



**GLENVIEW
NEW CHURCH**

A NEW CHRISTIANITY

Pastoral Message

Things Change, But They Still Remain

What a blessing it is to be given life. The Lord is so very present in every moment of life. Since the moment you were conceived, the Lord has been guiding your growth. When you were in the womb, you were surrounded by celestial spirits sent to be with you by the Lord. Then, when you were born, you had a whole other group of celestial spirits near you. As you grew, unbeknownst to you, you had the sweetest and wisest spirits the Lord could provide, with you. Do you ever think about that? How far can you go back in your memory? Can you go back to when you were tiny? Give yourself some time over the next few days or weeks to do some early-life self “research”, with the goal of allowing those forgotten celestial angels to be present.

With spring happening all around us, it is a good time to unearth good things from ourselves and let them breathe, bud, and bloom - renew your inner-child, or at least the heavenly things that were with you then. There are always positive experiences and/or information that a person receives from growing and living. It is true that some may have to dig harder than others, but it is worth the effort to find the goodness that you had around you. Our teachings tell us that the Lord implants a lot of “remains” (heavenly memories/intuitions) in us before we can even fight against them - it’s kind of the only way he can give us a fighting chance! I wonder, if all people knew that as a fact, if it would ease the pain of those who feel “less” than? Would searching for goodness within oneself be easier knowing that the Lord Himself has already made sure that there is goodness inside you?

I remember a decently furnished, large dollhouse I liked to play with as a child. I can remember the little people - the dad with a plaid shirt, and the daughter with a little blue skirt. I want to say the dad wore black slacks and the son wore shorts. I remember the mother had a full flower dress that was cinched in the middle with a small, white, zig-zag piece of stretchy elastic around her waist. I bet my mother sewed that little dress together herself. As I grew older, the doll house that sat on top of a little table became less of a home for a family and more of a “base of operations”. My army men used the sturdy structure’s walls to defend themselves against incoming tanks. Its high location made it great for securing Hot Wheel tracks to the second floor and releasing die-cast cars down the chute and across the front room’s floor. The floor plan of the building was great for separating various styles of cars in different rooms - at one point, the building was more of a convention center than a house. I re-

Church Calendar

May

- 3 SUN 10:00 Worship Service—Auditorium
- 4 MON 5:00 Women Unwind
- 5 TUE 7:00 Park Dwellings Meeting
- 6 WED 10:30 Arcana Class
7:00 Boys Club/Girls Club
- 9 SAT 9:00 Church Renewal Meeting
- 10 SUN 10:00 Worship Service—Sanctuary
6:00 Youth Group
- 13 WED 10:30 Arcana Class
7:00 Boys Club/Girls Club
- 14 THURS 7:00 BOT Meeting
- 17 SUN 10:00 Worship—Auditorium
- 20 WED 10:30 Arcana Class
- 24 SUN 10:00 Worship Service—Sanctuary
- 27 WED 10:30 Arcana Class
- 31 SUN 10:00 Worship Service—Auditorium
11:30 Annual Meeting

member always wanting to put our small cat into one of the rooms and see if she would stay there. She did not like that one bit. All my older siblings were way too old to play with a doll house, and at some point, it became a foregone conclusion that you don’t ask your young male playmates to play “doll house” with you... So eventually the doll house became an item mom needed to give away. It had become like a home in Chernobyl after the meltdown: dusty rooms, untouched furniture, and a thick aura of a place that would never be returned to.

Parts of our lives can be like that - something that was alive once, but now will never be used again... or will it? Each winter, it seems like leaves and flowers are gone forever... and then, every year, the earth proves us wrong again. However, every year, spring feels a little different, doesn’t it? Things grow back in slightly new ways, the smells seem different, and our perspective of “spring” changes each year, too. Winter and spring are always forced upon us, but are our heavenly memories and intuitions (our remains) forced upon us? I think the remains the Lord has left with us often need some coaxing from us before they can bloom within us. Just like I can conjure up memories of that dollhouse, I think I can conjure up some things that were given to me from the Lord when I was young. I remember thinking my mother and father were my whole world - that is the Lord’s doing, so we know what it is like to love Him. I remember my soft, cozy bed with all my “stuffed-up animals” (as I called them) - the Lord gives us feelings of safety and provides us rest from the world. I remember how big the trees in

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our backyard were - that returns to me the feelings of the Lord's great power. I remember the shadow in my closet that always looked like a robber was staring at me. I would convince myself that it was real for nights in a row and fall asleep with my head under the covers, thinking somehow that would keep me safe - that memory has me think of how the Lord helps us in battles against evil, and how evil comes from our own minds, allowing it in. I remember so many things. And if I really let it all in. I can see that the Lord was always there, even when I didn't know it. It is good to remember when I was tiny and simple.

That dollhouse was given to one of my older sisters for their kids, around the time we moved houses. But guess what? It returned to my house when my oldest daughter was tiny. I got to see her little soft hands play with the same little furniture and some of the same little dolls. I got to play right alongside her, as if I were a kid, too. I liked to play the dad, but in my play, my "dad" was less like myself and more old-fashioned and sterner... just like my father was. However, my old-fashioned "dad" was a little sillier than my real dad was. It brought me back to my childhood and brought up good feelings... and angels. Things change, but they still remain.

Happy springtime,
Rev. Elmo K. Acton

Women Unwind—May 4

Our once-a-month get-together will take place on Monday, May 4 from 5-6:30 pm at Karen Stoeller's, 100 Park Drive, Glenview. Casual - with wine, soft drinks, cheese, crackers, and conversation. Contact: Sandy Ruch 847-724-0363.

Church Renewal Meeting—May 9

Come on Saturday morning, May 9, to the first of a three-part series of meetings under the theme of "Church Renewal." This will be an opportunity to gather, brainstorm, and start writing the next chapter of our history as a church group. It will be a two-hour meeting starting at 9 am. The focus of this meeting will be "Building community in the Glenview area: Service and Getting Acquainted." (The second and third meetings—having progressive, complementary themes—will happen at appropriate times down the road.) The pastoral team—as part of a committee led by Jane Enis and Theresa & Ned Uber—hopes to see as many of you involved as possible. Our first meeting should be an interesting and inspiring time. Let's work together on this; don't miss the chance!

Annual Meeting—Sunday, May 31

The Joint Annual Meeting of the Immanuel Church of the New Jerusalem (Glenview New Church) and the Midwest-

ern Academy of the New Church will take place at 11:15 am on Sunday, May 31, 2026, following our regular worship service. Among other things, we will be acting on the proposed budgets of both organizations, and electing new members to the Boards. Feel free to contact me with any questions. (Mark Pendleton)

Marimba Ensemble Spring Concert—June 1

Come listen to the Glenview New Church School marimba ensemble rock on as they present their spring concert! The time is Monday, June 1 at 5 pm, in the Glenview New Church Auditorium. Hope to see you there!

GNCS Year-End Closing Ceremony—June 5

All are invited to join the GNCS students and faculty at 10:15 am on Friday, June 5th in the Auditorium for our annual school closing ceremony. As part of this event, each student will be honored for his/her unique talents, there will be a year-end chapel service centered on this year's school theme, as well as a fun slideshow to cap off the event. Following the slideshow, all in attendance are invited to the gym for lunch. Please join us and celebrate the achievements of all our students as they get started on their summer. Thanks in advance for your support of GNCS.

Memorial Service—Elizabeth Templar

A memorial service for Elizabeth Templar will take place on Saturday, June 6 at 4 pm in the Sanctuary, the Rev. Mark Pendleton officiating.

Flowers

Over the last several years, we have been improving the look of our church grounds and school campus by adding new plant varieties and flower colors in key places on or properties. We would like to continue this work, so please consider being part of the project by contributing to this cause. You may direct any contributions to Glenview New Church, attention Judy Recht, 74 Park Drive, Glenview, IL 60025.

GNCS Enrollment 2026-27

Glenview New Church School enrollment for the 2026-27 school year is ongoing! Let's keep our numbers strong! Please tell your friends and neighbors with school-aged children about our school. We would love to give them a tour and show what makes GNCS so special! If you have any questions, please call Lisa Philbrick at 847-724-0057X104.

Sunday Morning Worship Volunteering

Whether you're a longtime volunteer or new to helping out, you are welcome! Our worship services are made possible by volunteers who greet and usher, help with hospitality, offer music, support children's programs, and assist with special events. Students are welcome and may earn School Community Service hours.



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Please review the schedule and sign up where you'd enjoy serving (link is below). Or you can just text/email me with your dates. You'll receive a reminder 5 days before your service date. Thank you! Martha Heilman, GNC Volunteer Coordinator 847-302-7619

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<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0545a5ae2fa7fc1-gncsunday>

Kindergarten Teacher

Glenview New Church School

The Glenview New Church School is a Preschool-8th grade school aligned with the Glenview New Church congregation. Our mission is to provide children with a natural and spiritual education based on the Bible and the teachings of the New Church, preparing them to become caring, useful citizens in this world and in the life to come.

We are currently seeking a full-time Kindergarten teacher for the 2026-27 academic year.

Position Overview

The successful candidate will be responsible for creating a nurturing and engaging, play-based learning environment both in the classroom and outdoors. This role integrates academic instruction with spiritual and social-emotional development, guiding students in their understanding of God, Bible stories, moral life, and positive relationships with others.

Key responsibilities include:

- Lead a kindergarten homeroom, including daily instruction and classroom management
- Conduct and lead homeroom worship
- Teach foundational skills in reading, writing, and handwriting
- Provide instruction in science and social studies
- Plan and deliver age-appropriate social-emotional learning (SEL) lessons that support students' emotional awareness, self-regulation, empathy, and interpersonal skills
- Incorporate nature-based learning through regular use of outdoor classroom spaces and school grounds
- Foster students' spiritual growth through age-appropriate religious instruction
- Collaborate effectively with parents, colleagues, and school leadership
- Participate in faculty meetings and school initiatives
- Engage in ongoing professional development, including New Church-specific training

Qualified candidates will possess the following:

- Bachelor's degree (preferably in Education or a related field)
- Experience teaching or working with young children in foundational subject areas

- Experience supporting young children's social-emotional development (SEL) in a classroom setting
- Understanding of, or willingness to learn about, New Church education and teachings
- Ability to plan and implement lessons aligned with provided curriculum guides
- Strong organizational skills and self-motivation
- Ability to collaborate effectively with parents, teachers, and administrators

Preferred Skills and Experience

- Experience working with a diverse population of learners
- Strong written and verbal communication skills
- Effective classroom management and interpersonal skills
- Patience, flexibility, and a nurturing approach to teaching
- Ability to maintain confidentiality
- Experience with or interest in nature-based and outdoor education
- Commitment to ongoing professional growth

To apply, please send a resume and cover letter to:

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