



GOODNEWSletter

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

Some Things to be Thankful For



In October we had three retreats. These retreats were attended by seventy-nine people. Okay, there was some overlap of attendees. So the actual number is closer to about seventy-three people or so.

Still, that is not bad. That's pretty good for this ministry and the number of people we have in areas where one can realistically make it to a retreat without it being a major event (needing to take multiple days off of work) and expense.

For those souls and every other soul that is part of this ministry we ought to give thanks. These are fellow believers. These are brothers and sisters who have been purchased and redeemed with the very same blood of Christ. They are part of your extended Christian family. Some may be in similar situations. They are in a foreign country. Maybe it was by choice. Maybe it was not. They are adjusting to life that can be very different from the life they knew in the States. The similarities can be many or they can be few and far between. Yet, the one great similarity remains the same. You and united in faith in Jesus as Savior and Redeemer.

I thank God for this unity that we have. It is special. It is a gift from a good and gracious Lord to have brothers and sisters

from such different backgrounds and with such different life experiences.

And, for those who were able to make it to the retreats, I thank God for the safe travels he granted everyone to and from the retreats. By God's grace we have not had too many bad retreats, if any. By his grace we have not had to cancel any. And by the same grace, we have not had any people have car accidents or anything like that on the way to a retreat, maybe at the retreat but nothing serious on the way to the retreat. For this we can all be very thankful.

Above all we must thank the Lord for his Word. Whether you hear the Word at worship, at retreats, on the web, or in your Bible, it is the same saving Word of God. It is the message that crushes but restores and heals. It is the wonderful news about a Savior who loves us and acted on our behalf. It is the joyous proclamation of forgiveness and new life simply through faith in the work of the King of kings.

Thank you Lord for one another and this special family of believers. Thank you for your grace and goodness in Jesus. Thank you for watching over us and all believers. Thank you for everything you have given to us, especially our Savior, Jesus. Amen.

Enjoy your November and God bless!

November Worship Schedule

Northwood, England – contact Pastor Martin for location details

November 1

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

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

November 8 and 22

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

Ramstein Air Force Base, Germany – at the Southside Chapel

November 8 and 22

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

November 14

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

Zurich, Switzerland area – contact Pastor Martin for location details

November 15

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

Munich – contact Pastor Martin for location details

November 12

Worship is at 18:30 followed by going out to eat.

Ede, Netherlands – contact Pastor Martin for location details

November 19

Worship is at 18:00.

Thanksgiving Day Worship

We have permission to use the South Chapel at the Ramstein Air Force Base on Thanksgiving Day (November 26). Worship will be at 16:00 and will be followed by a

potluck Thanksgiving meal. If you are a civilian and would like to attend, please let me know. We will need to make arrangements for you to be signed on to base.

Offerings

Local offerings for the month were €3,051. Thank you for your offerings. God bless the generous and humble gifts of his people.

Women's Bible Study

The next study is planned for 10:00 on November 20th. The location will be a restaurant yet to be determined.

Women's Weekend in 2015

Eight attended the women's weekend in Venice, Italy. Thank you all for making it such a wonderful experience.

England Retreat

The England retreat also went well. Twenty-five attended worship on Sunday.

Reformation Retreat

It should not surprise you that this retreat went well too. God has a way of making it so that the retreats always go well. Forty-two were there for most of the weekend. On Sunday we had forty-six in worship.

Future Retreats

March 24-27, 2016 – Walchensee, Germany

October 21-23, 2016 - Bad Homburg, Germany

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.