



GOODNEWSletter

Proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ throughout Europe



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What is it that makes you happy?

There are a lot of things in life that make me happy. I'm happy when fall comes. I love the cooler temps especially if it has been a hot summer. I'm happy when I get to do Face-time with my grandkids. I'm happy when the Dallas Cowboys beat the Redskins. I rejoice when I hear that one of members is going to have a baby, get married, gets a promotion, returns safely from tour of duty.

What is it that makes you happy, really happy? Are you happy when your children bring home a good report card? Does it make you happy when the doctor says that all the tests came back and everything looks fine? Do you rejoice when you get a raise or a promotion?

As soon as we start thinking about what makes us happy, we realize that there are also things that make us sad; things that take away our joy. Things like getting a speeding ticket, losing our job, hearing that our cholesterol has jumped up. These are just a few of the multitude of things seek to take away our joy and make us sad.

So how can Paul tell us in Philippians 4:4 to "Rejoice in the Lord always!"? Notice he doesn't say, "Rejoice in the Lord, when life is good!" No! He tells us to rejoice in the Lord "ALWAYS!" ALWAYS means when things go well and when they don't.

How can that be? The answer is found with the words "in the Lord." When Jesus lives in our heart; when we know that our sins have been forgiven; when we

know that God is watching over us; know that God has promised to turn everything in our life into a blessing; we have no reason to be sad.

Paul was filled with joy when things went well and when they didn't. He rejoiced when in prison or not. He knew that the Lord was with him and was blessing him. Paul even rejoiced at the prospect of death since he knew that it meant going to heaven.

Don't let life's ups and downs control how you feel. Don't let the problems and troubles of life fill you with anxiety, fear or sadness. Illness and disease, heartaches and headaches are never easy to deal with but they can't take away your joy if you stay focused on the Lord. With Christ in your heart you can truly live with joy in your heart and a smile on your lips.

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FALL RETREAT – OCT 26-28 – BAD KREUZNACH

Make your plans now for our Fall Reformation Retreat at Bad Kreuznach (South of Bingen). <https://www.diejugendherbergen.de/jugendherbergen/bad-kreuznach/portrait/>

We will meet from Friday evening What a joy to gather for worship, Word, and fellowship!! These retreats help bond our European members together. I pray you can make it.

Worship Schedule

Northwood, England

July 1st – Sunday

Worship at the Northwood Methodist Church, Oaklands Gate, Northwood, Middlesex H46 3AA
Worship at 1:00 PM followed by Bible study, Sunday School, fellowship & potluck Dinner.

Wicker, Germany (Frankfurt area)

July 8th – Sunday

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

Ramstein Air Force Base, Germany

July 8th – Sunday

Worship is at 4:00 PM followed by Bible study, Sunday School, and a meal. Contact WELSChaplain@gmail.com for more information.

Munich, Germany

July 12th - Thursday

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

Vilseck, Germany

July 14th - Saturday

Worship is at 11:00.
Contact WELSChaplain@gmail.com for more information.

Zurich, Switzerland area

July 15th – Sunday

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

Wicker, Germany (Frankfurt area)

July 22nd – Sunday

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

Ramstein Air Force Base, Germany

July 22nd – Sunday

Worship is at 4:00 PM (16:00) followed by Bible study, Sunday School, and meal.

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OFFERINGS

On June 1st was €71.583,26. The balance in the church account on June 30th was €72.065,27. During May we received worship service offerings of €617,57. We also received gifts of €1.645,18 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.

Two Baptisms!!!!

Evelyn Hope Saunders, daughter of James and Miranda, born on May 18, was baptized at Ramstein on June 10th.

Jules Laura Elizabeth Abrahamson, daughter of Jonathan and Jessika, born December 1, 2017, was baptized at her home in Bickenbach on June 23th.

We thank the Lord for the gift of these children and for the gift of Baptism through which they become God's child and heir of heaven. To God be the glory!

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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