



# GOODNEWSletter

*Proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ throughout Europe*



## APRIL 2019

### **OBERWESEL RETREAT**

**SERVICE AT STUTTGART – MAY 4 –SAT.**

**NO SERVICES**

**VILSECK, MUNICH, SWITZERLAND HOLY**

**WEEK BECAUSE OF RETREAT**

**SO SERVICES APRIL 28<sup>TH</sup> IN RAMSTEIN**

**AND WICKER**

**SEE INFORMATION BELOW**

### **THE GRAVE HOLDS NO FEAR**

One of my favorite stories is about a man who was headed home late one night. He decided to take a short cut through the grave yard. It was pitch dark. What he didn't know was a new grave had been dug and he fell in. For awhile he tried to climb out but the grave was 7 feet deep. Getting out seemed hopeless so he settled down for the night knowing help would arrive in the morning.

A short time later, a farmer who had been out hunting raccoons fell into the same grave. He too started to jump and try to get out but to know avail. After a while, the first man, stood up, reached out in the darkness and touched the other man's shoulder and said, "You might as well give up. You can't get out." The man was so scared by what had taken place he made in out of the grave in two seconds.

That's what Easter is all about. It's about getting out of the grave. Not by jumping out but by being called out by the command of our Lord and Savior. Victory over the grave was made possible by Jesus' resurrection on Easter morn.

Jesus came into this world to carry out a mission. His mission was to save humanity from the ownership of Satan, the bonds of sin, and chains of death. When the

sinless Son of God went to the cross, he did not deserve to die. He is the only one who had never sinned, never done one thing wrong. Yet, he was declared guilty in a Roman court and punished by his Father in heaven as if he were the worst sinner of all. That's because he bore the sins of the world. "He was wounded," as Isaiah says, "for the sins of the world." God's wrath was poured out on him. He was forsaken by his heavenly Father because of the wrongs we had done. He endured the pain and torment of hell for us all. Then committed his spirit into the hands of his Father and gave up his life for us.

This is the amazing love God has for us sinners. This is the joy we celebrate at Easter. Jesus is no longer in the grave. He has also broken its power over us. When our Lord returns on the Last Day, he will raise all from their graves. Jesus told us that, "My Father's will is that everyone who looks to the Son and believes on him shall have eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day" (John 6:40). The Lord tells us the same thing in I Corinthians 6:14, "By his power God raised the Lord from the dead, and he will raise us also."

There is only one way to escape the grave. It is not by jumping or climbing out. It is through the power of Christ who rose from the grave for us. There is only one assurance we have for eternal life and that is also through

Christ. The empty grave of Jesus testifies to it. It's just as Jesus said, "Because I live, you shall live also. (Jn 14:19)

Falling into an open grave on a dark night would be a frightening experience to be sure. But, for the child of God – one who

puts their trust in Jesus who rose from the dead, we need fear the grave no more.

### **Easter Retreat 2019 - Oberwesel**

Our Easter retreat is planned for April 18<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> (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->

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### **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 8<sup>TH</sup> TO THE 10<sup>TH</sup>**

Contact Pastor Stuppy for more Information

## **Worship Schedule**

### **Northwood, England**

**April 7<sup>th</sup> – Sunday**

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

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

**April 14<sup>th</sup> – Sunday**

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

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

**April 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday**

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

### **Munich, Germany – No service in April**

### **Vilseck, Germany – No service in April**

### **Zurich, Switzerland – No service in April**

### **Easter Retreat 2019 - Oberwesel**

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

**April 24<sup>th</sup> – Sunday**

**April 28<sup>th</sup> – SUNDAY – NO SERVICE  
PLANNED.**

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

**April 28<sup>th</sup> – SUNDAY – NO SERVICE  
PLANNED.**

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

### **Suttgart**

**May 4<sup>th</sup> – Saturday**

Call Pastor for details.

### **Northwood, England**

**May 5<sup>th</sup> - 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 28<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **Confessional Lutheran Christian Ministry**

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### **Direct Deposit Information**

Designate: WELS European Chaplaincy

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BIC: MVBMD55

### **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](https://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](https://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](https://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](http://www.comforterministry.com)