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PARK NEWS

NEWSLETTER OF THE GLENVIEW NEW CHURCH

October 2024

Pastoral Message

Rain Dance

Autumn symbolizes a state in a person's spiritual life where there is a decline or a cooling off of the warmth of love and charity - light is still received, but the warmth is missing. What to make of autumn this year, where we are getting plenty of warmth but not enough rain. Doesn't it feel odd to see all the leaves falling while you're still dressing for summer? We can all be sure the rain and cold are coming. Will they come with a bang or with a whimper? It is hard to know. Spiritually, the decline of the warmth of love and charity (signified by autumn) makes for a time of reflection, preparation, and letting go of something that is no longer needed in our spiritual growth - that is, if you are a good person or good church (this decline could also signify the coming death of good in a person or church who has rejected charity). Autumn then, in a good sense, can prepare us for a period where we are feeling the dormancy of love with us and the challenges to come (signified by winter). Taking this further, the "earth" often signifies the church, while the "sun" signifies the Lord. So, what could this autumn signal to us?

Well, first of all, let's remember that I am taking license from our teachings to apply them to our present conditions - something I think we can benefit from, if not only from trying to live more spiritually from what we are given from in the Word. However, this is not a horoscope. I am offering something for us to contemplate with the hopes it will encourage us to help our church and neighbor more.

The Lord's love and His truth are always with us, giving us life and guiding us if we look to Him. There are times when our actions as a person, our actions as a larger group, or the actions of humanity cause discord with the Lord's heavens or even block them from sharing with us the Lord's intended blessings. The Lack of "rain" (signifying truth flowing down from the Lord) falling on the "earth" (signifying the church) during a time when we are getting plenty of "sun" (signifying the Lord), could lead us to reflect on just what that means to us: this autumn is telling us that the Lord's warmth is still with all of us, but His Church ("earth") needs our help. The Lord is saying, "I am here. I love you. The Church needs Me." And I give "Church" here a capital C, to mean all people who will love Him and the neighbor.

Our hearts go out to all those who have been affected by the recent floods, the fires across North America, and the many other natural disasters that have been occurring across our globe. Giving real, physical help,

Church Calendar

October

- 1 TUE 7:00 Park Dwellings
- 2 WED 10:30 Arcana Class
7:00 Boys Club/Girls Club
7:00 Pastor's Council
- 4 FRI 4:00 GNCS Scarecrow Walk
- 6 SUN 10:00 Worship Service—Sanctuary
11:15 Town Hall Meeting
6:00 Youth Group
- 7 MON 5:00 Women Unwind
- 9 WED 10:30 Arcana Class
7:00 Boys Club/Girls Club
- 10 THUR 7:00 Board of Trustees
- 13 SUN 10:00 Worship Service—Auditorium
- 16 WED 10:30 Arcana Class
7:00 Boys Club/Girls Club
- 20 SUN 10:00 Worship Service—Sanctuary
- 23 WED 10:30 Arcana Class
7:00 Boys Club/Girls Club
- 27 SUN 10:00 Worship Service—Auditorium
6:00 Youth Group
- 30 WED 7:00 Joint Semi-Annual Meeting
- 31 THUR 5:00 GNCS Halloween Supper

to all those people in need is helping the Lord's Church. I encourage any of you who want to help those who have lost loved ones, property, or livelihoods to help in ways you can. We could look at the flood's spiritual signification too, as a signal to us that the Lord's Spiritual Church is in need. As we may ask for physical rain in one part of the world, others may ask for less. Disasters are not signs that the Lord is punishing us. Here, I reach out to you to help with spiritual "rain". What "rain dance" can you do to help our church or Church? Now, while we here are still blessed with the Lord's warmth, His Church is lacking. What can we do to help an even "rain" fall upon us and others? What good thing will we promote this fall? This winter? How will your reflections lead you to help the Lord stay active with others when they may be feeling a dormancy of His Love?

Rain down, you heavens, from above,
And let the skies pour down righteousness;
Let the earth open, let them bring forth salvation,
And let righteousness spring up together.
I, the Lord, have created it. (Isaiah 45:8)

Elmo K. Acton

General Announcements

GNCS Scarecrow Walk—October 4

Come enjoy the fall feels at this year's Scarecrow Walk Friday, October 4th from 4-6pm. Bonus for church and school families - there will be a preview from 3-4pm. Explore the scarecrows and enjoy the beauty of fall over apple cider and popcorn. Hitch a hayride to view and discover the wonder of the changing of seasons. This year we will have several pumpkins carved with a seasonal theme for all to enjoy. The scarecrows will remain up through October 31st so people can take a walk on our beautiful campus and celebrate the season.

Town Hall Meeting—October 6

You may remember a town hall meeting we had last spring, in which we talked about the potential sale of 12 Park Drive and redevelopment of the parcel of land at 8, 10, and 12 Park Drive, plus part of the original entrance triangle. A committee composed of Kent Fuller, Bruce Horigan, and Mike Kruger has now met with the village to discover options for potential redevelopment, and they've reported back to both Park Dwellings and the BOT.

We will hold a town hall meeting on Sunday, October 6 at 11:15am, following church. Our topic will be the potential sale of 12 Park Drive and potential redevelopment of that corner of the Park. The town hall meeting will precede consideration and possible vote at our semi-annual meeting on Wednesday, October 30. The town hall meeting will be an in-person meeting with Zoom capability, though our hope is to have as many people present in person as would like to be present at the meeting.

Women Unwind—October 7

Our once-a-month get-together will take place on Monday, October 7 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

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

Joint Semi-Annual Meeting—October 30

The Semi-Annual Meeting of the Immanuel Church of the New Jerusalem (d/b/a the Glenview New Church) will be held jointly with the Midwestern Academy of the New Church on Wednesday, October 30, 2024 at 7pm. The meeting will be a hybrid format with both in-person and online attendance options originating at the Glenview New Church Auditorium, Glenview, Illinois. (Stay tuned for fur-

ther details.) The purpose of the meeting is to review the financial health of both organizations, discuss plans for the coming year, and transact other business as may come before the meeting.

GNCS Halloween Supper—October 31

Join us for the annual Halloween Supper! Dinner (hotdogs, veggie burgers, mac and cheese, carrots, chips, and apple cider) served between 5:-5:40pm in the Pendleton Hall gym and followed by a small costume parade, trunk or treat in the parking lot, and trick or treating around Park Drive plus Park Lane and Gladish Lane. Cost is \$5/child, \$7/adult, maximum of \$20/family. Looking forward to seeing those who can make it!

2025 Church Directory

Work has begun on the 2025 church directory. If your address and/or phone number has changed, please send updated information to Judy Recht at judy@glenviewnewchurch.org.

Sunshine Freezer Update

The Sunshine freezer has been restocked with yummy soup thanks to the September 19th soup-making crew. Soup and cookies are ready for distribution!

Thank you to those who have recently donated to our cause! Checks to Glenview New Church, with a memo to the Sunshine Committee, can be sent or dropped off at The Glenview New Church, 74 Park Drive, Glenview, IL, 60025.



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Park Patter

While strolling in the Park...

You can see new houses—2525 Park Lane (aka the Mayo mansion) grows larger every time you go by—peek through the green screen and you'll see it grow almost before your eyes. Give it a week and look again and wow—every corner of the lot is full of house!

How does your garden grow? Interestingly in some places...

Laurie Weber has not one but two cornstalks in her front yard. Stop and admire them next time you're in the area. Come spring, many of us will find bulbs blossoming in spots where we never planted them. This landscaping is courtesy of our overly large population of squirrels—they are very messy workers, too!

Good to live in the Park?

YES! We haven't had a storm surge ever! (Although the Park lake slops over the sandy end occasionally.)

Any day that you wake up to find a bright orange notice hanging on your door is NOT going to be a good day! Yep, the village water department strikes again. Two days later came a second big orange notice. At least we on Gladish Lane now have a matching set to display as house décor!

In more neighborhood news...

Reza and Fabiola Heidari's son, Luca (who is an honor student at Emory College in Atlanta, Georgia) was an intern for Illinois Senator Tammy Duckworth for two months this past summer. That had to be a fascinating way to spend his summer break!

FINALE!

What's worse than finding a worm in your apple?
Finding half a worm in your apple.



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