



# GOODNEWSletter

*Proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ throughout Europe*



*March – 2020*

## **THANK GOD – OUR SINS HAVE BEEN FORGIVEN.**

The other day I was on the computer I ran across an article on a baseball player named Herman Long. He played in the National League for 17 years as a shortstop – mostly for Boston in the 1890s. He was an aggressive player. He was the National League homerun leader in 1900. He batted over 300 four of the years he played. He also scored over a 100 runs in seven of the years he played in the majors. What's really amazing is that he still holds the record for scoring 9 times in a single game.

Herman Long, while an outstanding player, is most noted for scoring the most errors of any other player in the Major League – 1,096. He messed up a lot. He would throw the ball over the first baseman's head or into the ground. He also dropped a lot of balls. Many because he was able to reach balls that others would not even have touched. If he didn't get them, they were counted as errors.

What is also amazing to me is that there was someone back around 1900 keeping track of all the errors or mistakes he made. Every time he dropped the ball or threw the ball into the stands by mistake, someone kept track and wrote it down.

Can you imagine what it would be like if someone did that with us? How would you feel if someone was watching every move you made and wrote down every mistake or sin you've committed? What if

that included every sinful thought and desire you had in your heart? It's frightening, isn't it?

And yet God knows all these things. He knows or sees every sin we commit. He knows every sinful desire of our heart and sinful thought that enters our head. He knows sins we aren't even aware of as well as the sins we might want to excuse or justify. He knows them all!

When just one sin condemns us, we are in a heap of trouble. While Herman Long made over a thousand errors over his seventeen year career, our sins must number in the millions.

Yet, let us not despair. During the Lenten season we are reminded that Jesus took our sins to the cross. At Calvary Jesus paid for those sins when he, the Son of God, holy and righteous, laid down his life for all sinners. Jesus faced the wrath of his Father, endured the pain and torment of hell, to pay for our sins. Isaiah says it well, "He was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed" (Is 53:5).

When we stand before God on Judgment Day, washed clean by the blood of our Savior, Jesus Christ, all our errors, all our sins, will no longer be there to condemn us. We will be righteous in God's sight through Jesus Christ.

## **WORSHIP INFORMATION**

### **Northwood, England**

**March 1<sup>st</sup>** - Sunday – Worship at 1 p.m.  
Worship at the Northwood Methodist Church  
Oaklands Gate, Northwood, Middlesex H46 3AA  
Bible study, Sunday School, & potluck dinner.

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

**March 8<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**

**March 8<sup>th</sup>** – Sunday  
Worship is held 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**

**March 12<sup>th</sup>** – Thursday  
Worship is at 6:30 p.m. We worship at the  
home of Mike Kube. His address is  
Pressburger Strasse 65, Munich.

### **Vilseck, Germany**

**March 14<sup>th</sup>** – Saturday Worship is at 11:00.  
For more information, contact Pastor Stuppy.

### **Zurich, Switzerland area**

**March 15<sup>th</sup>** - Sunday  
Worship is at 11:00 AM followed by food and  
Bible study. - at the Bachmann home  
Waldistrasse 41 Adliswil

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

**March 22<sup>nd</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**

**March 22<sup>nd</sup>** - Sunday  
Worship is held at 4:00 p.m. Bible Study,  
Sunday School and a meal follow. For more  
information, contact Pastor Stuppy.

### **Northwood, England**

**April 5<sup>th</sup>** – Sunday – Worship at 1 p.m.  
Worship at the Northwood Methodist Church  
Oaklands Gate, Northwood, Middlesex H46 3AA  
Sunday School, fellowship & potluck follow.

## **LOOKING AHEAD - RETREAT SCHEDULE**

**9-12 April – 2020 - Würzburg**

**6-08 November- 2020 – Augsburg**

**1-4 April – 2021 –Heidelberg**

### **Jerry Galow Update**

Jerry is still in ICU – 4 weeks now. He is on a ventilator to help with his breathing. They hope to wean him off as time goes on. His fever and pneumonia are gone. For now, his medicine keeps him asleep. We pray for his continued improvement and move to rehab and eventually back home. Please keep Jerry and Marilyn in your prayers. He is hospitalized at St. Joseph in Rudesheim. Visits are limited to immediate family.

### **Easter Retreat – Würzburg - April 9-12**

Contact Pastor about more information.

What a blessing these retreats are to the spiritual growth of our members and the WELS fellowship we enjoy here in Europe. Talk to anyone who has been there. We plan a good balance between Bible study, worship, fellowship and time to see sites in the area. We pray you will be able to come.

The retreat is a bit more expensive than our Wittenberg retreat since this one is three days rather than two. The cost will be 180€ for adults. Children 3 and under are free. Four through fifteen will run 60€.

An email will be sent soon with more information. We have secured a restaurant for our meal on Saturday evening. We are planning a 2 hour walking tour of the city for our group at 2 p.m. on Saturday.

Please note!!!! Monday – February 10<sup>th</sup> –we locked into our contract. That means we must pay for the rooms and meals we have reserved. Refunds can only be given if they can rent the room. Money for rooms will be collected at the retreat as usual.

If cost is a problem, please contact Pastor Stuppy.

### **PASTOR JOHN HARTWIG**

Pastor Hartwig has accepted the call to serve as the next European Chaplain. He and his wife, Helen, plan to arrive in mid-June. They will be able to visit most of our stations with Pastor Stuppy before Pastor Stuppy and Marge return to the States.

### **England Retreat**

A spring retreat is scheduled for May 8-10<sup>th</sup> in Bude, Cornwall, England. The date of this event means only one service at Wicker and Ramstein in May – on May 24<sup>th</sup>.

### **OFFERINGS**

On February 1<sup>st</sup> our bank account balance was €52.720,38 The balance in the church account on January 31<sup>st</sup> was €52.853,35. During last month, we received worship service offerings of €690,00. We also received gifts of €1.350,38 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**

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](http://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/serve-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)