



# GOODNEWSletter

*Proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ throughout Europe*



## JUNE 2019

### **“OH, THE PEACE AND JOY THAT COMES FROM FORGIVENESS!”**

There was a young, mischievous, school-aged lad whose father was a loving but rather strict disciplinarian. The boy's name was John. As one might expect this boy got into trouble at school from time to time. Whenever he did, the teacher would write his name on a piece of paper and put it into a box in her desk drawer. She did this for all the students were disobedient. She told the class that their grade for classroom behavior would be based on how many slips were in the box.

When it came time for the grades to be given out, John was worried and for good reason. He knew that his name was on a number of those slips of paper. But, when the grades were given out, to John's amazement he received an "A" in behavior. The teacher reported that he had only one demerit slip in the box.

On the way home that day he shared his story with a friend, a friend who was in trouble more often than he was. That's when John found out that his friend had gotten into the teacher's desk and taken out all the slips with their names on it. He obviously had missed one.

John's conscience bothered him a bit because he knew that what his friend had done was wrong. Nonetheless, he sure felt relieved when he stood before his father with his report card in hand. He had received an A in behavior. All because all but one of his slips had been taken out of the box.

A friend told me this story. He said that it was a true story taken from his childhood. He said that it was his way of picturing the forgiveness of sins which God has given to us through Jesus Christ.

The Bible uses many pictures to describe God's gift of forgiveness. In Psalm 130:4 we read, "As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us." The Lord

also puts it this way, "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall be like wool" and "I, even I, am he who blots out your transgressions, for my own sake, and remembers your sins no more" (Isaiah 1:18 & 43:25). The Lord gives us one beautiful picture of forgiveness after another.

When God forgives us, it is complete. All our sins are gone. Unlike student John, who had one slip in his box, our box is empty. Every one of our sins has been paid for, taken away, covered by the blood of the Savior.

Now God didn't just forget about sin or look the other way. Jesus laid down his life on the cross as a payment for our sins. For Christ's sake, God has forgiven our sins. Or as my friend pictures it - he has taken the slips out of the box. All of the sins we have or ever will commit were atoned for by the blood of Christ. They are gone.

When we come before our Lord in our prayers and in worship, when we stand before him on judgment day, we don't need to be afraid. Our sins have been forgiven. The slips have been taken out of the box. That's God's Good News! It is Good News for you and all people.

When you stand before your Father on Judgement Day, you don't need to be afraid. Your Lord will smile and welcome you into glory.

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## **WORSHIP INFORMATION**

### **Northwood, England**

**June 2<sup>nd</sup> – 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.

### **Munich, Germany**

**June 7<sup>th</sup> – 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.

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

**June 9<sup>th</sup> – Sunday**

Meeting in at the Evangelische  
Gemeindehaus (Friedenstraße 13, Flörsheim  
am Main, Wicker). Worship is at 11:00 AM  
followed by fellowship and Bible study.

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

**June 9<sup>th</sup> – Sunday**

Worship is at 4:00 PM. Contact Pastor Stuppy  
for more details.

### **Vilseck, Germany**

**June 15<sup>th</sup> - Saturday -Worship is at 11:00.**

Contact Pastor Stuppy for more details.

### **Zurich, Switzerland area**

**June 16<sup>th</sup> – Time and place of service to be  
determined for June.**

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

**June 23<sup>rd</sup> – Sunday**

Meeting in at the Evangelische  
Gemeindehaus (Friedenstraße 13, Flörsheim  
am Main, Wicker). Worship is at 11:00 AM  
followed by fellowship and Bible study.

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

**June 23<sup>rd</sup> – Sunday**

Contact Pastor Stuppy for more details.

### **Northwood, England**

**July 7<sup>th</sup> – Sunday** (See above for more info.)

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

## **SUMMER FURLOUGH**

This summer from the end of June through the  
end of August, I will be on furlough with Marge.  
We will be headed to the States. During our  
absence, Pastor Joel Jaeger will be conducting  
services and Bible Study. He and his wife, Karla,  
will be staying in the parsonage in Spiesheim.  
Pastor Jaeger served as European Chaplain in  
the late 80s. Contact information will be available  
in the July-August newsletter.

## **LOOKING AHEAD - RETREAT SCHEDULE**

**8-10 November – 2019 - Wittenberg**

**9-12 April – 2020 - Würzburg**

**6-08 November- 2020 – Augsburg**

**1-4 April – 2021 - Nürnberg**

## **OFFERINGS**

On May 1<sup>st</sup> the bank account balance was  
€28.148, 14. The balance in the church account  
on May 31<sup>st</sup> was €32.607,27. During May, we  
received worship service offerings of €429,50.  
We also received gifts of €1.000,01 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.

### **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**

### **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](http://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](http://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.

### **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/> -

### **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)