



GOODNEWSletter

*Proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ throughout Europe
May/June 2016*

A Time for Everything



Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

*"There is a time for everything,
and a season for every activity under
heaven:*

*² a time to be born and a time to die,
a time to plant and a time to uproot,
³ a time to kill and a time to heal,
a time to tear down and a time to build,
⁴ a time to weep and a time to laugh,
a time to mourn and a time to dance,
⁵ a time to scatter stones and a time to
gather them,
a time to embrace and a time to refrain,
⁶ a time to search and a time to give up,
a time to keep and a time to throw away,
⁷ a time to tear and a time to mend,
a time to be silent and a time to speak,
⁸ a time to love and a time to hate,
a time for war and a time for peace."*

What is going on in your life as you read these words? Whatever it is, there is a time for it. As we are reminded in this section from Ecclesiastes, there is a time for everything. Maybe you are going through a time of unprecedented health, at least for you. Praise the Lord for that. Maybe you are astounded by how unfortunate your health situation has been as of late. Maybe it has been one bit of bad news after the next. There is a time for that as well. And as the Apostle Paul reminds us, we can praise God even in our sufferings. Paul writes, *"And we rejoice in the hope of the glory of God. ³ Not only so, but we also*

rejoice in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; ⁴ perseverance, character; and character, hope. ⁵ And hope does not disappoint us, because God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us" (Romans 5:2b-5).

All of us are in different times in life. Whatever is going on, rejoice in it. Whatever is going on, remember that it is always time for Christ. His Gospel and his wonderful promises of forgiveness, grace, and mercy are for every time. Jesus and his promises are with you no matter where you are or what is going on. He is with you always.

For us it is a time to leave and a time to start another chapter, so to say, in our lives. We fly back to the States on May 25th. For those who like numbers, that is 8 years and 7 months after we arrived in Germany. It is a time for us to say goodbye to dear friends and to look forward to meeting more members of the body of Christ, members of our Christian family. We do this knowing that Jesus is with us and with you.

There truly is a time for everything. As you pass through those times, ponder them, and find peace in your Savior Jesus.

Have a wonderful May and June!

Our new Contact Info. (after My 25th):
Email me at: martinjcm74@gmail.com and I will send it to you

May / June Worship Schedule

Northwood, England – contact Pastor Martin for location details

May 1 and June 5

Worship at 13:00 followed by Bible study and fellowship.

Wicker, Germany (Frankfurt Area) – contact Pastor Martin for location details

May 22 and June 12

Worship is at 11:00 followed by fellowship, Bible study and Sunday school.

On May 8th (Mother's Day) worship will be at 11:00 at Pulaski Park. See the section on Mother's Day.

On June 26 worship will need to be held at a different location. The German group will be using the church for the entire day.

Ramstein Air Force Base, Germany – at the Southside Chapel

May 22, June 12 and 26

Worship is at 16:00 followed by Bible study, Sunday school, and fellowship.

On May 8th (Mother's Day) worship will be at 11:00 at Pulaski Park. See the section on Mother's Day.

Vilseck, Germany – in the small chapel next to building #205 on the Vilseck Army Base

May 14, June 18

Worship is at 10:30 followed by Bible study, Sunday school, and fellowship.

Zurich, Switzerland area – contact Pastor Martin for location details

May 15, June 19

Worship is at 11:00 followed by fellowship and Bible study.

Munich – contact Pastor Martin for location details

May/June

Yet to be determined.

Ede, Netherlands – contact Pastor Martin for location details

May/June

Yet to be determined.

Offerings

Local offerings for the month were €4,060. Thank you for your offerings. God bless the generous and humble gifts of his people.

Vacancy and Fulltime pasors

Pastor Ken Kratz and his wife, Diane, will arrive in Germany on 12 May. He will stay, Lord willing, until a permanent call is accepted.

Pastor Richard Miller has been extended the call to be the full time pastor. His wife is Astrid and they have three children (9,6,2). Pastor Miller currently serves at Our Savior in Hart, Michigan. As of today, he has not issued a decision regarding the call.

Women's Bible Study

Yet to be determined.

Mother's Day Picnic

We have our annual worship and Mother's Day picnic on 8 May. Worship will be at 11:00 followed by a cook-out potluck. You can bring a dish to pass. Meat will be provided. There is a link below to sign up. If you could let me know how many from your family will be attending that would be great (I need an approximate amount of meat to buy).

<http://www.perfectpotluck.com/meals.php?t=CCDT0702&welcome=1>

Keep in mind that the 11:00 service at Wicker and the 16:00 service at the Ramstein south chapel will be cancelled on 8 May.

The location will be at Pulaski Park (on the Pulaski Barracks/Vogelweh Army

Base near Kaiserslautern). We have the lower portion of the park. This park is on a United States military base. That means if you are not in the military, you will have to be signed on by someone who is in the military. **All people attending who don't have a military ID should meet at the McDonald's near Vogelweh Army Base at 10:15 (see directions below). You will need your passport.** People will be there to sign you on. Please make sure you let me know ahead of time if you need to be signed in so we can be sure to have enough military members there to assist. Here are the directions to the McDonald's: *If you are heading A6 direction Saarbruecken you will take the Kaiserslautern West/Lauterecken/Opel exit. You will head toward Pirmasens/Waldfischbach (B270). After about 1 kilometer you will take an exit right to the B40 direction Landstuhl/Einsiedlerhof. You will see the base on your left hand side. The first stop light leads to the base, but you cannot enter the base there. You will need to take the next road to your left and McDonalds should be immediately on your right. Address for GPS: Im Haderwald 17, 67661 KL-Einsiedlerhof*

Don't hesitate to contact me with any questions.

Reformation Retreat

October 21-23, 2016 - Bad Homburg, Germany
 contact Pastor Martin for location details

Tentative itinerary:

<u>21. October 2016</u>
16:00 - 18:00 Check-in
18:00- Dinner at youth hostel
19:15 Devotion
<u>22. October 2016</u>
7:00 - Breakfast at youth hostel
9:00 Bible study for children and adults
10:30 - Choir practice

12:00 - Lunch at the youth hostel
14:00 - Free time
17:00 - Dinner at local restaurant
20:00 - Free time, fellowship at youth hostel
<u>23. October 2016</u>
7:00 - Breakfast at youth hostel
8:30 Choir practice
9:30 Worship
10:30 - Group picture

Contact Us

If you have need of pastoral assistance or just want to talk, please make contact. Your e-mails, phone calls, & letters are welcomed. After May 25th Pastor Kratz will be using the welschaplain@gmail account. He will also have the same home phone number.

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WELS Civilian Chaplaincy on Facebook

Check out our page on Facebook. Like the WELS Civilian Chaplaincy page and stay connected to the ministry's events here in Europe.

Prayer Chain

Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened unto you. (Matthew 7:7)
 God in His Word encourages Christians to pray continually. It is such an important gift that our loving God has given us in which we can communicate with him and he blesses us. As a Christian congregation that is spread out across an entire continent, we may often find it difficult to know what is going on in the lives of our brother and sisters in Christ in order that we may offer prayers of thanksgiving and supplication for each other. In an effort to

keep us united in prayer to our loving God, we have a weekly prayer chain. At the beginning of each week, you will be sent an email asking if you have any special prayer requests for yourself or a loved one. At the end of the week, the prayers received will be sent out to all those who subscribed to the email list. Please feel free to submit all prayer requests to Pastor Martin or directly to Melinda Gribble at rmgribble@aol.com. If you do not have an email address but would like to add a prayer request, please don't hesitate to call Pastor Martin directly.

Sermons on the Web

Video of the sermons is available at the church web site (www.welseurope.net). I pray this can be another tool for you to use to feed yourself with the Word. If there are any problems, please let me know. Thank you to the volunteers who take the time out of their busy schedules to make this possible.