

The Wartburg Project



February 2020

*Grass withers, flowers fade, but the Word of our God endures forever.
Translators come, translations go, but the Word of our God endures forever.*

The main item of our February News is an annual report of our activity.

Annual Report to Followers <2019/2020>

A. SUMMARY OF ACTIVITY IN 2019

At the Wartburg Project we are thankful for these blessings in 2019:

- The print edition of the basic EHV Bible, which appeared in July, is selling well and is now in its fourth printing. It is also available in BibleGateway, Logos, Kindle, and other formats.
- The first edition of the EHV study Bible, which is a Windows computer edition, is now available in the Microsoft Store.
- Programming is underway on Mac, Android, and Chromebook versions of the study Bible. They are expected to be available this spring.
- Production on the LOGOS study Bible notes has begun.
- EHV versions of Luther's Small Catechism are now available.
- A draft of a "condensed Bible" that provides a summary of the whole Bible, using only the words of the biblical text has been prepared. It will be suitable as a textbook for Bible survey classes for upper grades and high school, for general reading, and for distribution for outreach and institutional ministries. It is now in the editorial and prepublication process.

B. ACTIVITY 2019

The major events were the publication of the basic print Bible in July and the completion of the first version of the electronic study Bible.

The Basic Bible

For the basic print Bible the fourth printing is now in stock and is selling well. A deluxe gift edition of the Bible and an EHV version of the WELS catechism are also available. The BibleGateway version of the entire Bible is available online, and the LOGOS electronic version became available in January of 2020.

We have done considerable publicity for the EHV Bible. Our monthly news letter and Facebook announcements are received by thousands of people each month.

The distribution of gift copies at the WELS Synod Convention has spread news of EHV throughout the synod. Northwestern Publishing House has made the distribution of copies to its regional representatives as it did with the NT in 2017. NPH has done a mailing to 5000 Missouri Synod (LCMS) congregations.

The fall distributions to high school, college, and seminary students and teachers at WLS, MLC, LPS, MLS, and Bethany raised awareness among the upcoming generation of called workers of WELS. Bibles have been distributed to the staff at WLC.

Thirty plus review/promotional copies have been distributed to 25 groups in several denominations. Word about the EHV is getting out in widening circles. Academia is a site used by professors and grad students around the world to post their papers. The site hosts an overview paper about the EHV. This paper gets only 1-4 readers per day, but Singapore, India, Korea, Sweden, and Australia have been among the recent contacts. An Anglican Bible reading program produced in the United Kingdom has requested and received permission to direct people to the EHV for its Bible readings. We recently received an order from an Amish bookstore. What happened in this case is that WELS members who had Amish neighbors shared the EHV with them, and they found it helpful in a time of trial and decided to buy more. Personal contact is an even better method of spreading the word than the internet!

A presentation about the EHV has appeared on an LCMS podcast and on KFUE radio, the LCMS's official outlet. We will seek additional media appearances in coming months. An article has appeared in the WELS magazine Forward in Christ. A gospel outreach online conference through Bethany College has announced our products. We hope for additional reviews from recipients of review copies.

The Study Bible


The computer study Bible is for sale on Microsoft Store for \$19.99. [See the attachment to this month's news for more information on the study Bible.](#) 

We promoted the Microsoft edition of the EHV study Bible at the Wisconsin State Teachers convention in late October. Ninety-six teachers or other participants received a demonstration of the study Bible. There was a lot of enthusiasm for the product for classroom use. For our computer Bible we hope to have a school-subscription plan at least for high schools and colleges, where students seldom carry print Bibles to class. Work is progressing on Apple, Android, and Chromebook editions of the app.

We have set-up and submitted the files for the Logos Study Bible electronic notes.

Northwestern Publishing House is beginning work on a print edition of the study Bible. It will be a black and white version with fewer pictures than the color electronic editions.

Other Works

In October/ November we did a promotion of the free lectionaries that are available on our Wartburg Project website (CW-1 year, CW-3 year, CWS-3 year, LSB-1 year, LSB-3 year, ELS). The lectionaries are being updated to agree with the final edition in the NPH printing. The EHV text is available for use in other lectionaries upon request. On the Wartburg Project website go to [Resources: Lectionary Options](#)  to download lectionaries.


For use during Lent we have several versions of the Passion History of our Lord. It may be downloaded from our site at [Resources: Passion History Options](#). 

There is a spiral-bound print edition of the Passion History available as print-on-demand at Lulu Publishing. Postage makes ordering individual copies a bit pricey. Maybe these can best be ordered as a group order at pastors conferences.

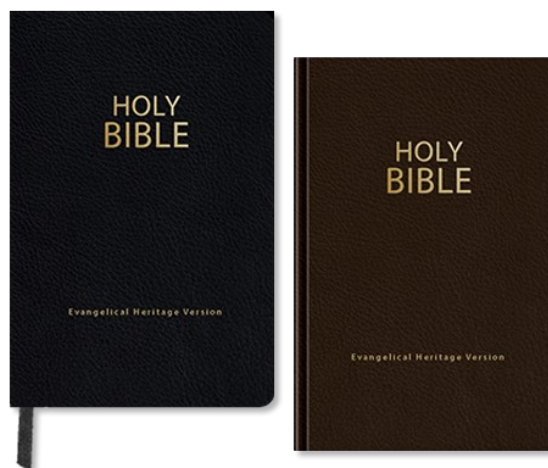
A pastor is preparing a version for Bibleworks users.

We have received a lot of requests for an EHV audio Bible. We have a committee working on the early stages of this project.

We are setting up a bookstore page on our site. This will not focus on direct sales, but will provide listings and links for buying Bibles, e-bibles, study Bibles, catechisms, the Harmony of the Gospels, the Passion History, and other derived works.

We offer a free pdf copy of the appendices of the study Bible for use with the regular print Bible. It can be [downloaded from a link in the February news](#). 

Our main objectives for 2020 are production of the print study Bible, the Apple, Android, and Chromebook electronic study Bibles, and distributing information about the EHV in wider circles.



Coming Studies

We will be providing you with a fairly steady diet of articles, booklets, and other materials about the EHV. Among them will be:

1. An updated catalog of our library and FAQs.
2. More new FAQs and articles.



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We currently are well funded to complete the study Bible project. If you would like to continue to support the project, you may supply gift copies of EHV to family, friends, called workers, schools, prisons, and other institutions.

See our website (wartburgproject.org) for more information relating to the EHV. See FAQ #15 on the name EHV. A paper explaining our name is posted in the "Library" section.

Sign up on the "Contact" page to receive free e-reports. Like us on Facebook to receive the latest updates posted there. (The purpose of our Facebook posting is not debate, but we have been able to share information with many people very quickly that way (sometimes more than 10,000); recently many more are downloading our captioned pictures).

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