



GOODNEWSletter

Proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ throughout Europe



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CHRIST PUT DEATH TO DEATH

Our neighbors' cat is a good hunter. It's part of his nature. I heard that he often brings his prey home, a dead mouse or bird which he drops on the living room floor. It doesn't bother me when he kills a mouse but I didn't like it when he killed a baby bird which had nested in my new bird house.

I don't think my reactions to these deaths were all that unusual. When some things die, it doesn't trouble us that much. A dead mouse? A dead fly? A dead cockroach? No problem. We have no qualms about killing germs and bacteria. Many will cheer when they hear that a snake has been killed. We feel good when we swat that mosquito that's been keeping us from going to sleep.

When you think about it, wouldn't also be nice to put other things to death? What about cancer? What if we could put an end to this terrible disease! Truth is that we have "put to death," found a cure for many ills that afflict us. Polio, chicken pox, measles are all problems for which we now have a cure.

The affliction that humanity would most like to cure or "put to death" is death. Many a researcher has sought to find the key to immortality yet without success. The bottom line is that it is not going to happen. No researcher is going to "put death to death."

Death is not just a physical defect or a disease for which we may find a cure. It is a moral condition. It involves both body and soul. Through the Apostle Paul God says that "the wages of sin is death" (Rom 6:23), He also tells us that no one can escape this fate since "all have sinned" (Rom 3:23). Adam's sin infects us all. Our own sins place us under a death sentence. Death seems to have won.

After all, no matter how well we take care of ourselves, we will die. No matter how long our parents lived; we will die. No longer how low our

cholesterol and blood pressure, we will die. There is no way possible for us to put death to "death."

Things, however, are not as they appear. Easter morning and the empty tomb changed all that. When Christ rose from the dead, he testified to the world that he had conquered death. Death had received its death sentence. Jesus put death to death. In I Corinthians 15:26, Paul tells us that the last enemy to be destroyed by Christ Jesus is death. The empty tomb testifies to the victory that Jesus won over death. The grave could not hold him.

Jesus' resurrection also means that death has no power over those who belong to Jesus, who look at him as their Savior. His victory is ours as well. In fact, death is no longer our enemy but our friend. It is not the end but the beginning; the door to heaven and eternal life.

When parents put their children to bed at night, they are not filled with fear, wondering if they will ever see them again. They know they are merely going to sleep and they will see them in the morning. When our loved ones die in the Lord, when we close our eyes in death, we need not be afraid for death has been put to death. It is merely a time of rest. We will rise again. The empty grave of Jesus is our assurance of this comforting truth. Jesus Christ has put death to death! Alleluia!

Easter Retreat 2019 - Oberwesel

Our Easter retreat was wonderful. We had about forty participants gathered to the study of God's Word, worship, and fellowship for three days. We were blessed with sunny days and temperatures in the mid-70's.

Sad to say, it was the last retreat for the Bakers, Parks, and Andrus families. We pray that God will bless them and, if it is his will, bring them back to us again.

Northwood, England

May 5th – 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.

Mother's Day Picnic and Service – Pulaski

May 12th – Sunday – 11 .a.m.

Contact Pastor for more information.

Wicker, Germany (Frankfurt area)

May 12th – Sunday

No service due to the Mother's Day Picnic.

Ramstein Air Force Base, Germany

May 12th – Sunday

No service due to the Mother's Day Picnic.

Munich, Germany

May 17th – Friday (Note change of day!)

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

Vilseck, Germany –

Rose Chapel (small chapel)

May 18th - Saturday -Worship is at 11:00.

Zurich, Switzerland area

No Worship service this month. Watch the
next newsletter for June worship information.

Wicker, Germany (Frankfurt area)

May 26th – Sunday

A special service will be held at the Gemeinde
Haus which means we cannot meet there. An
alternate place for worship will be worked out.

Ramstein Air Force Base, Germany

May 26th – Sunday –

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

Northwood, England

June 2nd - Sunday

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

OFFERINGS

On March 31st bank account balance was
€12.435,27. The balance in the church account
on April 30th was €28.148,14. During April, we

received worship service offerings of €1.354,13.
We also received gifts of €22.053,24 in direct
bank deposits. We praise the Lord for moving the
hearts of his people to make these generous 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/](https://wels.net/serving-you/devotions/military-devotions/) -

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prison inmates, and special needs individuals.
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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