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A NEW CHRISTIANITY

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**Pastoral Message**

**Ongoing Renewal**

There's a statement that appears often in the theology of the New Church, which says, "Continued existence is continual coming into existence." It's a philosophical statement that (quite frankly) can seem a bit lofty, erudite, even uninteresting and inert—like fully stale crackers.

And yet what is that statement saying? It's saying something simple and also profound. It's talking about ongoing discovery, ongoing **rediscovery**, and ongoing renewal as being important to the ongoing existence of anything we love, enjoy, care about, and value. For example, we know that any friendship we care about relies on new discoveries of friendship in order to grow. Any relationship does best if two people are regularly discovering and **rediscovering** things about each other. Any marriage requires ongoing attention and care—regular going back to the source of love, recommitment and rededication to principles and practices that keep the marriage strong, and ongoing forms of renewal that help keep it alive and enduring. "Continued existence is **continual coming into existence.**"

Over the past six months the Glenview New Church has been engaged in a process of discovery, rediscovery, and renewal. We've looked at and restated our mission as a church—to meet people where they are, and to walk together with them up gently sloping pathways toward heaven. Beyond that, we've looked into each clearly defined area of who we are and what we have to offer. And soon—on the evening of Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup>—we will hear a summary of the completed process, and a set of recommendations built around our mission that can help carry us forward into the next meaningful, impactful, enjoyable year(s) of "continued existence" as a church.

And what may seem counterintuitive, the more we've begun to think from our mission into what we offer, the more it appears we've begun to shed an instinctive concern for whether or not we will continue to exist, and to see ourselves—more than ever—as instruments of service in the Lord's hands. We are instruments in support of people's spiritual walks with God. In the end, this kind of refocus and rededication are the only means of true, loving, rich and meaningful, "continued" existence.

Have a good month everyone. See you at our Annual Meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup>.

Warm regards,  
Mark

**Church Calendar**

**MAY**

1	MON	5:30	Women Unwind (100 Park Drive)
2	TUES	4:15	Pathfinders
		7:00	Mindful Meditation
		7:00	Park Dwellings Meeting
3	WED	10:00	Arcana Class
		6:30	High School Youth Group
		7:00	Pastor's Council
4	THUR	4:15	Pathfinders
6	SAT	8:30	Women's Spiritual Retreat
7	SUN	9:30	Contemporary Worship Service
		11:00	Traditional Worship Service
		11:00	Women's Sermon Discussion Circle
8	MON	5:30	Women Unwind (100 Park Drive)
9	TUE	4:15	Pathfinders
		7:00	Mindful Meditation
10	WED	10:00	Arcana Class
		6:30	High School Youth Group
11	THUR	4:15	Pathfinders
		7:00	Board of Trustees Meeting
12	FRI	6:00	Spiritual Studies
14	SUN	9:30	Contemporary Worship Service
		9:30	Holy Supper
		11:00	Traditional Worship Service
		11:00	Women's Sermon Discussion Circle
15	MON		Park News Deadline
		5:30	Women Unwind (100 Park Drive)
16	TUE	4:15	Pathfinders
		7:00	Mindful Meditation
17	WED	10:00	Arcana Class
		6:30	High School Youth Group
		7:30	Women's Group
18	THUR	4:15	Pathfinders
		7:00	MANC Board Meeting
19	FRI	7:30	Joint Annual Meeting
20	SAT	9:00	Tree Work Party—Pine Grove
21	SUN	9:30	Contemporary Worship Service
		11:00	Traditional Worship Service
		11:00	Women's Sermon Discussion Circle
22	MON	5:30	Women Unwind (100 Park Drive)
23	TUE	4:15	Pathfinders
		7:00	Mindful Meditation
24	WED	10:00	Arcana Class
		6:30	High School Youth Group
25	THUR	4:15	Pathfinders
28	SUN	9:30	Traditional Combined Service
30	TUE	4:15	Pathfinders
		7:00	Mindful Meditation
31	WED	10:00	Arcana Class
		6:30	High School Youth Group

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# General Announcements

## Kathy Day

Kathy Barthel Day, mother of Michael Day and Samantha Day-Salvato passed into the Spiritual World on March 16 following a battle with cancer. Kathy lived in the Park with her children for several years and was active in church and school activities before moving to Palatine. The Society sends its sympathy to Michael, Samantha and the Day family.

## Gale Coffin Arnoux

The Society extends its sympathy to Lee Synnestvedt on the loss of her sister, Gale Coffin Arnoux, on March 26. Gale taught at the Glenview church school for a year in the 1960s. She and her late husband, Patrick, were active members of the Boynton Beach society. Lee and her daughters, Erika Horigan and Carolyn Smith, attended the memorial service in Boynton Beach which was given by the Rev. George McCurdy. Lee had been to Tampa with her daughter, Sonia, just before Gale passed into the Spiritual World.

## Thomas N. Leeper

Our sympathy goes out to Gillian (Leeper) Frazier as her father Tom Leeper passed into the Spiritual World on April 8 at the age of 85. Tom grew up here in Glenview, along with his sister, Mary, in the house his parents Robert and Norna built at 1010 Gladish Lane. After finishing school in Glenview and Bryn Athyn, Tom met and married Judy Kuhl, who at one time was a teacher in our church school. They settled in Alpharetta, Georgia where they raised their family. Judy preceded Tom to the other world a few years ago. We extend our condolences to Gillian and the Frazier and Leeper families.

## Child Discipline in the Context of Love

All parents are warmly invited to be part of a special parent presentation by Scott Daum, Coordinator for General Church schools (GNCS's parent organization) and Saul Fisher, a clinical psychologist who specializes in child and family therapy. Here's what they have to say about their presentation: "We know raising children is not an easy responsibility. In many ways the challenge of parenting is really the challenge of looking at one's own self and then being purposeful in how one is parenting the child(ren) that they have been given by God. There are many New Church teachings that can help in this process of personal and spiritual growth, and then using these teachings to guide one's parenting. The challenges raised by children's behavior provide opportunities for us to think about the genuine needs of each child and then how to respond to those needs as parents. Our presentation will explore the connection between a theological framework and an understanding of the developmental needs of the child, and leave you with practical direction for problem-solving in your home." If you are a parent or someone who works with children and influences their lives for good, then this presentation is also for you. The presentation begins at 6:30pm on Thursday, May 4 in the Auditorium of the Glenview New Church.

## Our Beautiful Grounds

There has been a huge uptick of family and baby pictures being snapped surrounded by our beautifully blooming park's flowers! At the end of the fall season, Lurvey's Landscape Garden Center has been donating all of their leftover bulbs to plant on our church grounds. Last year alone, it was upwards of 3000 bulbs!! If you're ever near the corner of Dempster and Potter Road in Des Plaines, stop in and look around. They have a fun and newly-renovated garden center! THANK YOU, LURVEY'S!

## GNCS Summer Camp—Last Call!

There's still time to join our Preschool and Kindergarten teachers three days a week for a Christian STEM and Art summer camp full of great science topics, outdoor exploration, learning about different artists with age-appropriate crafts and lots of play! The summer camp also has a light religious theme that ties a Bible story into the weekly STEM theme. Children will also enjoy having snacks and lunch with their friends every day.

The summer camp is running for seven weeks between June 20 and August 10 on Tuesdays through Thursdays from 9 am–1 pm and is for children ages 3–8 years old. Register your child for the entire summer, or a minimum of three weeks. The fee is \$115 per week and the deadline to sign up is **Friday, May 5**. Contact Judy Teel at 847-724-0057x26 or [judyt@glenviewnewchurch.org](mailto:judyt@glenviewnewchurch.org) if you'd like to enroll your child.

## Joint Annual Meeting—May 19

The Joint Annual Meeting of the Immanuel Church of the New Jerusalem (Glenview New Church) and the Midwestern Academy of the New Church will take place at 7:30pm on Friday, May 19, 2017 in the Auditorium. We will be acting on the proposed budgets of both organizations, discussing what we hope to accomplish in the next fiscal year and electing new members to the Board of Trustees for the Church and Board of Directors of the Midwestern Academy. Please consider arriving at 7:15pm to allow for a prompt start. Feel free to contact me with any questions or thoughts you may have. (Mark Pendleton)

## Spiritual Studies Club

The "Spiritual Studies Club," will meet on Friday evening, May 12 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.

## May 20 Tree Work Party

Volunteers are need to help with diseased tree removal. Meet at the Pine Grove at 9am on Saturday, May 20. Contact Gary Edmonds with any questions 847-804-4833.

## Combined Service—May 28

On Sunday, May 28, we will have one combined worship service for all ages at 9:30am in the Church Sanctuary.

## GNCS End of Year Celebration

Please join us at GNCS's End-of-School Year Celebration on Thursday, June 8<sup>th</sup>! The preschool-5<sup>th</sup> grade students will perform The Garden, a delightful and touching musical (starting promptly at 10 AM), followed by a brief talk from the Principal, closing chapel, and a slideshow. The official end of the GNCS school year will be at noon AND you are welcome to stay for lunch afterwards. Please RSVP to Judy Teel if you would like to join us for lunch 847-724-0057x26 or judyt@glenviewnewchurch.org. (Phil Parker)

## Mindful Meditation

Join us to unwind and learn together how to make meditation a part of our life experience. All are welcome, HS and up, women and men. Tuesday's 7-8 pm in the Youth Center. Contact: Martha Heilman 847-302-7619

## From Marylin Wille

Thanks to everyone who visited and brought or sent flowers, plants, food, sandwiches, special bread, cards, homemade cookies, homeopathic medicine, and love. (Marylin Wille)

## Many Thanks

Grateful thanks go to the Caldwell family for the beautiful Easter lilies that adorned both worship spaces for the Good Friday, Palm Sunday and Easter services. Thanks also to Julia Smith, Elizabeth Parker, Sophia Acton and Gabriel Cole who served as chancel assistants on Easter and to Trudy Wright and Sue Holmes who ensured the beautiful flowers were distributed.

## Women's Programing

### Saturday, May 6 Women's Spiritual Renewal Retreat: A Morning of Loving Renewal

Rev. Theresa Uber from Pittsburgh, PA will facilitate the program which runs from 8:30am-12noon. Renew your mind, body and soul through prayer, song, gentle yoga, meditation, visualization and good food. There will be an optional afternoon outing to the Chicago Botanic Garden to renew your spirit and body during an afternoon of peace and community with friends. (approx. 1:30-4:30pm). The day will close at 7pm with vespers, "Prayer For Those We Love". Let go of all anxiety and spend some time in loving prayer for all those in your life. Let the day end in true rest with the Lord.

Advanced registration is requested so we can plan accordingly. The \$20 fee includes morning programing and lunch. Please use this sign up genius link to signup or contact Martha Heilman at 847-302-7619 <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0545a5ae2fa7fc1-amorning>

**Women Unwind** – meets weekly for conversation and fellowship on Mondays at 5:30pm at Karen Stoeller's home. (100 Park Drive) Please note we will not meet on Memorial Day, May 29.

**Sunday Morning Sermon Discussion Circle** – Join us for our informal weekly drop-in gathering in the Auditorium after the 9:30 service to spiritually connect and further discuss the sermon topic.

## Volunteers Needed

### July 4th Park Parade Planning

We are looking for volunteers to help with this year's festivities including the flagpole ceremony, music and speech, park parade, games and races. It's a super fun day but we need a lot of help to make it happen. Please call Martha Heilman 847-302-7619 or use this sign-up genius link to signup: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0545a5ae2fa7fc1-july>

### Would you like to help out around the church?

We have a few jobs and projects around the church that are in need of volunteers:

- New Church Day Gifts Coordinator (June 19th)
- Young Group Sunday School Teacher - we just have 2 dates to fill!
- Ushers, Refreshments, Altar, Coordinator - Young people are also invited to sign up!
- Signs - put up/take down our event/publicity signs on Glenview Road as needed.

We are open to your thoughts and energies! Contact Martha Heilman, Volunteer Coordinator, [marthah@glenviewnewchurch.org](mailto:marthah@glenviewnewchurch.org) 847-302-7619. Thank you!

## GNCS Easter Egg Hunt Thank You!

The difference between ordinary and **extra**ordinary is the little **extra**. Our group of volunteers went the **extra** mile to make this year's annual Easter Egg Hunt a great success. The beautiful weather, a positive spirit and the happy children really made the day. We are grateful to everyone for coming together to make this such a lovely day and successful event. (Phil and Beth Parker and Jane Enis)

## Glenview New Church Golf Outing 2017

We're changing things up and moving this year's golf outing to the fall. The event will be taking place on Saturday, September 23 so mark your calendars for this fun event. (Owen Smith)

## The Ruth C. Poulsen Scholarship and Education Fund 2017-2018

Applications are now being accepted for the Ruth C. Poulsen Scholarship and Education Fund for the 2017-18 academic year. This scholarship is available to current Bryn Athyn College students, to high school seniors attending the Bryn Athyn College next year, and to previous high school graduates who may not as yet have applied to that college. Scholarships are awarded in that order, if sufficient funds are available. Parents of students must be members of the General Church and active members of the Glenview Society. Written requests should be sent to either Jerry Fuller or Bruce Reuter by July 15. Any questions can be directed to Bruce Reuter (847) 729-1364 or Jerry Fuller (847) 729-4642.

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## Park Patter

Jill Brickman has been selected as Glenview's Citizen of the Year. She was honored for her charitable work throughout the community at the Glenview Civic Awards ceremony on April 21. Jill has also served as Supervisor of Northfield Township for some time and was recently re-elected to that position. Congratulations, Jill!

Cindy and Keith Parker, with Christian and Elizabeth, flew off to jolly old England for Spring Break where they had a wonderful time, visited old homesteads of the Parker family, stopped in Colchester and did all the right things in London and environs—castles, museums, etc. All this while Lila stayed with cousin Moose at the Glenview Citizen of the Year's house. And a good time was had by all!

Another Gladish Lane departure for fun was Martha Heilman and Jane Enis who zipped out to the Hills of Cohesion (a.k.a. Bryn Athyn) to visit Chad and Lizzie and the young Odnerns for a few days in April.

The Easter Bunny left some visitors around the Park. Marian Fiske enjoyed visits from Chris and Brenna (Synnestevedt) Nunez, parents of daughter Raika who is attending Purdue University, and great niece Eden Halterman, who is attending Northwestern University. Marian managed to sandwich a quick visit to the emergency room in between the visitors.

Sue Holmes feasted with son Steven and granddaughter Brooke from Minnesota, daughter Linda Stueber, and son Michael on Easter. Then Steve and Brooke left to tour Gettysburg and other nearby Civil War sites.

Anna Mergen Eastered with her mom, Vera Kitzelman. Joyce Caldwell and the Tozer family hunted eggs in Linden Hills.

Another Gladish Lane traveling family was Bruce and Valerie Reuter. They left February 22 and returned on March 21, covering over 5000 miles as they traveled to Colorado and the Southwest. First a few days with the Jason Reuters, then off to New Mexico, Arizona, and parts of Utah, visiting small towns, national and state parks and doing some hiking. After leaving Colorado, they never saw rain or snow again until returning home—the sun shone and the temps were mostly in the 70s! Next, they hustled up to Linden Hills to find the bunny and some eggs with family members.

They also found that granddaughter, Eva Kossmann, Bronwyn and Boyd's daughter, was the winner of the Illinois Wesleyan University Department of English Short Fiction Award for 2017. Congratulations, Eva—way to write!

Combining college and Spring Break, Ken and Gail Cole had Wade and Meredyth Herrera up to Fish Court for the break while dad Tony took Dean to look at Syracuse University in New York. Poor mom Erika had to stay home alone—suffer, suffer—or not, maybe.

Barb Synnestevedt celebrated St. Patrick's Day a day late by welcoming her second great grandchild, Lorelei Jayne Gunther. She is the daughter of Steven and Aalyia Gunther who arrived at 7:14am and weighed 7lbs., 14oz. There's a girl with a head for figures!

While we're in the family (more or less), Mariah Lee, Diccon and Linda's daughter announced her engagement to Michael—details to follow, like her fiancé's last name when Mariah's Aunt Sue Lee ever gets it—it's hard to find good reporters these days!

Last and far from least, a big flora and fauna finale—the beautiful scilla-siberca-periwinkle (take your pick of names) was in full bloom when I started this but it has since ceased to create the gorgeous sea of blue blossoms around the Park, but the tulips, daffodils, jonquils and blooming shrubs are just coming out and the Park never looks any better than this. A pine-less grove report—Mama Horned Owl is inside the hollow tree where she goes to hatch the eggs and/or care for the babies. MAYBE there will be something to see soon, unless she was so scared she stepped on the eggs when the cutting crew was semi-removing the huge pine in the middle of the former Grove. Sightings of a fox (Barb's backyard) and coyotes have been reported. The coyotes (a pair) are the size of big Labradors. The fox was reported to be a little dim-witted because he/she seemed to want to play with Gary Edmonds' two big dogs. Speaking of dim-witted, a pair of Mallard ducks have been waddling around Barb's yard in search of a nice nesting spot. Daffy and Ditzzy don't seem to care if the fox, the coyotes or the occasional hawk are seen traveling through the yard. Oh, yes— one more duck story—on Saturday, April 15, the big Easter egg hunt (which was a HUGE success, by the way) produced this story, A little girl appeared carrying a different-looking egg and asked if it was one of the golden eggs that had a special prize inside. She said it didn't look like one but she wanted to know for sure. It was an egg alright—a real duck egg! Somewhere some poor duck (probably Ditzzy) is sitting on a plastic egg, hoping for the best!



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