



GOODNEWSletter

Proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ throughout Europe



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“If we love one another....”

1 John 4:12 No one has ever seen God. If we love one another, God remains in us and His love is perfected in us. (CSB)

Just about everyone these days, who is in the work force goes through a periodic job performance review or evaluation. Your boss or your supervisor sits down with you and discusses your job performance. This often includes such things as your attitude, efficiency, what you contribute to the company, whether you come to work on time, and a host of other things. How you perform on this evaluation often determines what future positions you might hold in your company or how much money you are paid. If you do poorly, you might even be dismissed. Fired!

I would suggest that we all do a self-performance appraisal. Not one about our ability to do our job at work but on how well we do in showing love to others.

On a scale of one to ten with ten being the highest, how would you rate yourself as a loving person? By loving I mean, a caring, compassionate, considerate, unselfish, empathetic, forgiving, loving person.

You children, how well do you in showing love to your brother and sister? Are you kind or cruel? Do you try to help them or aggravate them? How about the kid who bugs you at school? Do you love him too or do you get angry and think about how you can get even?

If you don't have love in your heart, love for God, His Word, for your neighbor, even for your enemies, you are sinning. We can rationalize and make excuses. We can claim that he doesn't deserve our love. We can tell God that we are "only human," but the fact is that we are sinning. We are sinning if we are not treating, talking about and speaking to others in love.

It would do us well to look deep into our heart as we make this evaluation. It's easy for us to look at the surface instead of really digging deeply into our hearts.

LOOKING AHEAD - RETREAT SCHEDULE

8-10 November – 2019 – Wittenberg
Registrations to be made by September 22nd!!!

9-12 April – 2020 - Würzburg

6-08 November- 2020 – Augsburg

1-4 April – 2021 – Nürnberg

How do we really feel about those around us? What about that guy at work that got the promotion we deserved? How do we treat and speak about our neighbor who constantly does things that irritate us?

When we have been hurt or wronged, do we lash out in anger, look for a chance to get even, or rejoice when they have experienced some kind of misfortune?

In Luke 6 Jesus helps us to understand this by what he says, "Love your enemies," Jesus also says, "do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you." There is no way to get around these words. The way we treat and deal with others is not what most people would expect. God expects us to show love to everyone.

Stop and think about what this really means. It's so easy for us to hear these words, nod our heads in agreement, but fail to really put them into practice. The early Christians were noted as being different from the rest of the people around them **BY THE WAY THEY LOVED ONE ANOTHER**. Is that the way others would describe you?

Truly loving others, especially our enemies, is not easy. In fact, it is impossible to do it properly without the help of God. The only way we can have god-pleasing love is when God's love lives in us and shines through us to others.

Read His Word. Reflect on His love for you. Then you will be equipped to show that love to others. All to His glory. Amen.

WORSHIP INFORMATION

Northwood, England

July 7th

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.

Wicker, Germany (Frankfurt area)

July 14th – 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

July 14th - Worship is at 4:00 PM.

Contact Pastor for more information.

Munich, Germany

July 19th – Friday

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

Vilseck, Germany

July 20th - Saturday -Worship is at 11:00.

Contact Pastor for more information.

Zurich, Switzerland area

July 21st - Sunday

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

Wicker, Germany (Frankfurt area)

July 28th - 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

July 28th - Worship is at 4:00 PM.

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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 for

six years. His contact information (Phone, email,
etc) will be the same as Pastor Stuppy's.

Northwood, England

August 4th

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.

Wicker, Germany (Frankfurt area)

August 11th – 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

Aug. 11th - Worship is at 4:00 PM.

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Munich, Germany

August 16th – Friday

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

Vilseck, Germany

August 17th - Saturday -Worship is at 11:00.

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Zurich, Switzerland area

August 18th - Sunday

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

Wicker, Germany (Frankfurt area)

August 25th - 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

August 25th - Worship is at 4:00 PM.

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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

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.

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 Reid 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