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**PARK NEWS**

NEWSLETTER OF THE GLENVIEW NEW CHURCH

**April 2025**

**Pastoral Message**

**"Lost and Found" "Physical Memory" Night Follow Up**

Under the title "Human Philosophy consists only of terminology" in Emanuel Swedenborg's personal spiritual diary (Spiritual Experiences 2263), he asserts that the discourse around the "Philosophy of the world" is harmful "trivia" that puts "out... true light". The useless prattling of worldly humans, compared to the spiritual conversation of angels, is highlighted throughout his theological writings. In *Secrets of Heaven* 1639, Swedenborg puts forward that higher and heavenly thinking comes from our "inner memory" and some of the lowest thinking comes from "trivia belonging to the material world" or "physical memory". In other words, don't obsess or debate endlessly over trivial worldly information that will be of no importance in the next world.

Here is one question from each round of our trivia night event and two new questions (so everyone can use their "physical memory").

From our "Lost" round:

The 1st mission of this named craft was *lost*, killing crew members Gus Grissom, Ed White, and Roger B. Chaffee. There would be 16 more missions. (Name the craft)

From our "Found" round:

In 1755, what was the northern "fool", concerned too much with his looks and clothes, *found* riding into town on? Probably, *past* a bunch of people. (Name what he was riding)

From our "Lost and Found" round:

This TV star *lost* that loving feeling on *The Love Boat* many times, but he had *happier days* playing this character who was obsessed with girls and joking around. This character's last episode *found* him leaving to become an optometrist. (Name the character)

From our "Found and Lost" round:

What triathlon race *founded* in 1978 consists of a 2.4-mile swim, a 112-mile bicycle ride, and a marathon 26.22-mile run completed in that order, a total of 140.6 miles? %10-5of people never finish the race. Since 1986, over 170 people have *lost* their lives during this race. (Name the triathlon race)

New One:

What Hollywood icon, is known for her roles in films like "The Postman Always Rings Twice" (1946), "Imitation of Life" (1959), and "Peyton Place" (1957)? She married 7 times. Her fiery relationship with mob-

**Church Calendar**

**April**

- 2 WED 10:30 Arcana Class  
7:00 Boys Club/Girls Club  
7:00 Pastor's Council
- 6 SUN 7:30 BCGC Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser  
10:00 Worship Service—Sanctuary
- 7 MON 5:00 Women Unwind  
7:00 Choir Rehearsal
- 8 TUE 7:00 Park Dwellings
- 9 WED 10:30 Arcana Class  
4:00 GNCS Chipotle Dine-out Fundraiser  
7:00 Boys Club/Girls Club
- 10 THURS 7:00 Board of Trustees
- 13 SUN 10:00 Palm Sunday Festival Service  
6:00 Youth Group
- 14 MON 7:00 Choir Rehearsal
- 15 TUE 7:00 MANC Board Meeting
- 16 WED 10:30 Arcana Class  
7:00 Boys Club/Girls Club
- 18 FRI 7:30 Good Friday Holy Supper Service
- 19 SAT  
1:00 Choir Rehearsal
- 20 SUN 10:00 Easter Family Festival Service
- 23 WED 10:30 Arcana Class  
7:00 Town Hall Meeting  
7:00 Boys Club/Girls Club
- 26 SAT 8:00 Rebuilding Together
- 27 SUN 10:00 Worship Service—Sanctuary  
Women's Tea  
6:00 Youth Group
- 30 WED 10:30 Arcana Class  
7:00 Boys Club/Girls Club

ster Johnny Stompanato ended with his death at the hands of her teenage daughter. (Name the icon)

New One:

What is Iron Pyrite (FeS<sub>2</sub>), one of the most common sulfide minerals in the Earth's crust, better known as? (Give the common name for this metal)

Can you decipher a hidden connection to all these questions?

The lives of people who concern themselves too much with trivial things is *no joking* matter... they must be separated from angels in the other world:

The reason why they had been separated was that they might have come to the conclusion that the hells which concern themselves with external things could

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flow into the heavens which concern themselves with internal ones. They might also have concluded that life did not flow in from the Lord, when in fact He is the source of all inflowing life, because He exists at the inmost point and in relation to Him everything else is external. - *Secrets of Heaven* 6322

As long as you care about internal things more than external things, and understand that the Lord is the most internal thing (making everything else look external), it is okay for you to play trivia games. Otherwise, you might go to hell.

## Pancake Breakfast—April 6

Enjoy a delicious breakfast while supporting the Boys Club and Girls Club. See attachment for more details.

## Women Unwind—April 7

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

## Volunteers Needed

We are offering refreshments following the 10am service, as volunteers are available. The usher schedule is also open. Any one 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)

## 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 April 20. Rehearsals are on Monday evenings from 7-8:30pm on 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](mailto:bonnys@glenviewnewchurch.org).

## Easter Chancel Assistants

We are looking for a few young people willing to serve as Chancel Assistants helping the ministers receive the flower offerings at our Easter Festival Service. Please let me know if your young person might be willing to help. Martha Heilman, Volunteer Coordinator 847-302-7619  
[marthah@glenviewnewchurch.org](mailto:marthah@glenviewnewchurch.org)

## Easter Offertory Match

Again this year we are fortunate to have donors who've stepped up to provide an Easter offertory match. Your

contributions will be doubled with this program. Please think about what you can give over and above your regular donations to help us wind up the fiscal year in a strong position. You can give in three ways: basket donations on Easter; via check (marked for Easter offertory) and mailed to Treasurer, Glenview New Church, 74 Park Drive, Glenview, IL 60025); or online by visiting <https://glenviewnewchurch.org/about/donate/>, clicking on Online Giving and following the prompts, then letting Keith Parker know at [glenviewntreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:glenviewntreasurer@gmail.com). Don't miss this opportunity!

## Palm Sunday—April 13

The Palm Sunday Service will take place on Sunday, April 13 at 10am in the Auditorium. The festival service will include a palm procession.

## Good Friday—Friday, April 18

The Good Friday Holy Supper service will take at 7:30pm on Friday, April 18 in the sanctuary.

## 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](#).

## Easter Sunday—April 20

There will be one service on Easter Sunday taking place at 10am in the Auditorium. The festival service will include a flower procession

## Town Hall Meeting—April 23

Please save the date for a town hall meeting, Wednesday, April 23 at 7pm in the Auditorium. The purpose is not yet fully determined, but it will be to engage in points of discussion that are useful or important to the church's annual meeting in May. (Stay tuned for details.) This approach has served us well in past years, allowing the business parts of the annual meeting to happen smoothly and efficiently.

## Rebuilding Together—April 26

Please save the date. Our church has once again been asked to help improve the property of a needy family through Rebuilding Together. Saturday, April 26th at 8am in Skokie we'll welcome volunteers of ALL abilities to spruce up the exterior of some kind folks' home. We need your help and hope you'll join us. To volunteer or with any questions, please reach out to Owen Smith 630-327-1966, [owen@abbey-paving.com](mailto:owen@abbey-paving.com)

## Women's Tea—April 27

Save the date! More details to follow.



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## Save the Date: GNCS Play—May 1 & 2

The GNCS 3rd-6th graders present “Lost in the Woods” by Stephen Murray on Thursday, May 1 at 1:30pm and on Friday, May 2 at 5:30pm in the Pendleton Hall gym.

## 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.

## Annual Meeting—Sunday, May 18

The Joint Annual Meeting of the Immanuel Church of the New Jerusalem (Glenview New Church) and the Midwestern Academy of the New Church will take place at 11:15am on Sunday, May 18, 2025, following our regular worship service. Among other things, we will be acting on the proposed budgets of both organizations, and electing new members to the Boards. Feel free to contact me with any questions. (Mark Pendleton)

## GNC/MANC 2025-2026 Pledge Packet

We are converting to an emailed contributions pledge packet this spring. This will save significant money and accommodate the retirement of our printer. Please watch for it in your inbox in the next few weeks. You will be able to return your pledge form via email or print it out and send it to the church or simply email [glenviewntreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:glenviewntreasurer@gmail.com) with your commitment. If necessary, you may call (847-724-0057) or email [judy@glennviewnewchurch.org](mailto:judy@glennviewnewchurch.org) to request a printed version. Thank you for your support!

## “Lost and Found” Trivia Night Wrap Up

We found our lost Trivia Night last month! The fundraiser was a great success. We made over \$7700 for the church and school! It was great fun to see everyone visiting and sharing community together.

For those of you who weren't there (or for those who want to reminisce about the night), I will give you a quick rundown of how the evening went. We had about 84 “players” at the tables. Almost everyone came with a theme and lots of good food to share. I'm announcing here... the best-dressed table for the evening goes to “The Speakeasies” - they were the cat's pajamas while putting back some giggle juice in their snazzy 20's garb. “The Afterparty” was taking no walk of shame with their look - disheveled and battered as they were, they still ended up winning the night by one point! That meant the prized Trivia Trophy that Mike Kruger's team has possessed for the last decade, stayed in the family with Beth Kruger at that table. “The Good, the Bad, and the Beautiful” were looking mighty toot'n drinking their Sarsaparilla. I reckon, they's was ready for a hoedown. Team “Les Quizerables” dressed Napoleonic and Owen Smith (of that table) won Max Tozer as a “manservant” for the evening through the silent auction (they tied for 3rd). “The Raiders of the Lost Park” decorated their table with little houses from around the park and came

looking ready to get their hands on the Holy Grail! Some of the Pitiful Pirates came with patches and sabers, ready to walk the plank (aargh! They tied for 3rd also). “The Lucky Leprechauns” brought a lot of lucky charm with them wearing well timed green for St Patty's Day. “The Picklers” were ready for playing Pickle Ball, getting pickled, and trivia, coming in second place. “Cole Hard Facts”, “Lost and Found” and “The Secular Squad” all did great, the last would have been tied for 1st if they had found all their child's lost clothing (ask someone who was there).

There were new games and ways to win this year that each team discovered in their own way. Each round's answers shared a special connection that would give you extra points if you could decipher it. We had silent auction “surprises” after each round, the most enjoyed was Magic by Brielle - a magician and mentalist that wowed us all (won by Kirk Reuter). Other surprises were Penny Rose Massage (won by Brannon Smith), Imperial Nail & Spa, and cocktails made by Jolly Edmonds (both won by Erik Synnstedt). Kara Smith picked one of the two “mystery eggs” (the egg actually had a live spider in it, somehow?!) and won a \$50 gift card.

Thank you to all our volunteers for the evening: Erika (volunteer coordinator) and Bruce Horigan, Jill Brickman, Jenny Edmonds, Wade Smith, and a special thanks to Brent Smith who donated the beverages and managed the drinks. Our thanks goes out to all those who donated more than 20 fabulous gifts for us to raffle off! Gifts that we speculated to have a retail value of around \$3500! Ask people who went about the great raffle prizes, who donated them, and who won what. I would also like to thank our cash donors who made so much of the added entertainment possible - our friends Erika and Bruce Horigan from Horigan Tree Care and Jim Seckelmann from The Mulch Center.

It was a great night. We hope you all enjoyed it thoroughly, See you next year!

(Rev. Elmo K. Acton, Rev. Mark Pendleton)

## Thank You!

I'd like to offer thanks to the people in our church and school communities who attended, donated money, and/or helped to put on the benefit concert for Luzerne Music Center on Sunday, March 2nd. The first half of the program featured Chicagoland area student musicians, one of whom was Elmo and Abbie Acton's son, Mo, who performed on marimba, in collaboration with his marimba teacher, and two other accomplished violin students of Bonny Scheer's. In the second half, Elizabeth Pitcairn was the main attraction, with our own talented Bonny Scheer joining her for one piece. They performed in collaboration with Dr. Andrea Schneider on the brand new Steinway “Boston” grand piano, generously donated to The Glenview New Church by Elizabeth. I was very proud of the auditorium space we were able to provide for Elizabeth's performance on the Red Stradivarius Violin, with its lovely acoustics and the beauty of nature as a backdrop, as well the



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nice, comfortable Assembly Hall space for the reception after the concert. Over 130 people attended, and almost \$3,300 was raised in donations, which will go towards scholarships for student musicians to attend Luzerne Music Camp in the Adirondacks of New York. Attending this camp is the opportunity of a lifetime for aspiring young classical musicians. If you have a desire to find out more about the camp, you can visit their website at <https://www.luzernemusic.org/summer-camp>. (Roxanne Junge, Event Coordinator)

### Sunshine Soup

The freezer has been re-stocked with one of our most popular soups - Minestrone! Please come pick some up and distribute it to friends and acquaintances in need, or to celebrate an accomplishment you happen to know about! Our motto: Building Community. No strings attached. We all need it!

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## Park Patter...

### It's nice to have roving reporters...

Reuter roamings—Bruce and Valerie Reuter headed west in February to visit family and so some sightseeing. First morning in Council Bluffs, IA they woke to an actual air temperature of -14 degrees! After that bitter cold start, they were warmer in Colorado and even more so in New Mexico and Arizona. Highlights were some drives along less-traveled roads through wide-

open spaces and switchbacks in mountains, as well as routes along railroad tracks and through Ponderosa pine forests. They visited Canyon de Chelly and Hubbell Trading Post and Montezuma Castle, a small museum in Deming, NM. And after 4100 miles, they returned to temperatures in the 70s (and then it snowed in Chicago!)

Marilyn Wille had a very merry day when sisters Gwen Asplundh and Judy Hyatt, sons Kurt Wille and John Wille flew in from Bryn Athyn, PA to visit her. Son Craig Wille drove down from Wisconsin and nephew Larry Brannon came from Virginia. Also included in this family group were locals Roxanne Junge and Brad Boehm and Bruce and Valerie Reuter. And a good time was had by all!

### They're back!

Our owls are back but they have moved to a new residence two trees over. (The old one finally fell down.) The usual observers have been coming and rumor has it that the birds might be subjects of a documentary film.

Due to an unsightly eyeball, items for the Park Patter will appear in the next issue.

### One timely jest...

Blessed are those who arrange diverse elements into masterful works of fiction, for they be called Certified Public Accountants.