



**GLENVIEW
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NEWSLETTER OF THE GLENVIEW NEW CHURCH

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Pastoral Message

The Motivation of the Daunted Banker

I read a Sherlock Holmes mystery written in 2023 just recently. In it, Sherlock and Watson are challenged to find a missing banker who is in deep debt. They are hired by a thuggish bondsman who always gets his man and has high hopes that Sherlock will help him continue his spotless record. A nice sum is waiting for all of them if the mystery is solved. Like most mysteries, there is a twist, and we find a planned heist at the center of our story - one that will reveal all when the heist is thwarted mid-burglary. Unlike many other mysteries, the villain (the vanished banker) is not a villain at all. He is a handsome and kind man who was only trying to provide his dying sister a good end of life - he convinced the two thieves he hired not to kill anyone, and ended up tied up in an abandoned house himself at the end. Of course, Sherlock's own plans seem a mystery to those around him. People are supremely confident in Sherlock, but they are also supremely frustrated with him - he always knows the answers but does not share them with anyone. It is hard to tell if he is holding his intelligence over others or just so enwrapped in the challenge that his mind does not have time to share anything that does not move his mind forward in the "solving" of it all.

It struck me while reading that the plot structure of the story in front of me is much like life. There is great wisdom coming to us from the threefold Word and the many branches that grow from it. However, it can be hard to access that wisdom in a world that runs on "Dunkin'", "a Coke and a smile", what we watch on screens of all varieties, the price of oil, and whatever else mindless or negative "junk" takes up space in our brains. This kind of hard-to-get-to wisdom is our Sherlock. We are the Watsons in life - fascinated and frustrated and always wishing for a "cleaner" and more straightforward path of information. At the heart of this mystery is love, but it is buried under thugs, debt, bad choices, and misunderstandings. We are also the banker - trying to do the right thing (literally "banking" on it), but in a world of cut-throat dealings, bottom lines, and rules that are not always heavenly.

At the end of the story, it is quite pleasing to see "wisdom" find "love" and to know that all is right in the world for now. I guess it is also pleasing, but less so, to know that there will be more messes that Sherlock will need to get to the bottom of. Hundreds of authors have written authorized spin-offs of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's original series, and thousands more will in the future. There will be many more mysteries. I hope our personal ones have wisdom around them and love at their core.

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Church Calendar

July

4	SAT	9:30	July Fourth Parade & Festivities
5	SUN	10:00	Worship Service—Auditorium
6	MON	5:00	Women Unwind
12	SUN	10:00	Worship Service—Sanctuary
19	SUN	10:00	Worship Service—Auditorium
25	SAT	4:00	Bruce Reuter Memorial Service
26	SUN	10:00	Worship Service—Sanctuary

August

2	SUN	10:00	Worship—Auditorium
3	MON	5:00	Women Unwind
4	TUE	7:00	Park Dwellings Meeting
9	SUN	10:00	Worship Service—Sanctuary
16	SUN	10:00	Worship Service—Auditorium
19	WED	9:00	GNCS Opening Chapel
23	SUN	10:00	Worship Service—Sanctuary
30	SUN	10:00	Worship Service—Auditorium

This summer, try cozying up with a book someone has recommended to you and pair it with a little light reading of the Heavenly Doctrines. See if opening your mind to the Lord's love and wisdom might enhance your thoughts on the other book in front of you (or if you don't get to that book, maybe the screens you're watching).

"Love alone is like a reality with no manifestation, since love makes itself manifest in wisdom; and wisdom without love is like a manifestation with no reality, since wisdom is the manifestation of love."

- *Divine Love and Wisdom* 139

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- *Secrets of Heaven* 7085

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General Announcements

Women Unwind—July 6 and August 3

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.

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)

Pledge Packet Reminder

If you haven't already, this is a friendly reminder to please turn in your completed pledge forms ASAP. Forms are available in hard copy at the church or the document is available on the church website. Please reach out to the church or MANC Treasurer if you have any questions (glenviewnctreasurer@gmail.com or dan-ieltallen79@gmail.com).

Join GNCS in the Glenview 4th of July Parade

We would love for our school families, alumni, friends, and neighbors to march alongside us as we celebrate Independence Day and represent Glenview New Church School. The parade is a wonderful opportunity to show our community that GNCS is a strong, vibrant, and welcoming place where students grow in faith, learning, and friendship.

If you'd like to march with us, we warmly invite you to join our group and help us put our best foot forward as we celebrate Glenview together! 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

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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!

Bruce Reuter Memorial Service—July 25

A memorial service for Bruce Reuter will be held in the Sanctuary on Saturday, July 25 at 4pm.

GNCS Opening Chapel—August 19

The faculty and staff are excited about starting the 2026-2027 school year. Friends of GNCS are invited to join us on Wednesday, August 19 for our school opening chapel service in the Auditorium at 9am. Hope to see you there!

Golf Outing—September 26

It's that time of year! This year's outing will take place on Saturday morning, September 26. Once again, we'll be playing at the Glenview Park District Golf Course on Shermer Rd., just down from the church. Tee times will start at 10:10 am. As always, we'll have participants of all types – beginners and pros (almost), men and women, young and old. The \$130/pp fee includes 18 holes of golf, an electric golf cart, a gourmet (sandwich and a pop) lunch, and a donation to the Glenview New Church. For more information, call or email Owen Smith (630-327-1966, owen@abbeyco.inc). This is always a lot of fun. Please join us!



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