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Pastoral Message

Experimentation

Experimentation is a real thing. Some people love experimenting with things in hopes of discovering something new—a new taste sensation, a new way of exercising, a better way to prevent squirrels from getting to the bird feeder, etc. For some people, in fact, experimentation is a way of life.

Then there are people who like to experiment with things that may not be entirely good for them—they may even be harmful. Experimenting with drugs or alcohol is a good example. Other examples could include experimenting with plagiarism in college, weaving in and out of traffic at high speeds, or any dangerous, risk-taking activity or adventure.

When it comes to unhealthy life practices—which we sometimes call “evils” or “sins”—some people like to experiment with these as well. Some might even say that you “need” to experiment with certain evils and *experience* them before you can realize how truly bad, harmful, and unhealthy they are.

I don’t want to take away from an opinion like that. Maybe there really are people or personality types who learn best by experimenting with spiritually harmful behaviors, and who begin to turn away from them in response to painful consequences they experience. At the same time, though, the theology of the New Church suggests that we don’t have to actually experience a form of evil to see that it’s bad and resist it. We only need to see it as it tries to creep into our hearts and minds to recognize it for what it is, and then cut it off there.

But what I’ve said so far isn’t the point of this article. The point of this article is to do my own (fun) type of experimenting. :) You see, in the 9 ½ years that I’ve been writing articles for Park News—56 of them including this one—I haven’t heard anyone mention or comment on any of them. Not only that, but in all the time I’ve been in Glenview, I never heard anyone comment on an article that Peter Buss Jr. wrote when he was pastor, or that Jay Barry wrote during his time here, or that Mac Frazier penned during his stint in Glenview, or that Elmo has written since he arrived. Not a single comment on a single article in all of those years...isn’t that interesting?

...Not that any of us have *needed* people to talk about Park News articles! It simply makes me curious to know if anyone actually *reads* them. For example, is anyone reading *this* article right now? :) (Well...maybe my *Mom* is reading it over in Bryn Athyn, PA.) But aside from her, is anyone noticing that I didn’t cite a

Church Calendar

October

3	FRI	3:00	GNCS Scarecrow Walk
4	SAT	1:00	Women’s Book Club (110 Park Drive)
5	SUN	10:00	Worship Service—Auditorium
6	MON	5:00	Women Unwind (100 Park Drive)
7	TUE	7:00	Park Dwellings Meeting
8	WED	10:30	Arcana Class
		4:00	GNCS Dine-out Fundraiser
		7:00	Boys Club/Girls Club
9	THURS	7:00	Board of Trustees Meeting
12	SUN	10:00	Worship Service—Auditorium
		6:00	Youth Group
15	WED	10:30	Arcana Class
		7:00	Boys Club/Girls Club
19	SUN	10:00	Worship Service—Sanctuary
22	WED	10:30	Arcana Class
		7:00	Boys Club/Girls Club
25	SAT	8:00	Work Party
		5:00	Bob Coffin Memorial Service
26	SUN	10:00	Worship Service—Sanctuary
		6:00	Youth Group
29	WED	10:30	Arcana Class
		7:00	Boys Club/Girls Club
		7:00	Joint Semi-Annual Meeting
31	FRI	5:00	GNCS Halloween Supper

reference for the teaching I paraphrased above? And what does it matter whether I did or didn’t...because there may be no one *reading* it! :) Maybe the *next* article could say, “jal dje rtoa ad lkh misyer Inziud gxtr nae; hramld fmo ah crouhha; d’rmv uoru gnam; roun”...and no one would notice! :) Should I *try* it? :)

Anyway, if you haven’t already figured it out, the whole effort in this article has been to fill just enough space with just enough words to appear like a genuine article. ...Just enough to see if anyone notices. ...Did *you*? :) (There may be a prize for the first one who says yes.) :) If no one comments, Elmo and I will know! :)

Wishing all of you a happy month of experimenting. I, for one, have enjoyed it :)

With affection and fun,
Mark

General Announcements

GNCS Scarecrow Walk—October 3

Come enjoy the fall feels at this year's Scarecrow Walk on Friday, October 3rd 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 31st so people can take a walk on our beautiful campus and celebrate the season.

Book Club—October 4

Our book club for "The Serviceberry" by Robin Wall Kimmerer will take place at 110 Park Drive on October 4th (Saturday), from 1-2pm. We will have coffee and light snacks. All are welcome, even if you don't have a chance to read the book ahead of time! I will give a little overview and some highlights so everyone can participate in the discussion. Looking forward to seeing some of you there. (Eden McQueen)

Women Unwind—October 6

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

GNCS Dine-out Fundraiser—October 8

Take a night off from cooking and enjoy delicious food while supporting Glenview New Church School at our first dine-out fundraiser of the year. Join us at Culver's, 1727 Waukegan Road, Glenview from 4-8pm on Wednesday, October 8. Be sure and mention the GNCS fundraiser and 25% of sales will go to GNCS. Thanks for your support.

Memorial Service—October 25

A memorial service for Bob Coffin will be held in the church sanctuary at 5pm on Saturday, October 25, the Rev. Elmo K. Acton officiating.

Joint Semi-Annual Meeting—October 29

The Semi-Annual Meeting of the Immanuel Church of the New Jerusalem (d/b/a the Glenview New Church) will be held jointly with the Midwestern Academy of the New Church on Wednesday, October 29, 2025 at 7pm. The meeting will be a hybrid format with both in-person and online attendance options originating at the Glenview New Church Auditorium, Glenview, Illinois. (Stay tuned for further details.) The purpose of the meeting is to review the financial health of both organizations, discuss plans for the coming year, and transact other business as may come before the meeting.

GNCS Halloween Supper—October 31

Join us for the annual Halloween Supper! Dinner (hotdogs, veggie burgers, mac and cheese, carrots, chips, and apple cider) served between 5-5:40pm in the Pendleton Hall gym and followed by a small costume parade, and trick or treating around Park Drive, Park Lane and Gladish Lane. Cost is \$5/child, \$8/adult, maximum of \$22/family. Looking forward to seeing those who can make it!

2026 Church Directory

Work has begun on the 2026 church directory. If your address and/or phone number has changed, please send updated information to Judy Recht at judy@glennviewnewchurch.org.

Looking For Ushers!

We're rebuilding our usher team at the Glenview New Church. Ushers help greet, post hymn numbers, and assist during the 10am Sunday service. No experience needed - just a friendly smile! High school & up (great for service hours). Interested? Contact Martha Heilman marthah@glennviewnewchurch.org, 847-302-7619 or use this Sign-Up Genius Sunday Morning Volunteers link: [Glenview New Church: GNC Sunday Morning Volunteers - 2025/26](https://www.signupgenius.com/link/sunday-morning-volunteers-2025-26)

Condo in the Park Available

Bob Coffin's condo at 1090 Shermer Road, has been prepared for sale, and it's now ready to be shown. Please contact Eric Coffin if interested (cell 815-721-5083, or ebcoffin@gmail.com).



Park Patter...

The Wasn't Golf Tournament

So, when did Glenview get its really big September rain-storm? On the morning of September 13th, a gully-washer arrived and soaked the golf course just early enough to wipe out any hope of playing. Even if it had stopped, the course rules would have made it cart path only, and the clubs would be VERY MUDDY and so would the balls and the players...needless to say, all was cancelled and players happily donated their money—who would want to play in those conditions? (Secretly, some of us were glad we didn't have to display our golfing talents, especially if putting and retrieving balls from the water as the sum of your abilities!)

Reuter Revels

Recent visitors to the Park during the third week in September included Kay and Mark Alden, Gail, Scott and Warren Cooper, Carla and Doug Reuter, and Pete Stevens, who all came to join the Boyd Kossmann family, the Kirk Reuter family, and the Brian Stevens family as they celebrated Valerie and Bruce Reuter turning 80. As a big group and as smaller groups, they wined and dined their way through the weekend. The only downside was missing Debbie and Jason Reuter, who remained home in Colorado battling a virus.

In Memory of Miss Carla

Friday, September 26, was a beautiful, warm, sunny day, the perfect day for GNCS students, faculty, and staff to pay tribute to and remember Carla Holmes. Carla was a beloved aide at the school and passed away suddenly in 2024. A beautiful rainbow (Carla's favorite colors) bench was unveiled on the small playground. Then the students, with help from Brannon Smith, planted a black locust tree in the big playground. Students laid beautifully painted rocks around the base of the tree and then were invited to share a memory of Miss Carla. What made the event so special was the presence of Carla's mother, Sue Holmes, and her brother, Michael Holmes.

Come From Afar?

Yes, Ken and Jennifer Lee did come from afar—they stopped in Glenview on their way home from a Norwegian cruise to catch up with sister Sue Lee and brother Diccon and other family and friends. Of course, they also got to show pictures of "Sunny Field", the Synnestvedt homestead in Norway, before they got back to their own homestead in Tucson, AZ, for some much-needed R&R.

The Place is Going to the Dogs

Several new canine additions should be mentioned, or their feelings will be hurt, to say nothing of their owners'...Daisy Paraskevopoulos is a very small, cute Boston Terrier with a big name. Next, we come to the umlaut—Jäger (pronounced Yay-ger) Reynolds is a bouncing baby Bluetick Coonhound with an umlaut over the a in his name!

A Little Light Laughter

I was walking near a park and a man with a tail-wagging dog was walking nearby. I love dogs and wanted to pet this one, so I asked the man if his dog was friendly.

"Yes," he said, continuing on his way. "But I am not!"



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