



GOODNEWSletter

*Proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ throughout Europe
June 2015*



Titus 3:1-2, *"Remind the people to be subject to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready to do whatever is good,² to slander no one, to be peaceable and considerate, and to show true humility toward all men."*

How do you view the rulers and authorities God has put over you? What is your attitude toward them? Let's make this even broader. Since this is a Fourth Commandment issue, let's bring in all of those who God has placed in positions of authority over us. Added to the rulers and authorities are also parents, teachers, and leaders in the Church.

Is your first instinct to doubt them, to assume the worst about them, or to view them as incompetents who are going to make a mess out of things?

We might say, "But look at what they have done?" Or, "Look at how rotten of a person he or she is." Or the child says about his parents, "But they are being unfair." Maybe they are being unfair. Maybe they are not the best parents. Maybe the rulers and authorities are not the best leaders. Yet, what does Paul say? He says that we need to be obedient to them. He says that we cannot slander them.

I can't imagine that everyone in authority in Crete (that is where Titus lived) was always a shining example of justice, morality, and high Christian character. Yet, Paul is clear. Have a humble attitude toward them and all men. Try to find the best in them.

This is Paul's exhortation to you and me too. Find the best in our leaders, parents etc. Don't look first for ways to tear them down. Don't assume the worst. Rather, be humble. Be considerate of them and the position they hold, whether president, teacher, or parent.

To do what Paul asks of us is difficult. It is difficult because of our sinful nature. And, it is difficult because sometimes those in positions of authority are not doing what they ought to be doing.

As I struggle with this myself, I find great comfort in the words from 1 John 3:1. He says, *"How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!"* Even as we struggle to live godly lives, our dear Father loves us. He loves us and in Christ forgives us. Even though we struggle with sin, we are still his redeemed children. May God's love give you peace and compel you to love as you have been loved.

June Worship Schedule

Northwood, England – contact Pastor Martin for location details

June 7

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

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

June 14 and 28

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

Ramstein Air Force Base, Germany – at the Southside Chapel

June 14 and 28

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

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

June 20

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

Zurich, Switzerland area – contact Pastor Martin for location details

June 21

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

Munich – contact Pastor Martin for location details

Worship is at 18:30 followed by fellowship.

Offerings

Local offerings for the month were €4,088. Thank you for your offerings. God bless the generous and humble gifts of his people.

Mother's Day Picnic

49 were in attendance for worship on Mother's Day. God blessed us with his Word, wonderful fellowship, and beautiful weather for a picnic.

Women's Bible Study

To be determined. Watch your email for information.

Women's Weekend in 2015

The plans for the women's weekend in Venice are coming along. At this point, the date will be October 9-12, 2015. Please let me know as soon as possible if you plan to attend. I would like to book flights and hotel rooms in early June (We will each book our own flight, and I will take care of booking the car rental and hotels). Below you will find a sample itinerary of the weekend and an estimate of the costs. Please note, Pastor Martin will be conducting services at Wicker/Ramstein on this Sunday, so we'll be having a women's worship.

Thursday, October 8

Meet at hotel by Frankfurt Hahn airport
Overnight at hotel

Friday, October 9

Fly to Venice Treviso – Depart 6:55 a.m
Rent car and drive to Padua – 50 minutes
Lunch and tour Padua
Drive to Apartment
Dinner at local restaurant

Saturday, October 10

Tour Venice

Sunday, October 11

Worship and Women's Bible study
Tour Vicenza

Monday, October 12

Fly home – Depart 8:40 a.m.

Estimated Expenses: (In Euros)

25.00 per person- Hotel near Frankfurt Hahn airport

Airfare on Ryan Air to Venice Treviso: 34.56

Rental car: 50-70 Euros per person depending on how many we have – not including gas and tolls

Apartment for 30-50 Euros per person/per night

We plan to pick up groceries for bag lunches/breakfasts and eat dinner out

Airline fare back to Frankfurt Hahn: 41.25

Congratulations Matt

Glover!

Matt lives in the Netherlands and was welcomed into communicant membership with the WELS at worship on May 7th.

Future Retreats

October 23-25, 2015 – Reformation retreat

March 24-27, 2016 – Easter retreat

October 21-23, 2016 – Reformation retreat

contact Pastor Martin for location details

Summer Vacation Bible

School

We are planning to have a mini vacation Bible school for the whole family on Saturday, June 27. Things will begin at 15:00 at the parsonage. We will have an opening devotion followed by Sunday school, adult Bible study, and then a potluck grill-fest in the early evening. The ministry will provide the meat. Please bring a salad or dessert to pass. We look forward to this opportunity to grow in God's grace!

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.

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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.