



**GLENVIEW
NEW CHURCH**

A NEW CHRISTIANITY

Pastoral Message

Go Forward!

On Saturday, May 9, our congregation started into a “Church Renewal Process” in which we began writing the next chapter in our history as a church in the Glenview area. Forty-five people turned out for our first meeting. Those who were there experienced a deluge of enthusiasm and a barrage of good ideas for going forward here in the Midwest.

This is a three-part process we’ve started. It will happen in a number of congregational meetings spread over the next six months, a year, or longer. In the course of these meetings, we’ll address three key areas of functioning as a church. The first area we’ve titled, “Building community in the Glenview area: Service and getting acquainted.” The second area is titled, “Community building within our church/Social groups.” The third area is titled, “Worship and related groups.” As you’re reading this, we’ve now gotten started in the first area of focus. Later on, when we feel ready to address the second area, we will do so, followed by the third area.

All of this makes me think of the story of the Children of Israel after they’d escaped from the land of Egypt. You may remember the story: The people had just come out of enslavement in Egypt, and they’d come up against the Red Sea. Pharaoh and his army were in hot pursuit. What would the Israelites do? Moses—their leader—cried out to the Lord for help. To our surprise, perhaps, the Lord answered, “Why do you cry to Me? Tell the children of Israel to go forward.” “Go forward”—into the Red Sea and beyond, into the environment of a wilderness area where they would experience additional challenges en route to the promised land. Following His command, the Lord divided the Red Sea, and the children of Israel went through on dry ground.

Thinking from the perspective of a local church like ours, these words of the Lord—“Go forward”—are inspiring. They encourage us as individuals—and as a church group—to grow in our ability, willingness, courage, and resolve to “go forward” in the work of reaching, connecting with, and serving people and families in the surrounding area. We want to grow and develop in what we offer as a church and how we offer it.

It’s interesting: If we look back at the story of the Red Sea, the Egyptian army was bearing down on Israel. Just before the Lord told the people to “Go forward,” Moses himself commanded them to “Stand still and see the salvation of the Lord, which He will accomplish for you today....” “The Lord will fight for you,” he said, “and you shall hold your peace.”

Church Calendar

June

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| 1 | MON | 5:00 | GNCS Marimba Concert |
| 2 | TUE | 7:00 | Park Dwellings Meeting |
| 4 | THURS | 4:00 | Jeryl Fuller Memorial Service |
| 5 | FRI | 10:15 | GNCS Closing Chapel |
| 6 | SAT | 4:00 | Elizabeth Templar Memorial Service |
| 7 | SUN | 10:00 | Worship Service—Sanctuary
Holy Supper |
| 8 | MON | 5:00 | Women Unwind |
| 11 | THURS | 7:00 | BOT Meeting |
| 14 | SUN | 10:00 | Worship—Auditorium
New Church Day Celebration |
| 16 | TUE | 7:00 | MANC Board Meeting |
| 21 | SUN | 10:00 | Worship Service—Sanctuary |
| 27 | SAT | 6:00 | Park Lane Block Party |
| 28 | SUN | 10:00 | Worship Service—Auditorium |

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So, *which* were the people to do—“Stand still” or “Go forward”? In the story of our lives, and looking to the future of our local congregation, the answer is “both.” The command to “Stand still” invites us to remember the Lord—the Lord is the one who gives us the ability, strength, creativity, and resolve to “Go forward” into each new experience and venture as a community.

In the coming year, then, let’s aim for a balance of humility/reliance on the Lord and a “can-do” attitude and approach in all that we do as a church. Let’s do as the title of phase one of our process suggests, seeking to “Build community in the Glenview area through service and getting acquainted.”

May the Lord bless our efforts as a church to “Go forward”—reaching, connecting with, and serving—doing so with humility, and to the best of our ability. (Mark)

General Announcements

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!

Memorial Service—Jeryl Fuller

A memorial service for Jerry Fuller will be held on Thursday, June 4 at 4 pm, Rev. Mark Pendleton officiating.

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. (Phil Parker, Principal)

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.

Women Unwind—June 8

Our once-a-month get-together will take place on Monday, June 8 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 215-266-3063.

Park Dwellings Town Hall Meeting—June 9

On Tuesday Evening June 9, Park Dwellings, Inc. will host a Town Hall-Style Meeting from 7-9 pm. This will be a live hybrid meeting held both on Zoom and in the Church Auditorium at 74 Park Drive, Glenview, IL. The meeting is a follow-up to discussions started at the Park Dwellings Annual Meeting (April 7, 2026) regarding development of church-owned properties at 8, 10, 12, and 26 Park Drive. Park Dwellings is seeking input on potential construction concepts presented.

Please be reminded that you can become a member of Park Dwellings by signing the roll book if you are a member of the Immanuel Church (Glenview New Church). Feel free to check your membership status with Judy Recht in the church office. Please know, member or not, you are welcome to attend the discussion. ZOOM Link: <https://zoom.us/j/3071249353>; Passcode (if needed): join (Karen Day Stoeller, President Park Dwellings, Inc.)

Park Lane Block Party—June 27

The annual Park Lane block party will be held starting at 6pm on Saturday, June 27 in the 2700 block of Park Lane. Grilled

meats will be provided (monetary donations happily accepted.) Please bring your favorite side dish. You don't have to live on Park Lane to join in the fun. Hope to see you there!

Beautiful Flowers Everywhere!

We are putting together a fundraiser to continue developing the beautiful gardens Abbie Acton has created for us. Four years into this effort, we are seeing how much this has changed the look and feel of some of our common areas: the entrance to Park Drive from Glenview Road, the courtyard off the lobby of the church building, the pathway leading into the Assembly Hall and Auditorium, and the entryway to Pendleton Hall. If you would like to contribute toward this work, please send a donation to Glenview New Church earmarked for FLOWERS. Drop off your donation in the church/school office or mail it to Judy Recht's attention at Glenview New Church, 74 Park Drive, Glenview, IL 60025. Thank you. (Karen Day Stoeller)

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.

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>

Combined July/August Park News

There will be a combined issue of Park News for the months of July and August. The deadline for information to be included is Monday, June 22.

GNCS at the Glenview SummerFest

GNCS will once again have a booth at the Glenview Street Fair on June 13th from 9 am-3 pm in the Kid Zone area. We are keeping with our vision of involvement in Glenview events to increase our community awareness as a top school choice. Stop by and say hello! This is also a great time to send your friends and neighbors over for more information. Current school families receive a "Thank You" worth \$100 for any referrals who enroll! So tell your friends!

Join Us for our School 4th Parade Entry!

GNCS will once again be marching in Glenview's 4th of July parade. With our parade entry, we plan to highlight the long-standing connection between GNCS and the Village of Glenview and we are once again asking the community to march with us.



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As this is a school parade entry, we would love to feature children and attract more children to enroll. If you would like to march with us and/or if you have any experience in building parade floats or have access to materials or vehicles that would be helpful, please email Lisa Philbrick at lisap@glenviewnewchurch.org.

July 4th Festivities in the Park!

The Park Parade kicks off at 9:30 am. Everyone is invited to create themed floats and/or decorate bicycles to walk in the parade around the Park Drive circle. Prizes will be awarded to all float, bicycle and pet entrants! Park Parade entries assemble in the church parking lot at 9:15 am.

The parade is followed by a flagpole ceremony in the church parking lot that includes the singing of the national anthem and a patriotic speech from one of our Park neighbors. Following the morning festivities, there will be a picnic by the Park Lake at 12:30 pm with burgers & dogs from the grill, chips, and drinks. Donations requested for the Boys and Girls Club. We hope to see you there!

2026 Schedule of Events

9:15 am – Park Parade entries assemble in the church parking lot

9:30 am – Park Parade: flagpole ceremony & speeches, prizes for parade entries!

11:15 am – Glenview Village Parade

12:30 pm – Picnic by the Park Lake: hamburgers & hot dogs from the grill, races, egg and water balloon tosses, softball

We're gearing up for a fun-filled July 4th celebration and we'd love your help to make it happen! Whether you can lend a hand with setup, games, food, or cleanup, every bit of help is appreciated. If you'd like to get involved, please reach out to Martha Heilman, Volunteer Coordinator, at marthah@glenviewnewchurch.org or **847-302-7619**. Thanks for helping us make this a great day for everyone!

Available to Work

Hi, my name is Evelyn Smith and I am looking for work for the months in June, July, and August. The jobs that I'm looking to do are house cleaning, animal bathing, babysitting, animal care, and yard work. My rate is \$12 an hour. If you would like me to do any of these services, please call/text 847-510-7418.

Jacob's Creek Family Retreat—July 23-26

Our retreat will be held at the Laurelville Retreat Center in Mt. Pleasant, Pennsylvania. This Year's Theme: "Use: The Soul & Life of All Heavenly Joy".

We are capping attendance at 150 people, so don't wait to sign up. The registration this year is online at: <https://www.jacobscreekfamilyretreat.org/>

Friend us on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/JacobsCreekFamilyRetreat/>

Please contact Julie Uber at 412-782-2710 (h) or julie.uber@gmail.com if you have any questions.



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