



**GLENVIEW
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NEWSLETTER OF THE GLENVIEW NEW CHURCH

January 2025

Pastoral Message

Love One Another

Love, love, love. “Love the Lord your God.” “Love your neighbor.” “Love is all you need.” “Eat, pray, *love*.”

For decades or even centuries, our culture and our world have marinated in the call to “love one another.” As an example, how many sermons have you listened to in the past few years, or messages from great leaders or gurus, in which you’ve been admonished to “love”? And with that admonishment has come an unspoken promise that if you will “love” others, then all will be well in the world, and all will be well in relationships.

And yet, as we turn the corner into a new year, what *is* love? What does it *mean* to love? That’s what one of our brightest parishioners right here in Glenview once wanted to know: “I hear all this talk about *love*,” he said, “But I just don’t *get* it. What *is* love, anyway?” (Said with permission.)

Well isn’t it easy? Love is that romantic-type feeling that you feel for someone else. So if you want to do what the preachers and gurus of the world suggest, and “love” one another, just conjure up some positive/romantic-type feelings toward them (even if you don’t feel particularly warm toward them) and “Presto!” “Voila!” now you love them. Right?

But for a long time, noted authors and authoresses have observed that love is not just a noun—a romantic-type feeling. Love is also a verb—a *doing* word. If we truly love someone, we *do* something about it—we *demonstrate* that love to him or her.

And yet love is even more than that; because if you *love* someone, and you are *doing* something to demonstrate that love to him or her, the final outcome of your love is...*action*. In one sense, then, love is the *action* that encapsulates love, the noun, and demonstrates love, the verb. Love, in the final analysis, is what actually *happens*—it is what you actively *do* when demonstrating love to someone else. In short, love is the *life* that you lead.

Jesus taught this clearly when he said, “They who have My commandments and *live* them, it is they who *love* Me” (John 14:21, emphasis added). The theology of the New Church echoes this by saying that “loving means doing, since he or she who loves does, for to love is to will, and to will is to do, when a person is able.” (Emanuel Swedenborg, *Apocalypse Explained* 785.6)

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Church Calendar

January

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| 5 | SUN | 10:00 | Worship Service—Sanctuary |
| 6 | MON | 5:00 | Women Unwind—100 Park Drive |
| 7 | TUE | 7:00 | Park Dwellings |
| 8 | WED | 10:30 | Arcana Class |
| | | 7:00 | Boys Club/Girls Club |
| | | 7:00 | Pastor’s Council |
| 9 | THURS | 7:00 | Board of Trustees |
| 12 | SUN | 10:00 | Worship Service—Auditorium |
| | | 6:00 | Youth Group |
| 15 | WED | 10:30 | Arcana Class |
| | | | Boys Club/Girls Club |
| 19 | SUN | 10:00 | Worship Service—Auditorium |
| 21 | TUE | 7:00 | MANC Board Meeting |
| 22 | WED | 10:30 | Arcana Class |
| | | 7:00 | Boys Club/Girls Club |
| 26 | SUN | 10:00 | Worship Service—Sanctuary |
| 29 | WED | 10:30 | Arcana Class |
| | | 7:00 | Boys Club/Girls Club |

These teachings are clear and simple: One way to think of love is in terms of *action*; because if you truly love, care about, and long for something, then you *want* and *will* it to be so. And if you truly *want* and *will* something to be so, then you *act* on that want and that will when you are able to do so.

So, like our wise parishioner friend, it’s possible that any number of us don’t “get it” when it comes to love. We may hear admonishments to “love” others. We may even champion that cause ourselves. But at the same time, we may not have a clear, working idea of what it means to love.

The answer that the Lord gives us is so simple and so clear. Love is what you do; it’s how you live your life, “for to love is to will, and to will is to do, when you are able.” “They who have My commandments and live them,” Jesus said, “it is they who love Me.” In the final analysis then, love is *action*.

Happy new year, everyone. Have a good month – one in which you demonstrate love whenever you are able. (Mark)

General Announcements

Women Unwind—January 6

Our once-a-month get-together will take place on Monday, January 6 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

Sunshine Freezer Update

With the colder months upon us, a warm bowl of soup can bring comfort to those who need it most. Please remember to be 'on the look-out' for neighbors who could use a helping hand—whether they're facing an illness, struggling with mobility, or simply in need of some extra support. Do you know someone who might benefit? Let's make sure everyone in our community feels the warmth and care of a good meal, yummy cookies and friendly company. Please remember to use the calendar posted on the freezer to sign out whatever you take, and who you are giving it to.

Thank you for being a part of this community effort and thanks 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 Glenview New Church, 74 Park Drive, Glenview, IL, 60025. *Building community. No strings attached. We all need it.* (Contact: Roxanne Junge 847-962-4073)

Volunteers Needed

We are offering refreshments following the 10am service, 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)

GNCS Enrollment 2025-26

Glenview New Church School enrollment has begun for the 2025-26 school year! Let's keep our numbers strong! Please tell your friends and neighbors with school-aged children about our school. Families can start by calling us at 847-724-0057 or filling out this form: <https://glenviewnewchurchschool.org/contact-gncs/>

And the application can be found here: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScMEmeNz05XYQhT9hQjXip9BNCyFRER5aQgo2bnfbEMeKzsSg/viewform>

We would love to give you or your friends a tour and show what makes GNCS so special! If you have any questions, please call Lisa Philbrick at X104.

Secretary of the Academy of the New Church (ANC) and General Counsel for the ANC and for the General Church (GC)

The Academy of the New Church (ANC) and the General Church of the New Jerusalem (GC) are seeking a seasoned legal professional to serve as General Counsel and Secretary of ANC. This part-time, exempt role is central to advancing the mission of ANC, which encompasses its Secondary Schools, Bryn Athyn College, Glencairn Museum, and Cairnwood Estate. The successful candidate will also provide legal guidance and support to the General Church, which oversees congregations and schools worldwide.

This role is ideal for a legal professional with strong corporate governance experience, a strategic mindset, and a passion for service within faith-driven educational and spiritual organizations.

Key Responsibilities:

Corporate Governance

- Ensure ANC adheres to corporate formalities and compliance.
- Serve as a parliamentarian during ANC Board meetings.
- Maintain ANC corporate records, minutes, and meeting schedules.

Legal Counsel

- Advise Boards, Committees, Officers, and employees on organizational roles, responsibilities, and legal matters.
- Retain and collaborate with outside counsel as needed.

Board & Committee Support

- Serve as an ex officio member of ANC Board Committees.
- Guide committee chairs on governance and compliance responsibilities.

Contract and Compliance Management

- Oversee contract negotiation, analysis, and compliance.
- Ensure the organization complies with applicable laws and regulations.

Litigation & Legal Issues

- Manage litigation strategies in collaboration with the Boards.



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- Serve as a point of contact with external counsel on legal matters.

Training & Education

- Lead orientation and training programs for Board members.
- Present governance and compliance education to committees.

Additional Responsibilities

- Draft resolutions, bylaws, and governance guidelines.
- Assist with executive management in collaboration with ANC leadership.
- Maintain legal records, policies, and compliance documentation.

Qualifications

- J.D. degree and active membership in the Pennsylvania Bar.
- Member in good standing of the General Church of the New Jerusalem.
- Demonstrated experience in corporate governance, contracts, and nonprofit compliance.
- Strong organizational and communication skills.

Compensation: Part-time, exempt status.

Compensation determined based on experience and performance.

Application Instructions: To apply, please submit a cover letter and resume detailing your qualifications to:

Joe Weiss

Director of Human Resources

General Church and Academy of the New Church

1100 Cathedral Drive, PO Box 813

Bryn Athyn, PA 19009

Email: joe.weiss@anc-gc.org

Deadline: January 15, 2025

This is a unique opportunity to contribute to the mission of ANC and GC by leveraging your legal expertise to support their education, governance, and spiritual goals.

Park Patter...

The most useful gift you can give or receive for Christmas is the 2025 Church Directory. Many questions can be answered (in alphabetical order, too) by looking at this wonderful publication! (It's free, too!) For instance, both Roger Murdoch and Lee Synnestevedt are new residents at Belmont Village. Look them up! However, as useful as the

directory is, other news of interest occurred in the very busy holiday season. December is a word that should mean go or stay or leave from everywhere as well as Merry Christmas!

For a start, Bob and Gail Brickman arrived from Florida and spent Christmas with Jill Brickman and Keith, Cindy, Liz and Skylar Parker but fled southward before the frosty weather arrived.

Cam Synnestevedt joined his mom, Barb Synnestevedt, brother Matt and various other members of that branch of the family tree.

The Kent and Jerry Fuller home was "fuller up"—every flat surface had a bed in it. Filling the pads were Garth and Sarah and son, Cole, from Oregon and Nate and Erin and son, Theo, from Michigan. The pads are now ready for David and Janet Fuller arriving soon from Bryn Athyn.

On December 20, Kirk and Jodi Reuter drove to Eau Claire, WI taking Bruce and Valerie Reuter with them so the four of them could watch McKayla Reuter graduate magna cum laude from the University of Wisconsin on December 21. They all returned to celebrate Christmas and then the Bruce Reuters welcomed some of the Doug Reuter family (Bryn Athyn) to continue celebrating over the weekend. This included all the Kossmanns as Eva was home from Denver and Blake from Iowa City. A lot of family fun time!

The Smith Family is a large family who in Glenview are a great bunch. Brannon and Kara had their daughters Kaylee and McKenna and friends here for the yuletide. Wade hosted a preprandial dinner for family members who were going to Bryn Athyn to open presents with a separate branch of the family. Also joining the local group of celebrants were Ken and Gail Cole and Bill Bishop. When last seen, Brannon was hauling a group up to Deep Lake to welcome the new year.

Other travelers for holiday fun were Elmo and Abbie Acton with Mo and Ellouise leaving here for Duluth, MN. The big finish to their celebration as to be a dog sled trip. Do ask if they had malamutes or huskies pulling their sled—inquiring minds want to know.

And more and more they came...the third pickleball court emerged in Pen Hall during the holidays, however, that's-that's all folks —the gym floor is now full!

On the lighter side...

Spellcheck ruined the joke about Dancing with the Tsars—Peter, Catherine and Ivan were all Russian tsars—so Peter and Catherine were great but Ivan was a terrible dancer—oh, just forget it!

New material—it's time to pull our complaints about winter out of storage:

Two vampires talking to each other:

Vampire 1— I just love December.

Vampire 2—Me, too! Everyone tastes like gingerbread and peppermint!

How does Santa keep his bathroom tiles so sparkling?
He uses Comet.



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