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A NEW CHRISTIANITY

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PARK NEWS

NEWSLETTER OF THE GLENVIEW NEW CHURCH

March 2025

Pastoral Message

We Exist to Serve

One day Jesus sat at a table with His disciples. His disciples were arguing over which one of them should be considered the greatest. Jesus cut through their collective cloud with words that will ring forever: "... Who is greater, he who sits at the table, or he who serves? Is it not he who sits at the table? Yet I am among you as the One who serves." (Luke 22:27)

The words "we exist to serve" are words we've heard many times before—in sermons, discussions, individual conversations, etc.; and they're words we'll no doubt hear again. In home life, at work, and in our marriages... in every interaction we have with children we raise or teach... in every conversation we have with a teen, young adult, or revered oldster... in every encounter we have with another human being... one of the central questions we can ask ourselves is, "How can I be of use to this person, serve this person, or demonstrate love to this person, right here in the present moment?" (See Mark 12:30-31.)

The same is true of any organization, including the Glenview New Church and School—we exist to serve. Just as any one of us grows to discover what we're best equipped to do in life, we have an ongoing opportunity as a church group and school—as a *collective individual*—to gain a clearer and clearer sense of why the Lord has planted us here in the Glenview area.

What is that use? As we look around and experience the goodness of the people in our congregation... the individual and collective talents and abilities that we possess... the unique things we care about and support... why do we think it is that the Lord placed us here—in this corner of the world?

In asking this question, I don't mean, "What do we think our use is *supposed* to be?"—because of some particular teaching in the Word, or because of some particular book of our theology, or because of some favorite doctrine that we hold dear. I'm not searching for a lovely-sounding, "right" answer. As ever, I'm curious to know what *you yourself* believe – in your heart of hearts – about this particular group of people in this particular location. I wonder what it is that we uniquely have to offer, and what you personally think are one or two of the greatest strengths we have for serving people as a congregation in Glenview and the surrounding area.

It seems clear and obvious that the Lord has put each one of us here for many individual uses, and that he's put all of us here together for some good, wholesome, collective ones as well. Let's keep looking for opportu-

Church Calendar

March

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| 2 | SUN | 10:00 | Worship Service—Auditorium |
| | | 4:00 | Benefit Concert |
| 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 |
| 8 | SAT | 8:30 | Positive Changes Morning Retreat |
| 9 | SUN | 10:00 | Worship Service—Sanctuary |
| | | 2:00 | BCGC/Youth Group Wolves Game |
| 12 | WED | 10:30 | Arcana Class |
| | | | Boys Club/Girls Club |
| 13 | THURS | 7:00 | Board of Trustees |
| 15 | SAT | 7:00 | Trivia Night |
| 16 | SUN | 10:00 | Worship Service—Auditorium |
| | | 11:15 | Town Hall Meeting |
| 18 | TUE | 7:00 | MANC Board Meeting |
| 19 | WED | 10:30 | Arcana Class |
| | | 7:00 | Boys Club/Girls Club |
| 23 | SUN | 10:00 | Worship Service—Sanctuary |
| 30 | SUN | 10:00 | Worship Service—Auditorium |
| | | 6:00 | Youth Group |
| 31 | MON | 7:00 | Choir Rehearsal |

nities the Lord offers us – individually and collectively – and let's keep reaching to serve.

Happy March, everyone.

Affectionately,
Mark

General Announcements

Elizabeth Pitcairn Performance—March 2

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.

Women Unwind—March 3

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

Positive Changes Morning Retreat—March 8

Just a quick shout out about a workshop for making and sustaining positive changes in your life. It will be a half-day retreat on Saturday, March 8 at 8:30am in the Auditorium. It will feature the New Church's timeless "Steps of Repentance" as a spiritual discipline. If you've ever had a significant life change or improvement that you've wanted or needed to make, and you need the Lord's help in doing so, then this retreat is for you. Or, if you'd simply like to discover an effective program for making *any* positive change that you want or need to make, then this workshop can help. By the end of the workshop, you will have gone through the entire process – privately, between you and the Lord – for one particular change that you'd like to make.

For those of you who did the workshop in 2008 or 2015, this will be a good, half-day refresher. Others of you who haven't experienced it, I hope you will come. I have found this NC process to be the most powerful force for positive change that I've personally experienced. Why is this so? I think it's because the Lord created it.

Anyway, if you're interested, just let me know, and I'll prepare materials for you. If you have any questions, feel free to reach back at any time. I hope to see you on Saturday, March 8 at 8:30am. (Mark Pendleton)

Trivia Night 2025— March 15

Trivia Night is back!!! It's happening on Saturday, March 15 – see attached flyer! 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 but don't have a team, please contact Mark Pendleton or Elmo Acton (Mark: 847-274-8939; markp@glenviewnewchurch.org; Elmo 267-625-7913; elmoa@glenviewnewchurch.org).

Town Hall Meeting—March 16

There will be a town hall meeting for GNC and MANC on Sunday, March 16 at 11:15am (in advance of this year's annual meeting) to discuss the "Relationship Statement" and "Service Agreement" which were introduced at the semi-annual meeting in October. The meeting will be a hybrid one – in-person (at the church) and online. Please see your email (title: "Town Hall Meeting") for full details and a link for the meeting. If you have any questions, just let me know. I hope to see you there. (Mark Pendleton)

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 clipboard. 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-gnicsunday> Thank you in advance! (Martha Heilman, Volunteer Coordinator 847-302-7619)

Come and Sing With Us For Easter!

Come raise your voices and sing with us for the Easter choir! No matter what your experience level, we would love to have you with us. We will be performing at the Easter morning service at 10am on Apr 20. Rehearsals are on Monday evenings from 7-8:30pm on March 31, April 7 & 14, and on Saturday, April 19 at 1pm. To join us please contact Bonny Lundin-Scheer at 847-452-0670 or bonnys@glenviewnewchurch.org.



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GNCS Annual Easter Egg Hunt—April 19

Save the date for GNCS's Annual Easter Egg Hunt - Saturday, April 19th, 9am & 10:30am. Tickets will go on sale in early March. We will need lots of volunteers to pull the hunt off again this year. Please consider volunteering - smiles and joy guaranteed! Here is the link to [sign up to volunteer](#).

We also are accepting fun-size candy donations. These donations off-set the cost of candy and greatly help the school keep its event costs down. Donations can be dropped off at the school's front office until Friday, April 4th.

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.

Opening Night Baseball Outing—May 9

Join a Glenview New Church group and get FREE jersey and baseball cap!! Friday, May 9 season opener at 6:30pm for the Chicago Dogs Baseball. Only \$20 for adults! Call or text Wade Smith for details or to reserve a spot! (847) 323-2004.

Park Patter...

Get ready to follow the bouncing ball because this next item requires complete focus (and probably a lot of Who? Or Where? Or What? You will know why.)

Susie Lee flew to Wilmington, DE to visit her sisters Dorothy (Lee) Wagner and Lorna (Lee) Rosenberg. Meanwhile, cousin Kelly (Doering) Asplundh made a plan: the Lee ladies would drive to Bryn Athyn and join Hayley (Synnestvedt) Gunther, Paige (Bostock) Cronlund, Darcy (Bostock) Ayers, Mara (Bostock) White and Lottie Gurney (Marjie's daughter-in-law) as a happy and welcome addition (but not a cousin). They would all get on Kelly's husband Ric's plane and fly out to Oak Arbor, MI to visit their Aunt Marjie AND complete the Circle of Cousins by adding Kristin (Gurney) Pitcairn and Wendy (Gurney) Wyncoll who were already in residence in Oak Arbor! That's how all the female first cousins in the Ralph and Katherine Synnestvedt family got to visit their Aunt Marjie Gurney. The why is because Marjie had lung cancer. She passed away just a

few days after the cousins had made their visit, but she had been able to enjoy their visit.

Sammy Vences was the smartest traveler. He took Connie and went on a cruise to Mexico where there wasn't any freezing, flooding, or fires—just a nice, relaxing vacation.

Cameron Synnestvedt, on the other hand, spent a watery, cold week in the Great Skokie Water Main Flood, but his surroundings weren't very splashy. He left in an Uber with only one headlight and his mom, Barb's garage door stuck in the open position.

Amanda Tozer and her friend, Heather Leeper drove straight through to Bryn Athyn just a bit behind the big snowstorm that whacked the east. They were driven by their desire to arrive in time to celebrate Amanda's classmate Leah Acton Smith's special birthday. And celebrate they did! It was really a class reunion, just like the old days!

How about some humor...

The fitness trainer asked me, "What kind of squat are you accustomed to doing?"

I said, "Diddly."

I've found marriage to be very educational. For example, I had no idea there was a wrong way to put milk in the fridge.

The older I get, the tighter the companies are putting the lids on jars.

The best murder weapon would be a Tupperware lid because no one would ever find it.

One big difference between men and women is if a woman says, "Smell this," it would be nice.

Here is the prize winner of all:

Laura Barger took her dad to a nerve specialist to find a cause for pain and numbness in his forearms and hands.

The inevitable paperwork question asked "Are you right or left-handed?" Answer: left-handed. Next question: "How long have you had this problem?" Although she was sorely tempted to answer "since birth" she did the right thing and wrote the number of months. Her fitting thought to herself "Ah, missed opportunities!"



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