



GOODNEWSletter

Proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ throughout Europe



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True security is found in the Lord

Of all the cartoon strips that have ever run, "Peanuts" has to be the most read and the one best loved of all cartoon strips. Its wonderful characters became old friends after a while. Who doesn't recognize Snoopy, Charlie Brown, Lionis, and Lucy? One of my favorites was Lionis. He is the one who always carried around his security blanket.

When you're a young child, the technical term for a security blanket is "blankie." It may take the form of a blanket, doll or a stuffed animal. It is something a child will not part with no matter what!

My security "blanket" was a pillow. I took my pillow everywhere. I couldn't sleep without it. Sad to say, I lost it when I was 35 years old. I left it at a motel on a family trip. I haven't slept the same since. My wife was thrilled since my pillow over the years had become little more than a bag of quills.

As one grows older, it's normal for our "security blankets" to become more sophisticated. A teenager may covet the security they find in their room. It can often become a place of peace and safety when one is surrounded by posters, pictures, and the other things that make it THEIR ROOM.

As adults, we might find security in our jobs, in the money we have put away for a rainy day or for retirement. We may find security in having lots of insurance.

The problem is that none of the things that we often look to for security are all that secure. "Will social security benefits be there for us when we retire?" - a question often asked today. Will our investments pay off as we hope? We all know how shaky the stock market can be. Huge companies collapse. Others are downsized and end up laying off thousands.

Security - we long to have it. We look for it in many places. And yet, it's not something we are

going to find or acquire on our own. There is only one that can give us that security. It's the Lord Almighty. Only God can give us true security. Only God can make sure that nothing is going to happen to us. Only the Lord and Savior can promise that no harm shall befall us; that troubles will be turned into blessings.

Finding security in God is not just a pious wish. It's not false security. We will not be disappointed ten or twenty years from now. God stays true to his Word. God alone has the ability, power, wisdom and desire to help us and bless us. No matter where we go or what we do we cannot escape his watchful eye.

"God is our refuge and strength, an ever present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea." (Ps 46:1-2)

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FALL RETREAT – 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 through Sunday. What a joy to gather for worship, Word, and fellowship!! These retreats help bond our European members together. I pray you can make it.

The sooner we have a handle on who is coming, the better it is for planning and making reservations. I will send out a separate email for registration commitments.

Contact Pastor Stuppy for dates and info.

Worship Schedule

Northwood, England

August 5th – Sunday

Contact Chaplain Stuppy for more information.
Worship at 1:00 PM followed by Bible study,
Sunday School, fellowship & potluck Dinner.

Wicker, Germany (Frankfurt area)

August 12th – Sunday

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

Ramstein Air Force Base, Germany

August 12th – Sunday

Worship is at 4:00 PM followed by Bible
study, Sunday School, and a meal.
Contact Chaplain Stuppy for more information.

Munich, Germany

August 16th - Thursday

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

Vilseck, Germany

August 18th - Saturday

Worship is at 11:00 Contact Chaplain Stuppy
for more information.

Zurich, Switzerland area

August 19th – Sunday

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

Wicker, Germany (Frankfurt area)

August 26th – Sunday

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

Ramstein Air Force Base, Germany

August 26th – Sunday

Worship is at 4:00 PM (16:00) followed by
Bible study, Sunday School, and meal.
Contact Chaplain Stuppy for more information.

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information.

OFFERINGS

On July 1st our bank account balance was
€72.065,27. The balance in the church account
on July 31st was €40.517,69. During July we
received worship service offerings of €609,16..
We also received gifts of €2.142,18 in direct bank
deposits. We praise the Lord for moving the
hearts of his people to make these gifts for the
work of the church.

The Evangelical Heritage Version

The Synod has been working on its own Bible
translation over the last two years or more.
The New Testament and the Psalms have
been published. The translation has been
named the Evangelical Heritage Version or
the EHV. You may purchase a copy for twelve
dollars or euros. I have 12 copies available.

Help Needed for Face Book.

I am not much for posting on Face Book. I
have done it a few times. It would be great to
have someone oversee our European Face
Book site and remind me to send pictures, etc
for posting. Can you help? Speak with Pastor.

Comfort Ministry Newsletter

Susanne Hanson, mother of Reid Hanson,
has a wonderful ministry to women with
cancer. The mission of this ministry, carried
out by many, is as follows:

A mission of comfort and compassion,
reaching out to women with cancer with God's
Word and the love of the Comforter through
journals and quilts.

Please remember her with your gifts, prayers,
or by donating a quilt. See her wonderful
newsletter that is attached to the email.

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/>

ONLINE REFERRAL – SPECIAL MINISTRIES

Special Ministries can supply devotions and other spiritual help and teaching tools to members of the military, prison inmates, and special needs individuals. Click on link below to submit an online referral for someone who can benefit from Special Ministries' materials.

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