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A NEW CHRISTIANITY

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**PARK NEWS**

NEWSLETTER OF THE GLENVIEW NEW CHURCH

**February 2025**

**Pastoral Message**

**Disorder in the Natural, and Valentine's Day Cards as a First Defense?**

Have you ever accidentally stuck the milk in the cupboard and the cereal in the fridge? Or while rushing around, placed the keys in the freezer instead of the frozen veggies? Have you ever called someone the wrong name, sometimes going through every name in your family, before landing on the correct name of the person right in front of you? "Mike, John, David, Sandra, Buddy... I mean Betty!" Have you ever forgotten the birthday of someone you love the most... even after you stared at the calendar and thought, "What am I forgetting today?" What is going on in our heads when we do these ridiculously misplaced and forgetful things?

True story - The other day, I walked into the bedroom to get a snack, realized I meant to go to the kitchen, and then went to the kitchen, only to realize I had forgotten to put my slippers on while I was in the bedroom - the reason I had gone into the bedroom in the first place (but forgot once I got there). I didn't feel too silly. Probably, most of you have walked into a room and, for the life of you, can't remember why you did. In fact, it's not that uncommon to drive your car (sometimes for an extended amount of time) to a completely different location than you meant to.

There has been research on why, otherwise mentally healthy people, do these things. Science says it has to do with mental imagery. The power of picturing something in our heads can take over the use of the action we are performing. We picture putting what is in our right hand in the fridge and what is in our left hand in the cupboard and that is how you get sour milk. We imagine going to work while we are also thinking deeply about how we are going to care for our sick mother and we end up parked in the parking lot of the business we *used* to work for. A distracted mind over habitual matter equals doing something faulty.

Overworking, lack of sleep, new trauma, multitasking, old age, and/or anything overly stressful can increase the chances of us experiencing acting on misplaced "imagery". What's the cure? Good minds would advise you to get more rest, take a break, go on vacation, don't do everything yourself (ask for help), give time to clear your mind each day, exercise, stop to smell the roses, find a spiritual center, etc. All of that is good advice, that everyone should seriously take. Please, don't bulldoze through life at 100 miles per hour, enjoy life. My additions would be, to take a few minutes each day (when you first wake up and before you go to bed) to be grateful and thankful to the Lord. Also, read

**Church Calendar**

**February**

- 1 SAT 11:00 Gretchen Schnarr Memorial Service
- 2 SUN 10:00 Worship Service—Auditorium  
Holy Supper  
2:00 Youth Group
- 3 MON 5:00 Women Unwind—100 Park Drive
- 4 TUE 7:00 Park Dwellings
- 5 WED 10:30 Arcana Class  
7:00 Boys Club/Girls Club  
7:00 Pastor's Council
- 7-9 FRI-SUN BCGC Winter Camp
- 9 SUN 10:00 Worship Service—Sanctuary
- 12 WED 10:30 Arcana Class  
Boys Club/Girls Club
- 13 THURS 7:00 Board of Trustees
- 16 SUN 7:30 Pancake Breakfast  
10:00 Worship Service—Auditorium  
1:00 Women's Tea
- 18 TUE 7:00 MANC Board Meeting
- 19 WED 10:30 Arcana Class  
7:00 Boys Club/Girls Club
- 21 FRI 5:30 Youth Group to GBS V Show
- 23 SUN 10:00 Worship Service—Sanctuary
- 26 WED 10:30 Arcana Class  
7:00 Boys Club/Girls Club

the three-fold Word, it is meditative and healing in its study. And lastly, but most importantly, intentionally do something good for someone else each day - put what you know to *good* use.

That last request might be the cure to acting on misplaced imagery... hear me out. It is not that stressed-out people are evil (although they may be living by falsities), or that the action of putting your keys in the freezer is evil (although the action is obviously a false action). Acting on misplaced or forgetful images is a representation of a larger spiritual occurrence that carries with it spiritual consequences - acting on false "thoughts" without seeking and matching them to the proper "will". In other words, sometimes you think a thing is true, but it's not, because there isn't any use/good to it - you thought you were driving to work, but you just wasted 20 minutes round trip; you thought you were cleaning up the kitchen, but now the \$5 gallon of milk is sour and the kitchen stinks; you thought it was the day to clean the house, but now your closest friend questions whether you really care because you forgot their birthday. These mixed-up occurrences in our lives are the tiny fallen crumbs that fall from a larger and stale spiritual loaf.

# General Announcements

These cracks in our reasoning and function can keep us humble and remind us of the fallibility and uselessness that come from not pairing the larger good and true things together correctly - our little misstep is nothing compared to the missteps of people who think that earthly power is everything, that there is only a physical world, that God has chosen their kind over all others, or that God is angry and punishing. These people imagine and spread something true without goodness behind it - they have an end image of money, death, and destruction, and it corrupts our world.

Be happy standing in the kitchen with no slippers on after aimlessly pacing about your house. Maybe, you just need a break. Be happy you don't dream of world domination, committing genocide, or putting people in detention camps. Take joy that the veggies aren't ruined yet and the keys still work, instead of fearing death, or that you won't leave a legacy, or that you will actually burn in hell fire to eternity - those dreams, and those kinds of images from people are what create the most useless outcomes and introduce the most disorder into the natural and spiritual world.

## ***Secrets of Heaven 6406***

People performing works motivated by truth but not as yet by good inevitably introduce disorder into their natural... if there is disorder in the natural, the things that flow in from the interiors become disordered too; and these things that [caused disorder] lack light and are in gloom. This being so, those people cannot see what the truth is, but in that gloom and lack of light they seize on what is not in fact the truth as if it is truth, and this is what then motivates them in their performance of works...

Works are nothing else than actual goodness and truth expressed in an outward form.

We should perform more well-placed works, to make up for our misplaced ones. Send someone a Valentine's Day card this month and express in an outward form your appreciation for them, it will mean a lot to the world (something little things can do).

Dear Glenview Society,  
Thank you for caring about this church and its special truths. Thank you for all your good works. I am so happy I get to spend time with you all. Your kindness to my family has made us feel blessed. You are a good-looking group of people. The Lord loves you.

Happy Valentines,  
R\_v. \_\_\_o K. A\_\_\_n

## **Gretchen Schnarr Memorial Service—February 1**

A memorial service for Gretchen Schnarr will be held in the Glenview New Church Auditorium at 11am on Saturday, February 1.

## **Women Unwind—February 3**

Our once-a-month get-together will take place on Monday, February 3 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.

## **Super Bowl Party—February 9**

Elmo and Abbie Acton invite all to their annual Super Bowl Party at their home (2730 Park Lane) on February 9<sup>th</sup> from 4:30-9pm (game starts at 5:30pm). A delicious entree will be provided, along with some sides... but it's a Super Bowl party, so feel free to bring whatever snacks, sides, and drinks you would enjoy. The more the merrier! There will be at least two TVs airing the game (if you get there before 5:20PM you can guess prop odds). No need to RSVP, just show up. We'll make room and get you fed.

## **Pancake Breakfast—February 16**

Join us in Pendleton Hall from 7:30-10am on Sunday, February 16th. Raffles, games, and yummy food. All proceeds go to help fund the Glenview New Church Boys and Girls Club.

## **Women's Winter Tea—February 16**

Winter Tea and Conversation—A Recipe for a Delightful Afternoon: tea, goodies, books, friends, community service.

When: Sunday February 16th, 1– 3pm

Where: Lake Lounge at the Glenview New Church

Who: Aixa Chen and Theresa Uber kick it off, and all of you take the ball and run!

What: Tea, conversation, goodies and a book exchange! Bring a book you are willing to part with—you can choose to lend or give it. You are also invited to bring a donation for the Northfield Township Food Pantry.

Join us for a discussion of books we have loved that highlighted a female character you admired. Theresa will start with a short highlighting of a strong woman featured in the Bible. Then, each person who wishes will be invited to give a one-minute synopsis of why their book is great and worth reading. When finished, put the book on a common table. At the end of our tea and visit, each person will be invited to select a book from the table and a few packets of tea to drink while reading it during these long winter days!



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If you would like to help with bringing refreshments, please contact Sue Lee 224-324-6389. Any questions can be directed to Martha Heilman.

## Care Packages

It's that time of year again when the Glenview New Church likes to let our college and trade school students and active military personnel know we are thinking about them and brighten their day by sending them care packages!

Parents of college/graduate students, trade school and active military kids please send us your students' current addresses by February 15th. We don't want anyone left out! You can text addresses to Erika's cell phone 847-421-9902 or email them to [Erika.herrera@comcast.net](mailto:Erika.herrera@comcast.net).

Anyone is welcome to contribute to the care package fun by making baked goods or buying snacks and other fun small items or sending monetary donations for postage. We are keeping all food items nut-free just in case there are students with allergies.

We will be assembling the packages after church on Sunday February 23rd. Any monetary donations can be sent to the church office. Food and other items can either be dropped off on our front porch at 84 Park Drive, delivered to the church office or brought to church on February 23rd.

We look forward to putting the care packages together and envisioning smiles on the students' faces when they receive their surprises! (Erika and Tony Herrera)

## Elizabeth Pitcairn Performance—March 2

Save the date—Renowned violin soloist Elizabeth Pitcairn will be featured in a concert to benefit young musicians at 4pm on Sunday, March 2 at the Glenview New Church Auditorium. Elizabeth will be performing on the famed 1720 Red Mendelssohn Stradivarius violin. This special event will be one not to miss.

Along with Elizabeth, GNCS music teacher Bonny Lundin-Scheer, plus several very talented young local musicians will also perform. After the concert, there will be a meet and greet and refreshments.

Donations will be accepted at the door and are tax deductible. All proceeds will provide the opportunity for young musicians to attend Elizabeth's very own Luzerne Music Center Summer Camp, located in New York's Adirondacks. The doors open at 3:30pm.

## Trivia Night 2025— March 15

Mark your calendars, save the date, **Trivia Night is back!!!** We are just over a month away from the quest to win the coveted Trivia Trophy!! It's happening on Saturday, March 15 – see attached flier! Doors open at 5:30pm, game starts at 7pm SHARP! Teams of 8 (21 and up) are needed to compete. Tables are \$320. Bring your own table decorations and food. Beer, wine, soft drinks, and water for purchase. Prize for best-themed table. Awesome raffle prizes! Proceeds benefit Glenview New Church and School. To donate a raffle item, register your team, and/or if you are

interested in playing and don't have a team, please contact Mark Pendleton or Elmo Acton (Mark: 847-274-8939; [markp@glenviewnewchurch.org](mailto:markp@glenviewnewchurch.org); Elmo 267-625-7913; [elmoa@glenviewnewchurch.org](mailto:elmoa@glenviewnewchurch.org)).

## Sunshine Freezer Update

Does a neighbor or friend need some soup? The Sunshine Freezer in the church auditorium storage room is newly stocked with Lentil Chili. You will also find a great selection of bagged cookies there too. Please record your name and what you take, on the clip-board. Thanks!

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.



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## Park Patter...

Gathering news is a bit difficult when nobody goes out of their homes for three straight days because 14 below zero is a bit off-putting. It makes a person kind of glad not to have a dog to walk though.

Pickleball was a big freeze-fighter during the sub-zeros. A steady stream of players kept their skills sharp (more or less) on the weekends (school was in session on the weekdays) since ice skating required going outside. The Picklers did have to give up one Saturday due to the annual trivia renters needing the whole space. The Picklers were right back the next afternoon with no noticeable diminishment in their skills.

Ice—the skating kind—was very popular when the elements were kind enough to allow those who love to race, play hockey, or just glide around to gather at the Park Lake. There were a big bunch of cars parked around Park Drive and the ice was well covered with skaters. Some very nice people provided hot dogs, etc. for the participants in the ice show.

Meanwhile, those who preferred warmth to wintry toasted our sister city (Philadelphia is very close to Bryn Athyn) as the Eagles team (we're into football on TV now) coasted to a 55-point finale on their way to the

Super Bowl! Our Bears will be better in the coming season for sure! (How could they NOT be?)

According to the Chicago Tribune, on January 29, 1688, scientist and Christian mystic and theologian Emanuel Swedenborg was born in Stockholm. Since the Tribune and the Bryn Athyn Post saw fit to mention the event, the Park Patter would also like to be included in this well-known media group. Happy (belated) birthday to Emanuel Swedenborg!

Time to quit with a few quips...

My wife just put up a world map on the wall, gave me a dart, and said, "Throw this and wherever it lands, that's where we are going on vacation." Turns out we are spending a week behind the refrigerator.

A recent study found that women who carry a little extra weight live longer than men who mention it.

Whenever I have to fill out a form that asks "Who to call in case of emergency..." I always put "ambulance" because no one in my family is going to answer a call from an unknown number.