



**GLENVIEW
NEW CHURCH**

A NEW CHRISTIANITY

Pastoral Message

Supporting One Another on Pathways to Heaven

As the New Church’s birthday (June 19th) is approaching, I’m thinking about different sets of teachings that have been given to the world through Emanuel Swedenborg – ones that are unique to the New Church, and that parishioners and newcomers alike have found interesting and practically helpful over the years.

One such set of teachings is the one we focused on at the beginning of this year’s annual meeting – the set that talks about what it’s like to wake up in the other world (see *Secrets of Heaven* 168-189, 314-319). You may remember some of what’s taught: Three types of heavenly beings are there to help us in the wake-up process and are called celestial angels, spiritual angels, and good spirits. Each type arrives on the scene to help us, and they do so one after the other and in an overlap fashion. There’s also a final phase which Swedenborg experienced as a visual, representative image.

The celestial angels are the first to arrive on the scene. They are connected closely to our hearts and also our minds. The ones who are connected with our minds don’t say anything. Their communication is nonverbal. (I assume the ones connected with our hearts are silent as well.) The main job of these celestial beings is to be closely connected with us at the beginning of the wake-up process, to draw out the best in us, and to maintain us in a sense of hope about eternal life. Any off-base or patently false ideas we bring with us from the world they are aware of, but they aren’t at all concerned about them.

Next come the spiritual angels. They render us every kindly service we could possibly wish for. They keep us focused on things we love the most, and they show and tell us about things that exist in the other world, as well as the marvels and splendors of heaven, to whatever degree we’re capable of and interested in.

Next come the good spirits. They too render us every kindly service. Different ones of them come and go until we meet up with ones that are similar to who we are, which helps us discover our own life. Swedenborg saw this phase of the process represented by a youth seated on a horse which the youth was pointing in the direction of hell, but the horse wasn’t able to move in that direction.

The final phase in the wake-up process was represented to Swedenborg by the youth dismounting from the horse and going on foot up gently sloping pathways

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Church Calendar

June

- 2 SUN 10:00 Worship Service—Sanctuary
- 3 MON 5:00 GNCS Marimba Ensemble Concert
- 4 TUE 7:00 Park Dwellings
7:00 Pastor’s Council
- 6 THURS 10:15 GNCS End-of-Year Event
- 8 SAT 9:00 Rummage Sale (Pen Hall Gym)
- 9 SUN 10:00 Worship Service—Auditorium
- 10 MON 5:00 Women Unwind—100 Park Drive
- 12 WED 7:00 Town Hall Meeting
- 13 THURS 7:00 Board of Trustees Meeting
- 16 SUN 10:00 New Church Day Service—Auditorium
- 23 SUN 10:00 Worship Service—Sanctuary
- 30 SUN 10:00 Worship Service—Sanctuary

toward heaven. The meaning of this part of the image was that the person would be led, little by little, to their final heavenly home through cognitions of truth and goodness, and by a certain kind of honesty and humility about themselves.

As I mentioned at the start of the annual meeting, this experience that Swedenborg went through seems to be an actual experience that all people go through as they wake up in heaven. Whether or not this is so, I’m not exactly sure. It’s possible that the things Swedenborg experienced describe *general principles* by which all people are awakened up spiritually, which may mean the actual experience could vary. Again, I’m not sure.

It’s also interesting that these phases that a person goes through during spiritual wake-up in the other world closely match the phases of counseling that have been identified as helpful for people who are “waking up” from personal struggles, challenges, and mental issues during life on earth. In other words, whether or not this process is an actual experience that everyone goes through in the other world, it seems to provide us with clear, succinct, step-by-step principles by which any one of us – counselors or not – can help and support family members, friends, or people we meet through personal struggles or challenging times.

Interesting as well, the fact that these “general principles” appear at the very beginning of the new revelation. I take this as an indicator that this process of helping and supporting one another through life is one of the leading forms of goodwill in action (i.e., one of the leading forms of “charity”) that we can exercise toward our neighbor, and that the Lord wants us to engage in while we’re alive on earth – maybe even forever. In other words, one of the main uses we can

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perform may be to help and support one another on pathways to heaven.

So as our church's birthday is about to arrive, it's interesting to reflect on certain sets of teachings that we know and love in the New Church, and which can hold appeal and practical value, not only in our own lives and relationships, but also in the lives of many people who the Lord will eventually bring to this new dispensation and approach to spiritual life.

Happy reflecting, everyone, and happy June 19th.
Mark

Please contact Sue Lee for details, to volunteer, or with any questions at 224-324-6389 or sueflee614@gmail.com

Women Unwind—June 10

Our once-a-month get-together will take place on Monday, June 10 from 5-6:30pm at Karen Stoeller's, 100 Park Drive, Glenview. Casual - with wine, soft drinks, cheese, crackers, and conversation. Contact: Sandy Ruch 847-724-0363

Church Special Meeting—June 12

We will hold a Special Meeting of the congregation to vote yes or no on a recommendation to sell 12 Park Drive. The special meeting will also be in person in our Auditorium at 7pm on June 12th. I encourage everyone to come in person for that meeting, but there will also be a Zoom option, making it a hybrid one as well. I will send a Zoom link closer to the time of each meeting. (Mark Pendleton)

Marimba Ensemble Spring Concert—June 3

Come listen to the Glenview New Church School marimba ensemble rock on as they present their spring concert! The time is Monday, June 3 at 5pm, in the Glenview New Church Auditorium. You will hear everything from Vivaldi to Bobby McFerrin. Hope to see you there!

GNCS Year-End Closing Ceremony—June 6

All are invited to join the GNCS students and faculty at 10:15am on Thursday, June 6th in the Auditorium for our annual school closing and graduation ceremony (FYI: a YouTube link will be provided). 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, there will be an 8th-grade graduation, 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.

Rummage Sale Fundraiser—June 8

The Rummage Sale is back – Saturday, June 8th 9am-1pm in the Pendleton Hall gym (74 Park Drive). Clean out your drawers, basements, garages, closets, and attics, and help the Theta Alpha Guild raise money to support the church and school.

Items to donate: Clothes and shoes in good condition, furniture in good condition, small working appliances, purses, toys, household items, small tools, children's books, records, costume jewelry, hats, lamps, kitchen items, etc.

NO: TVs, computers, exercise equipment, large appliances, sofas, or adult books.

Drop-off times: Thursday, June 6th 4-8pm and Friday, June 7th 9am-4pm

Please consider VOLUNTEERING—we REALLY need your help as follows: setting up on Thursday beginning at 1pm, all day Friday, and Saturday starting at 8:30am.

Sunday Morning – Volunteers Needed

We are offering refreshments after the 10am worship services as volunteers are available. The usher schedule is also open. Anyone is welcome to sign up and students can earn school community service hours for these and other useful duties. Click this link to sign-up (or send me an email). <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0545a5ae2fa7fc1-gncsunday>
Thank you in advance! Martha Heilman, Volunteer Coordinator 847-302-7619

Park Spaces Fundraising Opportunity

The entranceway off Glenview Road onto Park Drive in Glenview and the grounds surrounding our Church and School are special places. It is a privilege for those who are fortunate enough to live here, or to attend church or school here, to play on the fields and walk the paths. Several years ago, we hired Abbie Acton on a part-time basis to tend our gardens and flowering spaces. In that time, she has done some amazing work. To provide for this ongoing work and purchase plant materials we are organizing a fundraising effort so that Abbie can continue to make our spaces even more beautiful. If you would like to contribute to this effort, please send a donation to the Immanuel Church/Glenview New Church earmarked for flowers and landscape materials. Thank you for considering. (Karen Stoeller authorized by the Church Board of Trustees)

4th of July - Festivities in the Park

Join us for our traditional July 4th festivities in the Park! The Park Parade kicks off at 9:30am. 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 9:15am.

The parade is followed by a flagpole ceremony in the church parking lot which includes singing the national



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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 12:30pm with burgers & dogs from the grill, chips and drinks. Donations requested for the Boys and Girls Club. We hope to see you there!

2024 Schedule of Events

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

9:30am – Park Parade! Flag pole ceremony & speeches! Prizes for parade entries!

11:15am – Glenview Village Parade

12:30pm – Picnic by the Park Lake. hamburgers & hotdogs from the grill; races, egg & water balloon toss & softball.

Volunteers needed in all areas. Contact Martha Heilman or Elmo Acton if you can help out:

Marthah@glenviewnewchurch.org or 847-302-7619
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Join Us for our Vintage-Themed July 4th Parade Entry!

This summer Glenview is turning 125! And the village will be focusing on this important milestone, especially with the 4th of July parade.

As you probably know, the community of Glenview New Church and School was instrumental in the formation of Glenview. Many members of the GNC/S community were prominent leaders in those early days. Not the least of which was Hugh Burnham, the very 1st Village President.

GNCS is an “Entertainer Sponsor” for this year’s 4th of July parade. And with our parade entry, we plan to highlight the long-standing connection between GNC/S and the village of Glenview. Marching in the parade is usual for the school. But this year is special. This year we are asking the community to march with us.

We will be featuring a Hugh Burnham look-alike in either a carriage or a float. And we would love it if school and community members dressed in period clothing to march or ride with us. Dress as your ancestor! Dressing in period clothing could be as easy as wearing an old-looking hat. Marchers will be given a sash to unify the look of our entry.

Children are welcome and wanted. As this is a school parade entry, we would love to feature children. And attract more children to enroll.

Our working theme: “Happy 125th Glenview – GNCS is with you every step of the way”

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 at lisap@glenviewnewchurch.org.

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 24.

Park Patter

Cicadas!

Get our your maps of the Park and follow these moves— Jason and Kendra Paraskevopoulos purchased Marian Fiske’s house and are in the process of rehabbing said edifice. Hubert and Emily Pietrasiak purchased 38 Park Drive from Will and Connie Smith and are all moved into their new dwelling.

Cicadas!!

Marylin Wille moved up another rung on the nonagenarian ladder in early May when she turned 95. Congratulations, Marylin!

Cicadas!!!

In early May, Bruce and Valerie Reuter drove south to Branson, Missouri to enjoy a week’s vacation with Prescct and Jill Rogers (North Carolina). In Collinsville, IL they visited Cahokia Mounds, a Native American historic site, In Branson, they enjoyed two shows and a scenic train ride that took them from Missouri to Arkansas. They drove around sections of scenic Table Rock Lake, stopping near the Visitor’s Center to enjoy the views. The weather was pleasant, allowing them to be out on their balcony or wandering the property grounds daily. On the drive home to Glenview, Bruce and Valerie traveled several back roads, stopping overnight in Hannibal, MO and enjoying the views of the Mississippi River. (Too bad Tom and Huckleberry didn’t float by.)

CICADAS!!!!

Some graduates...

Brannon and Kara Smith went out to Colorado to see their daughter Kaylee receive a degree in social work; she earned it while still serving in the Army Reserves!

Meanwhile, Kaylee’s cousin Wade Herrera (Tony and Erika’s son) earned his degree from the University of Illinois and cousin, Caleb Cole (Colin and Sue’s son) received a master’s degree in computer engineering from Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh.

Jacqueline Pennie, daughter of Tom and Rachel, is graduating from DePaul University with a major in Biology concentration in integrative biology and health and a minor in creative writing. Jacqueline will be attending medical school in the fall.

Dan and Joan Woodard were just in Peoria in early May for the graduation of their grandson, Kyle Woodard, summa cum laude from Bradley University.

Congratulations to all of the above!



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An interment ceremony for Steve Gladish (1939-2023) was recently held at the Arizona Veterans' Memorial Cemetery in Marana, AZ with family and friends present. Steve served in the Air Force in the Weather Squadron and was given full military honors including the playing of taps, which we all remember hearing at the Navy base back in the day.

CICADAS, CICADAS!!!!

In probably a vain effort to avoid cicadas, ticks, and other annoying insects, the Fuller clan went to do repairs on their Hazelhurst cabin over Memorial Day weekend. Alan York from Oregon was head carpenter and all went well.

Hear the XVIII and the XIIs whirring and churring at unbelievable decibels almost ALL DAY LONG!!!

Comic Relief

How do you know carrots are good for your eyes?
Have you ever seen a rabbit wearing glasses?

How does the moon cut his hair?
He eclipse it.

Why do kangaroo moms hate it when it rains?
Because the joeys are stuck playing inside.