



GOODNEWSletter

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How much does God love you?

How much is one human being worth? This question may be answered in many different ways. If you asked this of a suicide bomber in the Middle East, they would probably say, "not much." That's clear from the fact that they are willing to take their life and the lives of many innocent people just to make a statement. A drug dealer, a serial killer, or person who leaves their newborn baby in a dumpster or gets an abortion makes the statement – life is cheap.

Now if you were to ask this question of someone on a crusade for tougher laws and stiffer punishments for drunk drivers, they would probably say, "If these changes in the law save life of just one person, it's worth it." Ask this of a soldier fighting for peace and freedom for those back home and you find someone willing to risk their life to save the lives of others. Life, for them, is indeed precious. Ask firemen who are ready to risk their lives by running into a burning building or policemen who put their lives in jeopardy every time they pull someone over or respond to call. Ask a mom and dad who have just seen the birth of their new baby and they will all tell you that life is precious.

One person wrote that a person's worth is dependent on how much one is loved. That's an interesting way to put it, isn't it? If I hear that there are 5,000 runaways every day in America that may not mean much to me. If I hear, however, that one of those runaways is my own son or daughter, it changes everything. How much we love someone plays a big factor in how we act and feel toward them or what we would be willing to sacrifice for them.

What if one were to ask this question of God? "How much is a life worth?" His response, I would guess, would be to point to the cross; point to his Son. The value God placed on life, the lives of mankind, was the life of his own Son. It cost the Father dearly. Yet, his love was so great for us

that he not only let his Son die but also to suffer. He suffered physical pain which is hard for us to imagine. Yet, he suffered far more. The wrath of God over sin, the pain and torment of hell, that's what Jesus endured in our place. That's how much you are worth to God! That's how much he loves you!

That's what the season of Lent and Easter are all about. These seasons of the church year remind us how much God loves every person who has lived, lives, or will live on the face of the earth.

Then, in love, he calls us to repentance through his Holy Word and put our trust in Jesus as our Savior. In love his Holy Spirit works through Word and Sacrament to bring this about.

It all goes back to his love, his undeserved love for sinners. In love, he calls us to faith. In love, he brings us to faith through the Means of Grace. In love, he watches over us as we travel through this life until we reach the joy and bliss of our eternal home in heaven. The Spirit-inspired writer, Paul, says it best.

"For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." (Romans 5:6-8)

Easter Retreat 2019 - Oberwesel

Our Easter retreat is planned for April 18th to 21st (Maunday Thursday evening through Easter Sunday noon.) Please respond as soon as possible. Rooms are still available.

Contact Pastor Stuppy for more Information

Oberwesel - 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_Palatinate.html

Cost

120 Euros per person
6yrs to 15 yrs half price)
Children under 5 – free.

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

Fall Retreat - 2019 - Wittenberg

Our Fall retreat is set for Wittenberg! Plan now to attend this historic Lutheran site!
PLEASE NOTE THE DATES!!!!

NOVEMBER 8TH TO THE 10TH

Contact Pastor Stuppy for more Information

Worship Schedule

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Northwood, England

March 3rd – Sunday

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

Wicker, Germany (Frankfurt area)

March 10th – Sunday

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

Ramstein Air Force Base, Germany

March 10th Sunday

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

Munich, Germany

March 14th - Thursday

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

Vilseck, Germany -

March 16th - Saturday -Worship is at 11:00.

Zurich, Switzerland area

March 17th - Sunday

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

Wicker, Germany (Frankfurt area)

March 24th – Sunday

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

Ramstein Air Force Base, Germany

March 24th – Sunday

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

Northwood, England

April 7th - Sunday

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

OFFERINGS

On February 1st our bank account balance was €12.244,81. The balance in the church account on February 28th was €11.509,39. During February, we received worship service offerings of €885,90. We also received gifts of €1,188,02 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 2018-2019

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.

COMFORTER MINISTRY

Susanne Hanson, mother of Brenda Hanson, oversees a ministry of Christian love for women who have been diagnosed with cancer. It is a quilt ministry. Please

notify her if you know of someone in that situation. Like to help? Go to the web site:

www.comforterministry.com