



# GOODNEWSletter

*Proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ throughout Europe*



## OCTOBER - 2019

***“THOUGH YOUR SINS ARE LIKE SCARLET,  
THEY SHALL BE WHITE AS SNOW!”***

Most of us probably don't enjoy winter. The days are often dreary. Rain, cool days and cold nights hardly excite us. Then, we get a winter snowfall. It transforms that vineyards and trees into a winter wonderland. All the debris, litter on the streets, all the blemishes in our yard, disappear – covered by a beautiful blanket of pure, white snow.

If your car hasn't been washed, no one notices. If the roof of your home is soiled by ugly black mildew that comes with age, it can't be seen. Everything is covered with silvery, bright, white snow. It's beautiful.

Our Lord uses this imagery to help us understand an important spiritual truth. In Isaiah 1:18 the Lord speaks through the prophets Isaiah. There he says, “Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool.”

The Lord likes to explain spiritual truths through the use imagery, pictures of things we can see with our mind's eye. He pictures sin with words that mean ‘transgression or going into the area that is forbidden.’ He says that sin is like a debt we owe, one too large for us to pay. He pictures sin as rebellion. He sees sin as someone who misses the mark, like the archer who fails to hit the bull's eye. These pictures help us to understand the nature of our sins.

In this passage from Isaiah the Lord speaks of sin as being red like scarlet or crimson. It reminds us of the red blood that was shed, sprinkled on the altar, when sacrifices were made by Old Testament believers.

Yet we know that the blood of goats and lambs could never atone for our sins. These sacrifices were only signs or pictures God used to point ahead to the blood of the Lamb of God that would be poured out on the cross to atone for our sins and the sins of the world.

These words were written first of all to the people of Judah, a nation that once was rightly called ‘God's people.’ But they had turned their backs on God. They no longer sought to do his will. They turned to the worship of idols and persecuted and killed the Lord's prophets. They would not escape God's wrath and judgment.

Yet, it was not God's desire that they perish. It was his goal that they repent of their sins, worship him, and be saved. To that end, he sent a gracious invitation, a gospel promise, through the pen of Isaiah – “though your sins be like scarlet, they shall be white as snow.”

What a beautiful way for our Lord to describe the forgiveness of sins which is ours through Jesus Christ! Snow, if deep enough, has the ability to cover up all that is soiled and ugly. So it is with forgiveness. God's forgiveness doesn't just cover some of our sins but all of them. It doesn't matter what you have done or how you have lived. God's forgiveness has been won for all through Jesus Christ. Paul tells us in Romans 5:9, “we have now been justified by his blood.” He goes on to say that we are therefore saved from his wrath.

What more could you want? What more could God do? God has taken away your sins, making that which was like scarlet white as snow. This beautiful, amazing gift is yours through Jesus Christ!

## **WORSHIP INFORMATION**

### **Northwood, England**

**October 6<sup>th</sup>** - Sunday

Worship at the Northwood Methodist Church  
Oaklands Gate, Northwood, Middlesex H46 3AA  
Worship at 1:00 p.m. followed by Bible study,  
Sunday School, fellowship & potluck Dinner.

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

**October 13<sup>th</sup>** – Sunday 11 a.m.

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**

**October 13<sup>th</sup>** - Worship is at 4:00 p.m.

Bible Study, Sunday School and a potluck  
dinner will follow the service. For more  
information, contact Pastor Stuppy.

### **Munich, Germany**

**October 17<sup>th</sup>** – Thursday **NOTE CHANGE!!**

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

### **Vilseck, Germany**

**October 19<sup>th</sup>** - Saturday –

Worship is at 11:00. For more information,  
contact Pastor Stuppy.

### **Zurich, Switzerland area**

**Watch your email for an update. We'll be  
back to a regular schedule in November.**

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

**October 27<sup>th</sup>** Sunday at 11:00 a.m.

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

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dinner will follow the service. For more  
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### **Northwood, England**

**November 3<sup>rd</sup>** - Sunday

Worship at the Northwood Methodist Church  
Oaklands Gate, Northwood, Middlesex H46 3AA  
Worship at 1:00 p.m. followed by Bible study,  
Sunday School, fellowship & potluck Dinner.

## **LOOKING AHEAD - RETREAT SCHEDULE**

Wittenberg retreat: We've reached our  
capacity for lodging. (Option: stay at a local  
hotel). There is still room for the worship and  
Bible studies, etc. Let Pastor know if you are  
interested. (Sooner the better)

### **8-10 November – 2019 – Wittenberg**

**Registrations to be made by September 22<sup>nd</sup>!!!**

**9-12 April – 2020 - Würzburg**

**6-08 November- 2020 – Augsburg**

**1-4 April – 2021 – Nürnberg**

## **OFFERINGS**

On September 2<sup>nd</sup> our bank account balance was  
€33.708,24. The balance in the church account  
on September 30<sup>th</sup> was €52.094,76. During  
September, we received worship service offerings  
of €91,18. We also received gifts of €22,030,00  
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.

## **Confessional Lutheran Christian Ministry**

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## **Direct Deposit Information**

Designate: WELS European Chaplaincy

IBAN: DE98 5519 0000 0938 6260 25

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**

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