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## PARK NEWS

NEWSLETTER OF THE GLENVIEW NEW CHURCH

### Pastoral Message

#### Satisfy Your Mouth With Good Things

Very active vacations highlight the importance of food (and good food at that) for the human body. Napoleon Bonaparte is attributed with the saying, "An army marches on its stomach", and let me tell you, families march on their stomachs, too! Kids won't remember much about the medieval castle they are visiting if they are thinking about food the whole time (you won't remember much either, if they don't stop whining about when lunch is). I can't imagine how anyone could train an army while they are starving - it would be a herculean feat. I have to give it up to Baron Von Steuben, who, under George Washington, trained the Continental Army at Valley Forge over a winter, while they were eating their leather shoes for lack of food. I could have used Baron Von Steuben while our family was trekking through Europe! (Don't worry, we weren't eating our shoes... however, we did all eat snails, which have the same taste and mouth feel as shoe leather!)

Why did the Lord make food such a critical part of a person's life? There are other essential things most of us receive without putting much thought into it: oxygen, a functioning nervous system and circulatory system, water, and a drive for survival. Most of us need shelter - people think about that to varying degrees. But food! Food is something we all think about a lot, whether it is casually or intently. I know people who seem to take food for granted and often play down the importance and enjoyment of it (like myself, at times). I bet for every person who acts like food is an afterthought, there are four or more people who value it highly, talk about it all the time, and spend the majority of their time thinking about it and/or preparing it. Think about how many restaurants are within a 5-mile radius of where you live. Then think about how many grocery stores, specialty food stores, ice cream shops, convenience stores, and refrigerators full of food are near you. Food is everywhere. Countries, companies, cities, and towns run better or worse depending on how they can get food to people. And food comes to us in different ways - some aisles in grocery stores are filled with food that is packaged just nicely enough to satisfy the feeding masses - like cattle coming to their feeding troughs, happily eating their usual slop. While other shelves are filled with exotic delicacies, rich foods, and special ingredients that are best served by someone with the proper culinary skills to do so, and the money reserves to go with them. The Lord made food critical and varied, because He wants us to enjoy it in our own specific (or not so specific) ways. Just like the Lord created goodness, truth, and

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## Church Calendar

### September

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|-----|---------|-------|-------------------------------|
| 1   | MON     | 12:00 | Labor Day picnic at Park Lake |
| 2   | TUE     | 7:00  | Park Dwellings Meeting        |
| 3   | WED     | 10:30 | Arcana Class                  |
|     |         | 7:00  | Boys Club/Girls Club          |
| 5-7 | FRI-SUN |       | Men's Weekend                 |
| 7   | SUN     | 10:00 | Worship Service—Sanctuary     |
|     |         | 6:00  | Youth Group                   |
| 8   | MON     | 5:00  | Women Unwind (100 Park Drive) |
| 10  | WED     | 10:30 | Arcana Class                  |
|     |         | 7:00  | Boys Club/Girls Club          |
| 11  | THURS   | 7:00  | Board of Trustees Meeting     |
| 13  | SAT     | 10:10 | Golf Outing                   |
| 14  | SUN     | 10:00 | Worship Service—Auditorium    |
| 16  | TUE     | 7:00  | MANC Board Meeting            |
| 17  | WED     | 10:30 | Arcana Class                  |
|     |         | 7:00  | Boys Club/Girls Club          |
| 20  | SAT     | 6:00  | Congregational BBQ            |
| 21  | SUN     | 10:00 | Worship Service—Sanctuary     |
|     |         | 6:00  | Youth Group                   |
| 24  | WED     | 10:30 | Arcana Class                  |
| 28  | SUN     | 10:00 | Worship Service—Auditorium    |

heaven for us to enjoy in our varying ways, so He created food.

However, the wiser question isn't actually, "Why did the Lord make food such a critical part of a person's life?" But "Why is food such a critical part of a person's life?" For it is not that the Lord created food to be important, but that food is the correspondential embodiment of what God created to be important - *spiritual nourishment* is the true end, food is one cause of that, and (hopefully) our understanding of our dependency on, and gratefulness for, the Lord, is the intended effect. Food is food because goodness and truth from God exist, because God exists.

If all is created from God and therefore is God, consider what these words mean if God is more essentially spiritual than natural:

And God said, Behold, I give to you every herb seeding seed which is on the faces of all the earth, and every tree in which is fruit; the tree seeding seed, to you it shall be for food; and to every wild animal of the land, and to every fowl of the heavens, and to everything that creeps on the earth in which is a living soul, every green herb shall be for food; and it was so. - Genesis 1:29-20

# General Announcements

These words are about spiritual nourishment, responsibility, and acknowledgement of our role in what the Lord God gives us. The Lord God offers us Himself in any manner in which He can reach us - even if it is in the form of earthly food. The Lord God is accommodating to our natural state as physical humans. In John, He states this fact more clearly:

And Jesus said to them, I am the Bread of Life; he who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who believes in Me shall never thirst. - John 6:35

We can take from this that food's essentialness is directly related to God's essentialness to us. In *Secrets of Heaven* 2165 (and other places), it tells us that bread means all food. All food is life from the Lord. (This is good news for those of us who are gluten-free - wheat bread isn't the only way to receive life from the Lord.) Further, from the Heavenly Doctrines:

Since wisdom perfects angels and makes their life, and since heaven with its blessings flows into individuals according to their wisdom, all the people there long for it and seek it, much the way a hungry person seeks food. In fact, information, intelligence, and wisdom are spiritual nourishment, the way food is natural nourishment. They correspond to each other. - *Heaven and Hell* 274

Our physical hunger is a constant reminder of our dependence on the Lord's love and truth, which truly sustain us. Food is there to echo our hunger for the greater food that God gives us. Food is there to remind us of how delicious the Lord's Love and Wisdom are to us - these are the things that will truly sustain us and help us grow. Without the Lord's life, we could do nothing.

Can you use the knowledge that good and useful food on earth is a physical representation of the spiritual food the Lord wishes for you to receive to be evermore thankful to Him? Will you hunger for loving your neighbor as much as you hunger for a big scoop of vanilla, chocolate, and caramel ice cream? Will you work to make your meals as tasty as your knowledge of the Lord's Word? Let this information from the Word work to give your meals the extra seasoning they need for the fall harvest to come. If nothing else, may you be reminded of the importance of giving a blessing or saying grace before meals.

Bless the Lord, O my soul; and all that is within me,  
bless His holy name!

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits:

Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases, Who redeems your life from destruction, Who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies, Who satisfies your mouth with good things, so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

- Psalm 103:1-5

## ***Secrets of Heaven 4459***

A person who is interested in merely external pleasures takes care of his or her own skin, gratifies his or her stomach, likes to live sumptuously, and finds that the choicest food and drink yield them the highest pleasure. A person, however, who is interested in internal things also takes delight in those same pleasures, but their governing affection is to nourish the body with pleasurable foods so that it may be healthy, the end in view being a healthy mind in a healthy body. The person's primary concern is health of mind, for which health of the body serves as a means. One who is a spiritual person does not stop there but regards health of mind or of the soul as the means provided to acquire intelligence and wisdom, not for the sake of reputation, position, or gain, but for the sake of the life after death. And one who is spiritual in a more interior degree regards intelligence and wisdom as a mediate end enabling them to serve as a useful member in the Lord's kingdom; while one who is celestial regards the same as that which enables them to serve the Lord. To them bodily food is a means to the enjoyment of spiritual food; and spiritual food is a means to the enjoyment of celestial food.

Rev. Elmo K. Acton

## **Labor Day Picnic—Monday, September 1**

Please accept our invitation to the annual Labor Day potluck picnic at the Park lake. We will be grilling meats and you all can bring the sides. Starts at 12pm this Monday, Labor Day. Hope to see you all there. Please invite your neighbors who don't receive this post. The more the merrier. (Kevin and Monika Smith)

## **Men's Weekend—September 5-7**

Our annual Men's Weekend will take place at Deep Lake, Wisconsin September 5-7. This year the Rt. Rev. David Lindrooth will lead the two discussions on Saturday morning. His topic will be "The Boy Crisis in America." Our pastoral team from Glenview will backfill with worship and vesper services. Please RSVP to Brannon Smith, 847-529-3700 or [brannonkara@hotmail.com](mailto:brannonkara@hotmail.com); 2719 Park Lane, Glenview IL, 60025. It helps our cash flow if you can send a check in advance for \$75 to cover the cost of food and other expenses for the weekend. Beer, wine, and soft drinks will be



available at cost. When you register, let Brannon know whether you're planning to drive or are hoping for a ride.

### Women Unwind—September 8

Our once-a-month get-together will take place on Monday, September 8 (due to the Labor Day holiday) 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

### Golf Outing—September 13

It's that time of year! This year's outing will take place on Saturday morning, September 13. Once again, we'll be playing at the Glenview Park District Golf Course on Shermer Road just down from the church. Tee times will start at 10:10am. As always, we'll have participants of all types - beginners and pros (almost), men and women, young and old. The \$130/pp fee includes 18 holes of golf, an electric golf cart, a gourmet (sandwich and a pop) lunch, and a donation to the Glenview New Church. For more information, call or email Owen Smith (630-327-1966, [owen@abbeyco.inc](mailto:owen@abbeyco.inc)). This is always a lot of fun. Please join us!

### Open House/BBQ—September 20

You are warmly invited by the pastoral team and their wives to an open house/BBQ to celebrate the start of a new church and school year. It's happening at the main manse (73 Park Drive) on Saturday evening, September 20, starting at 6pm. Children are invited! We will provide a base of burgers and dogs on the grill, plus non-alcoholic drinks and some wine and beer. If others can bring a main course, side dish, soup, salad, or dessert, that would be great! If you have a *favorite* alcoholic beverage beyond beer & wine, feel free to BYO.

RSVPs (affirmative only) would be helpful so we know how many to prepare for. We hope you can come. (Mark & Ellen; Elmo & Abbie)

### GNCS at Blocktoberfest—September 27

GNCS will have a booth at Blocktoberfest once again this year! The event is on Saturday, September 27th from 11am -4pm. Stop in and say hello! If you have any friends, family or neighbors who are interested in a school - this is a great time for them to gather information. Don't forget that you will get a referral bonus if they enroll with GNCS! We have one school family already who will receive a referral bonus this year! See you at the Fest!

### GNCS Scarecrow Walk—October 3

Come enjoy the fall feels at this year's Scarecrow Walk on Friday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> from 4-6pm. Bonus for church and school families - there will be a preview from 3-4pm for you. 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 a humongous, 300 lb. pumpkin carved right before our eyes for all to enjoy. The scarecrows will remain

up through October 31<sup>st</sup> so people can take a walk on our beautiful campus and celebrate the season.

### Sunday Morning 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 a text/email. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/30e0545a5ae2fa7fc1-gncsunday> Thank you in advance! Martha Heilman, Volunteer Coordinator, [marthah@glenviewnewchurch.org](mailto:marthah@glenviewnewchurch.org), 847-302-7619

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## Park Patter...

**Some of this news is old enough to have been written on papyrus!**

A herd of pavers (four or five) was lined up on Park Drive. Keep walking around the curve past Jason and Kendra Paraskevopoulos's new house (formerly the Marian Fiske home), and you are now in front of the phenomenal redo of the Dr. Farrington house. Go on around the curve on Park Lane and what, ho! Three more blacktopping trucks are installing an "eyebrow" driveway in front of the former Kitzelman edifice. Several workmen were going in and out and up and down, and around about, causing Jennifer Overeem to squeeze her car over onto the sidewalk on the opposite side of the street. She said she was getting used to it since this was the second day in a row she'd had to do it. She then fled the scene because Brannon Smith was coming in from Shermer Road in a Horticultural Services truck heading straight west past the eyebrow and all! All of this geography has been for the benefit of those readers who have not been in the Park lately.

And if that wasn't enough, Shermer Road from Lake Avenue to Golf Road has undergone sidewalk and curb repairs to prepare for the resurfacing of the road, one layer already in place...just as the new school year was under way. The Shermer work is to be completed by October, and just this week, similar improvements have begun on Glenview Road from Shermer Road west to Milwaukee Avenue. Talk about going nowhere fast!

#### Westward Ho!

For the second time this year, Bruce and Valerie Reuter took off for the west. They drove to Longmont, CO, in late May to attend granddaughter Keira Reuter's high school graduation. (Good thing they went then and not now, weatherwise!)

#### The Hills Were Alive With the Sound of...

...talk, laughter, cooking, eating, and even some snoring from several groups gathering in Linden Hills in late June and early July. Aixa Chen—now known as "Wrong Way Chen"—you have to be older to know who "Wrong Way Corrigan" was, but Google the name and you will see the



connection. Aixa arrived first and proceeded to take an out-road in and an in-road out while hunting for a parking space and also scaring the waddin' out of some of the locals who met up with her. Fortunately, the second car of their cavalcade arrived bearing Penny Rose and Ellen Pendleton, who knew where to go, since Tamyala Grabill and Sarah Berto, who were with Aixa had never been to the Hills before. The moral of this story is: never leave home without a native guide!

Immediately after the Aixa group left, SusIE LEE and the LEE family from old GV (think of the LEE sound song from "1776") kept the Hills alive with their cacophonY. SusIE gathered her family: DoroThY (LEE) Hyatt and Lorna (LEE) and husband Ken Rosenberg, Diccon LEE, Linda (Wolfe) LEE, and all arrived fairly safely—just a missed turn or two made it scary for Linda, but she recovered nicely. Laura Barger is a cousin of the LEEs through the Burnham side (which doesn't have a lot of EE sounds), but Laura left early for GV. All of these were the first family of GV to reunite recently!

#### **Antiques Road Show Hits the Park**

The house at 100 Park Drive was the source of many antiques, especially in the basement. So the Cole-Day extended family gathered there together for a family "reunion". Since Bob and Karen (Day) Stoeller now reside in the house, and Donna (Day) Curcio lives just across the Park, and Judy (Curcio) and Larry Recht live just around the curve of Park Drive, what could be better? (Gayle Curcio of Wheeling was also there, as were John and Ann Curcio, who gave up their volunteer firefighting in California to join in the family fun!)

The family that "antiques" together finds many memories and fun, and surprises—especially in the basement! The space is divided into several rooms — one for the coal bin (remember furnaces?), another for the "laundry" before the days of modern washers and dryers were non-existent—you had to hang wet stuff somewhere on rainy days and in the winter. But best of all was the home canning space—it was filled with lots of glass Mason jars of "interesting" stuff. The historians (Donna and Karen) decided that their grandmother had canned lots of produce from their Victory Garden during World War II. A resounding "NO!" vote was given following an offer to create a dish for dinner from the contents of the jars, which, by the way, were no doubt valuable antiques. The whole event was a fine family event and a very profitable one—just ask the dumpster purveyors!

#### **McClarren Family Travels Hither and Yon**

Amy (McClarren) Bonczkowski drove to Colorado to celebrate her granddaughter Ana's 5th birthday. As a grandmother, Amy threw Ana a monster-themed party at the park. Then Amy also helped her daughter Danielle and her family move to a new home in North Carolina.

Then Gordon McClarren and his cat, Lily, spent two weeks in Hazelhurst with Robin, Erik, Amy, Danielle, and his great-granddaughter, Ana. The McClarren family and several of

their friends enjoyed the beautiful weather, swimming, boating, and yummy meals together.

#### **Oh, Baby, Baby, Baby, Baby...**

Many families have been blessed by bundles of joy recently. On June 30, Clyde Lawrence Overeem was born to Andrew and Jordan (Synnestvedt) Overeem, a third grandson for Matt and Jennifer Overeem and a first grandchild for Erik and Lisa (Bostock) Synnestvedt. Not to be outdone, Larry and Judy (Curcio) Recht became first-time grandparents when Eli Aiden Recht arrived on his due date, July 2. Proud grandmother Pam Olson reports that Callahan Edward Olson enlarged her gaggle of grandkids when he was born on August 1 to Curt and Mara Olson in Edina, MN. Sydney Elizabeth Cooper made her debut in California on August 8. Proud parents are Adam and Gemma (Berto) Cooper. This is also the first grandchild for Claudio and Sarah Berto. Lots of spoiling going on!

Congratulations to Chris and Kristin Schneider on the baptism of their son Christian Lee Schneider, which took place on July 12 in Libertyville. The Rev. Jeff Smith conducted the service.

#### **A Little Bit of Laughter...**

What do you call a bee that can't make up its mind?  
Maybe

When everything is coming your way, you're in the wrong lane.

I tried to sue the airline for losing my luggage; I lost my case.

Is it ignorance or apathy that's destroying the world today?  
I don't know and I don't care.



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