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NEWSLETTER OF THE GLENVIEW NEW CHURCH

January 2019

Pastoral Message

Trust What the Lord Says

As we turn the corner into a new year, I'm thinking about the topic of *Trust*—trusting the Lord and His leadership for our lives.

At times when we think about *trusting* the Lord, we may think in terms of trusting that He's in charge of our lives, and that He will see things through to good conclusions. But for this article, I'm thinking specifically of trusting what He says and teaches us in His Word—trusting that it's true, even when it may not jibe with our experience, hopes, or dreams.

The quickest way to make the point may be by way of examples. So for example, think about feelings of unfounded bitterness, anger, and resentment that we can experience toward others around us. Sometimes our anger is justified. More often it's not. But the point is that even if our anger and resentment *aren't* justified, they can *feel* so justified and right!

And yet we know that the Lord cautions us not to hold on to unjustified anger, saying that it's against who He is, what He stands for, and what heavenly life is all about. In a moment of unjustified anger, when that anger feels so good, so justified, and so right, do we believe and trust that what the Lord says about it is the true spiritual reality—enough to invest our lives in it?

Here's another example: forbidden attractions to others outside of marriage. This is something we see portrayed all the time in movies and television shows nowadays, and something any one of us can encounter at times along our spiritual path.

In this example, an attraction is felt to someone outside of marriage. That attraction, along with any interaction or relationship that is formed of it, can feel so *good*, so *real*, and so *right*! How could it possibly be *wrong*—the wrong way to go?

And yet the Lord tells us that this kind of attraction, outside of commitment to marriage, isn't the way to go—it's against who He is, what He stands for, and what heavenly reality is all about. No matter how good, or how real, or how right it may feel, it's actually *counter* to heavenly happiness.

In a situation like this, when it comes right down to it, and we're making our choice for or against such an attraction, do we believe, and do we *trust*, that what the Lord says really is true? Do we trust what He tells us, enough to invest our lives in it and turn away from the attraction, simply because it's against Him and against spiritual reality?

Church Calendar

January

- 6 SUN 9:30 Contemporary Worship Service
Family Service
11:00 Traditional Worship Service
11:00 Women's Sermon Discussion Circle
- 7 MON 5:30 Women Unwind (100 Park Drive)
- 8 TUE 4:15 Pathfinders
7:00 Park Dwellings
- 9 WED 10:00 Arcana Class
7:00 Pastor's Council
- 10 THUR 7:00 Board of Trustees Meeting
- 11 FRI 5:30 High School Youth Group
6:00 Spiritual Studies Club
- 13 SUN 9:30 Contemporary Worship Service
Sunday School
Holy Supper
10:30 Rummage Sale Meeting
11:00 Traditional Worship Service
11:00 Women's Sermon Discussion Circle
- 14 MON 5:30 Women Unwind (100 Park Drive)
- 15 TUE 4:15 Pathfinders
- 16 WED 10:00 Arcana Class
- 17 THURS 7:00 MANC Board Meeting
- 18 FRI 5:30 High School Youth Group
- 20 SUN 9:30 Contemporary Worship Service
Sunday School
11:00 Traditional Worship Service
11:00 Women's Sermon Discussion Circle
2:00 Women's Interfaith Speaker Series
- 21 MON 5:30 Women Unwind (100 Park Drive)
- 22 TUE 4:15 Pathfinders
- 23 WED 10:30 Arcana Class
- 25 FRI 5:30 High School Youth Group
- 27 SUN 9:30 Contemporary Worship Service
Child Care
11:00 Traditional Worship Service
11:00 Women's Sermon Discussion Circle
- 28 MON 5:30 Women Unwind
- 29 TUE 4:15 Pathfinders
- 30 WED 10:00 Arcana Class

Trusting the Lord and His leadership for our lives takes different forms. Believing and trusting what He says is just one of them. I hope the New Year will be one of growing trust in the Lord for all of us—trusting that what He says in His Word and in our theology is so true and real that we're willing to invest our lives *in* it, and stake our lives *on* it.

Happy New Year, everyone. (Mark Pendleton)

General Announcements

Trivia Night 2019—Carnival!

Step right up and reserve your team's table for Trivia Night 2019—Carnival! This year's event takes place on Saturday, March 2 in the Auditorium; doors open at 5:30pm, game begins at 7pm SHARP! Cost is \$240 per table of 8. Bring your own food, decorations and/or costumes — prize will be awarded to the "best-themed table". Beer, wine and soft drinks will be available for purchase. Try your luck at our games of chance...and don't forget about the amazing raffle items! Contact Judy Teel to sign up or with questions judyt@glenviewnewchurch.org or 847-724-0057x26. Proceeds benefit Glenview New Church and School.

Women's Programming

Interfaith Speaker Series - Save These Dates!

Sunday, January 20 - Martin Luther King Weekend

Speaker: Bushra Amiwala, a young Muslim woman who is a Chicago native, a candidate for office and is a voice for gender equality, political transparency, and marginalized communities. Format: Speaker followed by Q&A 2-4pm in the Auditorium.

Sunday, February 24

Speaker: Rev. Bobbi McKay from the Glenview Community Church and author of the book 'Dancing with God: A Spiritual Autobiography'. She is a licensed psychologist and an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ. She is the author of five published books. Her original, groundbreaking research with her husband, Lewis Musil, on spiritual life in mainstream interfaith congregations appears in "Religion and Healing in America". Format: Speaker followed by Q&A 2-4pm in the Auditorium.

Saturday, March 9 - Spring Renewal Retreat – 9am-1pm Topic/speaker TBA.

Women Unwind – meets weekly for conversation and fellowship on Mondays at 5:30pm at Karen Stoeller's home, 100 Park Drive.

Sunday Morning Sermon Discussion Circle – informal weekly drop-in gathering in the Lake Lounge after the 9:30 service to spiritually connect and further discuss the sermon topic

Sunday Volunteers Needed

We need help with early coffee, refreshments, ushering, teaching Sunday School and coordinating. Young people are also invited to sign up. Please take a look at your schedules and sign up where you can. See sign-up genius link to sign up: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0545a5ae2fa7fc1-930>

Pajamas for Christmas Update!

Thanks to GNCS and GNC we were able to provide pajamas, slippers, and blankets to 37 students at the RICE Center in Evanston. On Monday, December 17th the students, Laura Barger, and I delivered all of the wrapped packages

to the center and we were able to meet a few of the students as we walked by. They were very excited to see all of these packages. I believe this is the 4th year in a row we have done this project and I'm confident we will make it 5 next year. (Phil Parker)

Scrip Card ThankYou!

Thank you to all who ordered Scrip gift cards last month. We sold almost \$10,000 in gift cards, and earned around \$300 for the school. Scrip cards are easy to purchase for home renovations, and for large purchases (like to Home Depot or Lowes) and we can do instant e-gift cards and you can purchase cards with credit cards. (Kendra Paraskevopoulos for GNCS)

Laws of Life Essay Contest

All high school sophomore (or 15-16-year-old) girls worldwide are eligible to enter this contest. This essay is an opportunity to write about what YOU think is important in life. This is your chance to be heard – to write from the heart about one, or more, of your personal laws of life. Essays are to be in English (Google Translate can be used for this purpose) No name or identification can be on the paper itself to keep allow impartial judging but have your name and address on the envelope or email. You can see last year's winning essays printed in our Journal. Winners receive a certificate and a check: 1st Place: \$100, 2nd Place \$75, 3rd Place \$50. Essays are printed in the Journal with writers' permission and as room permits. The essay guidelines are:

"The Laws of Life" are a set of rules, ideals or principles by which one should live:

What do you value most in life?

What is important to you?

What ideals do you hold deep in your heart?

Think about the people and experiences that have helped you form these laws...

Pick a topic to write about: a personal experience/lesson learned that affects how you live/view your life now; an aphorism or quote that inspires or guides you; you can use an analogy, a quotation or a story or parable. No personal romantic relationships!!

Submissions are to be sent to Theta Alpha International PO Box 154, Bryn Athyn, PA 19009 or email to ANCdaughters@gmail.com. Must be received by March 8, 2019.

High School Education Coach Wanted

Washington New Church School (WNCS) is seeking applications for an education coach for our innovative high school program. We are launching a 4-year, New Church



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high school program, using an alternative model (based around guided internships and internet programs). We would love to talk with anyone with a passion for building the future of New Church high school education through a direct coaching model. The successful applicant will be an energetic, creative person who loves working with young adults and is excited to join a team offering a distinctly New Church high school program which is built around experiential and student directed learning.

Responsibilities: The applicant's duties will include: 1) Implementation of the new program. 2) Oversight and coaching students on life-skills and in working through individualized learning plans. 3) Direct, skills-based, teaching.

Personal and Professional Requirements:

- Love of teenage students
- knowledge of New Church Educational principles
- Baptized in the New Church
- Active Participant in the organized New Church
- Ability to work collaboratively with other teachers, parents and community groups
- Commitment to marriage as defined in the Word and Heavenly Doctrines
- Bachelors degree.

Helpful Experience and Skills

- Conventional classroom teaching
- Strong written, oral communication skills
- Strong interpersonal/networking skills
- Firm and friendly boundary setting with teens
- Flexibility with a developing school model
- Well organized with strong follow through
- Experience with social marketing
- Intellectual curiosity and dexterity
- Familiarity with homeschooling and/or online schooling programs
- Experience with various technology applications

Please submit resumes and/or questions by January 31st,

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Park Patter

Stay tuned for January Park Patter...



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HAPPY NEW YEAR! Now that we've got that out of the way, let's go back to December.

What more unique Christmas present could you want than a new great-grandchild? None, that's right. Pat Hedstrom became a great-gran (again) just before Christmas when Esme Sophia McBride arrived. Pat's darling daughter Lynn is busting with joy over Esme's arrival, but Lynn is getting to be an old hand at the grandma game— this is her third grandchild. Congratulations to everyone involved in the happy event!

Another birthday—Joyce Caldwell is officially 94. She celebrated this great occasion in December with help from Vina and Wayne Parker (came from afar- Canada) and the rest of the Caldwell clan. Happy belated birthday wishes!

Speaking of traveling afar, Deb Lehne and Mike Kruger finished off Thanksgiving with a cruise covering Italy, France, Monaco and Spain. The trip was full of delightful company, excellent cuisine, and wonderful scenery. High spots were Avignon and “Nice” Monaco.

Jill Brickman has added a “new” member to her family—a Newfoundland dog named Baron, but called Bear as a fitting combination with Moose. Jill says that when cousin Lila (Parker) comes to visit, she will continue to rule the roost since “the boys” are in fear and trepidation of “Cuz” Lila.

Bob and Gail Brickman came from not so far (Florida) to inspect the new addition and enjoy the Christmas in Glenview activities with family and friends.

Now for our last graduation notification of the year (maybe)—Eva Kossmann graduated cum laude from Illinois Wesleyan in Bloomington, IL in a mid-term ceremony. She will go back and participate in the full commencement in May. Meanwhile, she is interviewing for employment. Congratulations, Eva!

Proud grandparents Bruce and Valerie Reuter celebrated the event and the Noel season by bringing out Dinah and Saura to entertain the locals. Gail (Dinah) and Scott Cooper and Kay (Saura) and Mark Alden spent the holiday here with family and friends. The Dino Sisters also amused Gladish Laners, lots of the Park people and several passers by on Glenview Road. Clad in their orange and dark green skins they held up Merry (Dinah) Christmas (Saura) and received lots of enthusiastic sonance from the viewers.

Marilyn Wille also was a recipient of a dinosaurian visitation which gave her a bit of a start until they identified themselves. Marilyn had other visitors, too. Kurt came from BA, a long lost cousin from nearby Mt. Prospect that she and Marian Fiske (also related) enjoyed getting to know, and John, Nina and Madison Wille from BA just

after the 25th. John and Madison went off and found a tiny Christmas tree for Marilyn to enjoy. It was the perfect size (table -top) complete with tiny decorations BUT it had one small drawback. It has blue blinking lights all over it. One more item of interest is that Madison (she's a chef) interviewed for a cookery capacity in downtown Chicago. Sounds delicious!

The Fuller family gathering included David and Janet, Rosemary, Caterina and Kent from BA as well as Nate, Erin and Theo from Michigan. All eight of them and Joan and Dan Woodard and Rachel from the west, and Glenn and Carrie and the two boys from Peoria all gathered with Katy and Lucinda for the big opening of lots of presents and comradery. After the Christmasing, Jerry and Kent departed to the north, Kitchener, Canada, by name, to see the New Year in with Jennifer, Chris and the younger Raymonds. (You'll notice that they managed to cover all points of the compass by then.)

Ken and Gail Cole left Fish Creek for Park Lake to gather with the other Coles in the vicinity.

The Smiths—Brannon, Reed, Brent, Kevin, and Kendra plus spouses, siblings and one hanger-on (Sue Lee) all traversed out to Bryn Athyn just after the holidays to attend the wedding of Jeff Smith and Kelsey Griffiths on December 29. Kevin and Monika and their group left a little early to do some sightseeing in the Poconos. Susie Lee stayed after the nuptials to visit her two sisters, Dorothy Wagner and Lorna Rosenberg.

Constant traveler Mike Holmes zipped up to Wisconsin to celebrate with his brother Steven and his family.

Cam Synnestvedt did a fly-in for the day. In on the Eve, out on the day after. Short but sweet!

Bob and Naomi Smith hung around GV after the turkey trot and flew away (literally) to the east for Christmas with daughters Rachel Asplundh and Jennifer Allen and all their families.

Last and certainly least is the Ugliest Decorations on Gladish Lane Contest. It was won hands down, by the Snarky Lady Who Lives Down the Lane. Nobody could beat the six orange traffic cones artfully draped with glittering tinsel (they look like racing lights when the sun is out and the wind blows) and pine boughs laced with white lights and the slowly widening hole in the driveway is an extra added attraction, as is the soggy, dying sod next to it. Many thanks to all those who contributed their time, energy and talents to the final product.

May 2019 be happy, healthy and horticulturally splendid for everyone.