me know. If you are not sure yet, let me know that as well. **Deadline - Feb 17th.**

Contact Pastor Stuppy for more Information

Things to do!

Plenty of castles, fortresses, historic sights, churches, winery tours, zoo, gorgeous scenery, and more. See the following for a glimpse of the area.

<https://www.tripadvisor.com.au/Attractions-g198501->

[ActivitiesOberwesel_Rhineland_Palatinat.html](#)

Cost

120 Euros per person

6yrs to 15yrs half price)

Children under 5 – free.

IF COST IS A CONCERN, LET ME KNOW. WE DON'T WANT ANYONE NOT COMING BECAUSE OF COSTS!

The Great Britain Spring Retreat

A retreat is planned this spring in Great Britain from Friday May 31st to Monday, June 3rd. If you are interested, please contact Sandy Parker and let her know so she can be sure we have sufficient space for all. Email Sandy Parker parkerlings@btinternet.com

Jerry Gallow

We thank the Lord that Jerry has recovered from his surgery. He and Marilyn were able to attend our Christmas service on the 23rd. We pray for his continued good health.

Worship Schedule

Contact Pastor Stuppy for more Information

Northwood, England

January 6th – Sunday

Worship at 1:00 PM followed by Bible study, Sunday School, fellowship & potluck Dinner.

Wicker, Germany (Frankfurt area)

January 13th – Sunday

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

Ramstein Air Force Base, Germany

January 13th

Worship is at 4:00 PM followed by Bible Class, Sunday School and potluck dinner.

Munich, Germany

January 17th - Thursday

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

Vilseck, Germany

January 19th - Saturday -Worship is at 11:00.

Zurich, Switzerland area

January 20th - Sunday

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

Wicker, Germany (Frankfurt area)

January 27th – Sunday

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

Ramstein Air Force Base, Germany

January 27th – Sunday

Worship is at 4:00 PM followed by Bible Class, Sunday School and meal at Exchange.

Northwood, England

February 3rd - Sunday

Worship at the Northwood Methodist Church, Oaklands Gate, Northwood, Middlesex H46 3AA
Worship at 1:00 PM followed by Bible study, Sunday School, fellowship & potluck Dinner.

OFFERINGS

On December 1st our bank account balance was €16.396,96. The balance in the church account on December 31st was €13.003,81. During December, we received worship service offerings of €1.289,85. We also received gifts of €1,467,00 in direct bank deposits. We praise the Lord for moving the hearts of his people to make these gifts for the work of the church.

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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

WELS CHURCH LOCATOR, LIVE STREAMING

Use the following link to obtain information on WELS workers, congregations, schools, and the live streaming of worship services.

<https://yearbook.wels.net/>

- [People](#) - All active and retired WELS called workers and synod employees
- [Organizations](#) - All WELS churches, schools, and related organizations
- [Livestreaming](#) - All WELS churches who offer live internet broadcasts of their worship service

MILITARY DEVOTIONS – by Rev. P. Ziemer

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

ONLINE REFERRAL – SPECIAL MINISTRIES

Special Ministries can supply devotions and other spiritual help to members of the military, prison inmates, and special needs individuals. Click on link to make an online referral or subscribe. wels.net/refer

SUBSCRIPTIONS TO DEVOTIONS, INF, AND MORE!

If you don't receive any emails, devotions, etc., from WELS, go to wels.net/subscribe and choose all the communications that interest you.

If you already get those emails, choose "[Update your subscription preferences.](#)"

Here are three communications I strongly recommend:

Together - *The official WELS email newsletter and video featuring synod news and ministry updates. Twice a month*

His Hands - *A email newsletter from the WELS Commission on Special Ministries, highlighting several areas of compassion ministries. This site includes information on*

the chaplaincy work done in the US and in Europe.

E-Bulletin Board *A monthly email update detailing available WELS resources and events.*

WELS SPECIAL MINISTRIES (INC. MILITARY)

Check out the Special Ministries area of the WELS website – wels.net/special-ministries. If you scroll down to "Who We Serve" you will see a host of links that take you to many different WELS ministries.