



# GOODNEWSletter

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## What Do Mothers do?

What does a mother do? Maybe a better question is "What doesn't a mother do? A mother's day is full of activities of all sorts.

They arise early and have no problem falling asleep as soon as their head hits the pillow. Yet, they have a unique ability to wake from a dead sleep if a child cries out in the middle of the night.

Much of a mother's activities revolve around the home. Planning and preparing meals, cleaning house, and doing laundry, are just a few of the many activities with which a mother is occupied each week.

When children are small, there are diapers to change, baths to give, and lots of hugs and kisses to dispense. There is also the words of loving concern when their young one is injured on the field of battle (sometimes called 'the playground').

As children grow older, a mother's job description changes. Instead of patching up a scraped knee, they seek to mend broken hearts. Instead of trips to the store for more diapers, there are the endless trips to soccer practice, or music lessons. Then there is the role of nurse, tending to the sick, even when they don't feel so well themselves.

Mothers are often the business managers of the home. They buy the groceries. They stretch the meals just a little farther when the money is tight. They make sure the homework is done, their vaccinations are up to date and the kids are ready for such important events as class pictures.

When the children are gone from home, mothers don't stop being mothers. Their roles just change. They may finally

have more time for themselves, but their children are always on their mind. Some may finally get a chance to slow down a bit but most find that their time and abilities are still needed. They end up helping neighbors and friends or serving as a volunteer.

As if this were not enough, one finds today that many mothers also work outside the home. Sometimes it is by choice and other times by necessity. When that happens, mothers may work harder than ever to cover all the bases.

I realize this description doesn't fit every mother. I doubt seriously if one can find the "typical mother". Every home, family and set of circumstances is unique. That's also what makes mothers so special. They have the ability to adapt to the situation.

But this description of a mother is missing something. A mother must do more than feed, clothe or even provide for their children. Children also need to learn to know and love Jesus as their Savior. While God clearly places this responsibility on Dad, it is also rests on Mom. She is often in the best position to carry out this responsibility; to instill in the child Spirit worked faith and love for the Lord. In Proverbs 1:8 it says, "Listen, my son, to your father's instruction and do not forsake your mother's teaching."

I will be eternally grateful to my mother for many things, for her love and all the sacrifices she made for me. But most of all I thank her for helping me to know Jesus as my Lord and Savior.

As we observe Mother's Day this month, be sure to include your mother in your prayers. If she is still with us, be sure to contact her and thank her for all she has done for you. To God be the glory!

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## **Worship Schedule**

### **Northwood, England**

**May 6th** - Sunday

Contact [WELSchaplain@gmail.com](mailto:WELSchaplain@gmail.com) for more information.

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

**May 13<sup>th</sup> NO SERVICE BECAUSE OF MOTHERS DAY SERVICE AT POLASKI. WORSHIP WILL RESUME ON JUNE 10<sup>TH</sup>.**

**June 10th** – Sunday

at the Evangelische Gemeindehaus  
Worship is at 11:00 AM followed by fellowship and Bible study.

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### **Munich, Germany**

**May 17<sup>th</sup>** - Thursday

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

### **Vilseck, Germany**

**May 19th** - Saturday

Worship is at 11:00  
Contact [WELSchaplain@gmail.com](mailto:WELSchaplain@gmail.com) for more information.

### **Zurich, Switzerland area**

**May 20th** – Sunday

Worship is at 11:00 AM followed by food and Bible study. - at the Bachmann home  
Waldstrasse 41 Adliswil

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

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### **Great Britain Retreat 1 Jun – 4 Jun**

The congregation from London will be meeting at the Holly Tree House, Symonds Yat, Wye Valley, Herefordshire. (I hope I have the right Holly Tree House – there are several.) While plans have been made, contact Sandy Parker to confirm location and if it possible to still attend. [parkerlings@btinternet.com](mailto:parkerlings@btinternet.com).



We are looking forward to our annual **Mothers' Day outdoor service and potluck picnic on Sunday, May 13<sup>th</sup>**. Contact [WELSchaplain@gmail.com](mailto:WELSchaplain@gmail.com) for more information.

We look forward to this time of fun and fellowship and to praise God for his many blessings!

## **OFFERINGS**

On April 1<sup>st</sup> the balance in the church account was €69,478,57. On April 30<sup>th</sup> our balance was €71,727,03. During April we received worship service offerings of €618,98. We also received gifts of €3,332.59 in direct bank deposits. We thank the Lord for moving the hearts of his people to make such generous gifts in support of this ministry.

### **Direct Deposit Information**

Designate: WELS European Chaplaincy  
IBAN: DE98 5519 0000 0938 6260 25  
BIC: MVBMD55

### **Sunday School 2017-2018**

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**

**MILITARY DEVOTIONS** – by Rev. P. Ziemer

<https://wels.net/serving-you/devotions/military-devotions/> -

### **WELS CHURCH LOCATOR**

Use when on vacation, business trips, relocation.

<https://yearbook.wels.net/unitsearch> or go to <https://yearbook.wels.net/>

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