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A NEW CHRISTIANITY

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NEWSLETTER OF THE GLENVIEW NEW CHURCH

**April 2018**

**Pastoral Message**

**On the Lord's Side**

At the start of this message I'm thinking about the story in the Judaic scriptures of Israel and the golden calf. Moses had just come down from Mt. Sinai with two tablets of stone in his hands, engraved by the finger of God with the Ten Commandments. While Moses was gone, Israel had fashioned an idol for itself in the form of a calf made of gold. Moses punished the people for their mistake, and he cried out to all of them, "Whoever is on the Lord's side—come to me!" (Ex. 32:26) The tribe of Levi stepped forward.

Fast forward to the final work in the theology of the New Church—*True Christianity*, paragraph 567.5—and the final step in the process of repentance, which says, "When the hurtful or destructive thing (i.e., evil) that you're responsible for recurs, say to yourself, 'I do not want this because it is a sin against God'" (emphasis added). These words are words of separation from evil spoken from the heart. And the reason we say those words is clear—because we recognize and acknowledge that what we're abstaining from is "a sin against God," that is, because it's against the goals, intentions, and desires of God's heart. In short, the last step in the process of repentance is one that says, "I am on God's side!" "I am on the side of heaven!" "I'm on the *Lord's* side!"

The older I've gotten, the more I've thought of heaven, not as just a nice place to go, but as an entire system of reality that is reflective of the Lord. If this is true, then a spiritual walk with the Lord is a process in which we give ourselves over to that system and that reality—agreeing to be governed by it, and wishing, hoping, and *wanting* to be governed by it. And when our own, "personal reality" doesn't line up with the Lord's, we knowingly, humbly, willingly give up that reality for something we know and believe to be better. In other words, we knowingly, willingly, and decidedly give ourselves over to the *Lord's* reality, which we recognize and accept as being greater, more important, more lovingly functional, wisely accurate, and eternally valuable than our own. We willingly allow ourselves to be placed in the flow of that reality—we allow it to take us where it will—having learned that it is far better than anything we ourselves could fashion, create, or muster.

This is just one way, perhaps, of understanding what it means to "go to heaven." In essence, it's about choosing to be on the Lord's side.

Have a nice month everyone. (Mark)

**Church Calendar**

**April**

- 1 SUN 9:30 Adult Easter Service
- 11:00 Easter Family Festival Service
- 2 MON 5:30 Women Unwind (100 Park Drive)
- 3 TUE 4:15 Pathfinders
- 7:00 Park Dwellings
- 4 WED 10:00 Arcana Class
- 7:00 Pastor's Council
- 6 FRI 5:00 High School Youth Group
- 8 SUN 9:30 Contemporary Worship Service
- 11:00 Women's Sermon Discussion Circle
- 11:00 Traditional Worship Service
- 9 MON 5:30 Women Unwind
- 10 TUE 4:15 Pathfinders
- 11 WED 10:00 Arcana Class
- 12 THURS 7:00 Board of Trustees Meeting
- 13 FRI 5:00 High School Youth Group
- 6:00 Spiritual Studies Club
- 15 SUN 9:30 Contemporary Worship Service
- 11:00 Women's Sermon Discussion Circle
- 11:00 Traditional Worship Service
- 12:00 Town Hall Meeting
- 16 MON 5:30 Women Unwind (100 Park Drive)
- 17 TUE 4:15 Pathfinders
- 18 WED 10:00 Arcana Class
- 19 THURS 7:00 MANC Board Meeting
- 20 FRI 5:00 High School Youth Group
- Men's Weekend
- 22 SUN 9:30 Contemporary Worship Service
- 11:00 Women's Sermon Discussion Group
- 11:00 Traditional Worship Service
- 23 MON 5:30 Women Unwind (100 Park Drive)
- 24 TUE 4:15 Pathfinders
- 25 WED 10:00 Arcana Class
- 27 FRI 5:00 High School Youth Group
- 29 SUN 9:30 Contemporary Worship Service
- 11:00 Traditional Worship Service
- 30 MON 5:30 Women Unwind (100 Park Drive)

# General Announcements

## Spiritual Studies Club

The "Spiritual Studies Club," will meet on Friday, April 13 in the Glenview New Church Youth Center. Come for yummy hors d'oeuvres at 6pm, a delicious free meal at 7pm, followed by stimulating discussion on spiritual topics at 7:45pm.

## Town Hall Meeting

There will be a town hall meeting on Sunday, April 15th at 12noon in the auditorium. The purpose is to review the proposed church and school budgets for the coming fiscal year, receive information, and engage in any points of discussion that are useful or important, all in advance of the church's May annual meeting. This approach has served us well in recent years, allowing the business parts of the annual meeting to happen smoothly and efficiently.

## Men's Weekend

Our annual *Men's Weekend* will take place at Deep Lake, April 20-22. This year the Rev. Derek Elphick will lead the two discussion sessions on Saturday morning. Our pastoral team from Glenview will backfill with worship and vesper services. Please RSVP to Gary Edmonds at 847-804-4833; hydroboom555@yahoo.com; 39 Park Drive, Glenview IL, 60025. It helps with cash flow if you can send a check in advance for \$50 to cover the cost of food and other expenses for the weekend. Beer, wine, and soft drinks will be available at cost. When you register, let Gary know whether you're planning to drive or are hoping for a ride.

## Women Unwind

Women meet weekly for conversation and fellowship on Mondays at 5:30pm at Karen Stoeller's home. (100 Park Drive)

## Sunday Morning Sermon Discussion Circle

Women are welcome to join us for an informal weekly drop-in gathering in the Lake Lounge after the 9:30 service to spiritually connect and further discuss the sermon topic.

## Volunteers Needed for Sunday Services

We need help in all areas including early coffee, refreshments, ushers and Sunday School. Young people are invited to sign-up for any activity. Please take a look at our Sign-up Genius link or contact Martha Heilman, Volunteer Coordinator, [marthah@glenviewnewchurch.org](mailto:marthah@glenviewnewchurch.org) (847-302-7619) Thank you! <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0545a5ae2fa7fc1-930>

## SEO Specialist Needed

The Glenview New Church School is looking for an SEO specialist to do a quick consult for the school. Do you know anyone who might volunteer the time? Please reach out to Kendra at [Kendrap@glenviewnewchurch.org](mailto:Kendrap@glenviewnewchurch.org)

## Trivia Night 2018: Game On! Wrap Up

On the evening of March 3, 11 teams of eight battled it out for the coveted Trivia Trophy. After 80 (very) challenging questions, the Check Mates were crowned this year's champion, with the Card Sharks landing in second place, and Bored Games in third. The High Rollers were voted the best-themed table and over 20 fabulous prizes/gift cards were raffled off. From throwing darts at the huge dart board, to forming the best poker hand, to tossing another team's players into the Game Room, a good time was had by all! Most importantly, we raised \$6320 for the church and school! Many thanks to all the participants, donors and volunteers who helped to make the evening an enormous success! Mark your calendars for next year's event: Saturday, March 2, 2019! You won't want to miss it!

## Open Word Award

The General Church has an award given to Boy Scouts called the Open Word Award. The award is also given to adults who have been exceptionally active in scouting with their family. This award was given to Colin and Sue Cole by the General Church because they have been outstanding in their work with our local Boy Scout Troop 32. The presentation was made to them at the end of the Contemporary service on March 4 by Hayley Gunther on behalf of the General Church. The Coles were not aware that they were receiving the award which made it all the more pleasing. The testimonial was full of the many ways that Colin and Sue have fulfilled the ideals of scouting which are: trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful and thrifty, brave, clean and reverent. Please take a moment to read the testimonial statement (posted on the bulletin board in the entrance hall) written by Karen Pinelli, Troop 32 Committee Chair and congratulate the Coles again—they certainly deserve it.

## Sermons Available

Want to read a sermon? The Bryn Athyn Cathedral offers written copies of sermons recently preached there for all to access (just ask them to mail them to you). There will be some printed copies near the newsletter slot on the east wall of the church Assembly Hall near the portraits of the pastors. You can take and keep or just borrow and return, as you wish. There will also be several sermons from [www.newchurch.org](http://www.newchurch.org). The Cathedral website also has videos of many church services to access if you're interested--<https://brynathynchurch.org/cathedral/>. (Joan Woodard)

## Glencairn Medieval Summer Camp

There are two weeks to choose from:

- \* Session One: Monday, June 18<sup>th</sup> – Friday 22<sup>st</sup>
- \* Session Two: Monday, June 25<sup>th</sup> – Friday 29<sup>th</sup>

To obtain a registration form or if you have any questions, please contact Christine McDonald, Education Coordinator



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[christine.mcdonald@glencairnmuseum.org](mailto:christine.mcdonald@glencairnmuseum.org).

## Jacob's Creek Family Retreat July 22–25

The camp is located at the Laurelville Mennonite Church Center in Mt. Pleasant, Pennsylvania. This Year's Theme is: Let Your Light Shine: Sharing The Good News. Get your registration forms online at: [jacobscreekfamilyretreat.org](http://jacobscreekfamilyretreat.org), friend us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/JacobsCreekFamilyCamp](http://www.facebook.com/JacobsCreekFamilyCamp) or you can contact Julie Uber at 412-782-2710 or [jacobscreekfamilyretreat@gmail.com](mailto:jacobscreekfamilyretreat@gmail.com) to receive forms by mail.

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## Park Patter

It's always good to be able to return to the days of yesteryear. Dusty and Cindy Edmonds did just that by doing Disney World again with the grandchildren! You can ride in the teacups as an adult as long as you have a kid with you—it keeps you from looking weird and you can enjoy it without feeling (or looking) too old. They timed it just right too, because they went in February when one of the many cold snaps set in here.

The Reuters have returned to Glenview after their annual trip west. First stop Longmont, CO to visit with the Jason Reuter family and enjoy 70 degree weather until the temperature dropped and they got 6 inches of snow! Off to New Mexico where they visited the Puye Cliff Dwellings, then the Salinas Ruins missions (three of them, each 30 miles apart) and hiked to the Hermit's Cave in the Las Cruces area. Then they headed west to AZ traveling as far south as Patagonia (Editor's note—the one in South America? That's really south) toured around the Saguero National Park in Tucson, and drove north to Payson where they visited the Tonto National Monument cliff dwellings (Another editor's note—Tonto has his own monument? Que sera, Kemo Sabe!) They headed through Sedona and up to Flagstaff where they visited the Wupatki national monument before starting to head east. At Tucumcari, NM they discovered that you can head back to IL all the way on Route 54 which ends about an hour away from Springfield. Old towns, beautiful scenery and not much traffic. Perfect! (Final editor's note—it was perfect—thanks for the trip!)

Another away—Wendy Thomas Bramuchi is spending some time in San Diego keeping Poppa Joe Seckelmann company. They even had a photo op that was posted in the California Digest. (Editor's note: If it's so warm in California, why were they wearing warm coats?)

Two more travelers—Marylin Wille spent some time in Glenview Terrace, rehabbing her cracked femur bone (just a short trip literally, she tripped in her kitchen) and her son, Cedric, took a much longer jaunt—he went to South Africa, had an enjoyable stay and has returned home.

Now from some comings—children do have a way of returning home (see above) for the fun of seeing parents and friends here in the Park. Vina (Caldwell) and Wayne Parker

flew in and out over a weekend to see her mom Joyce and other Caldwells and Parkers et al.

Having one son come from afar is great but to have two sons in the same visitation is twice as good. Kent and Jerry Fuller had Garth from Bend, Oregon come for a quick weekend but they also got Nate in the same package. AND grandma Katy got two for the price of one also.

Hurrah for spring breaks—Hayley (Synnestvedt) Gunther spent some of her valuable time off in Glenview with mom Barb and they both hustled off to Holland MI to see Sara Gunther (daughter and granddaughter). An extra added attraction here was that Cam Synnestvedt flew (slowly) from Austin, TX to Glenview at the same time. (Editor's note: He left Austin before the big bangs began.)

Signs of Spring—The Parker ice rink has folded up—really, it's all neatly folded up in Phil and Beth's backyard. (Don't put it away too soon—the weather report is saying snow soon.)

Another BIG sign of spring is the sight of the Woodards' V(ery) L(arge) V(ehicle) sitting in their driveway. Dan was busy tuning it up on one of our more spring-like days.

Attea Middle School's production of "Annie, Jr." had some of our own in the recent show. Barjona Kaage appeared as "Duffy", Elizabeth Parker was a member of the servant and NYC ensemble and Hayden Giannini played in the percussion section of the orchestra. Bravo, all!

On a smaller scale, the Glenview New Church School preschool through second grade students presented their annual Easter play that depicts the life of Jesus before and after his resurrection. Many thanks and much appreciation from all of the audience to Laura Barger, Erin Lovitto and Kendra Paraskevopoulos and all the students for the lovely event.

A final note of something new around the Park—The Colin Cole family has a new addition—REMI! She is the cutest Weimaraner puppy, grayish in hue, happy and excited as any pup would be to become a member of the Cole family! P.S. She's off to boot camp training next week. Even Wonder Woman can't do everything



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