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A NEW CHRISTIANITY

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Pastoral Message

How Would You Answer?

If you were asked, "What is one of the main lines of teaching in the New Church that has been the most meaningful, satisfying, consoling, hope-filled, and helpful in your life, how would you answer?

I'm sure there are many answers we could give to a question like this—teachings about marriage, life after death; repentance, reformation, and regeneration; innocence, etc.

One of the ones I've been reflecting on recently, and that might be near the top of the list, is teachings we have on the Lord's providence and how it operates in individual lives.

For this month's newsletter, I'd simply like to share with you a gathering of some of the "Best of the Best" teachings from the scriptures and the theology of the New Church on the Lord's providence. Here they are. I hope you will enjoy them.

(If you would like a nicely formatted copy of these teachings, plus a "CliffsNotes" version for times of prayer, meditation, and reflection, just let me know, and I will email it to you.)

Love to all, Mark

Leading scriptures

Jesus said, "Are not five sparrows sold for a copper coin, and not one of them is forgotten by God. But the very hairs on your head are all numbered. Do not fear: You are of more value than many sparrows." (Luke 12:4,6-7)

Again He said, "In the world you will have tribulation, but be of good cheer, for I have overcome the world." (John 16:33)

The Lord cares

Angels are motivated, in all that they do for us—leading, guiding, protecting, inspiring, etc.—by a love they receive from the Lord. Scarcely anyone believes that the Lord has this

Church Calendar

November

1	SUN	10:00	Worship Service- Auditorium
2	MON	4:45	Yoga
		5:00	Women Unwind
4	WED	10:30	Arcana Class
		4:00	GNCS Dine-Out Fundraiser
		7:00	Boys Clubs/Girls Club
8	SUN	10:00	Worship Service—Sanctuary Holy Supper
		2:00	Remembrance Event
9	MON	4:45	Yoga
11	WED	10:30	Arcana Class
		7:00	Boys Clubs/Girls Club
12	THURS	7:00	Board of Trustees Meeting
		7:00	Park Dwellings Meeting
15	SUN	10:00	Worship Service—Sanctuary
17	TUE	7:00	MANC Board Meeting
18	WED	10:30	Arcana Class
		7:00	Boys Clubs/Girls Club
22	SUN	10:00	Worship Service—Auditorium
24	TUE		Interfaith Thanksgiving Service
26	THURS	10:00	Thanksgiving Festival Service
28	SAT	4:00	GNCS Glenview Holiday Parade
29	SUN	10:00	Worship Service—Sanctuary
		11:15	Deck the Halls
30	MON	7:00	Choir Rehearsal

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kind of concern for us, a constant concern lasting from the very beginning of our existence to the final moment of our lives, and for evermore after that. (*Secrets of Heaven* 5992)

Some comforting teachings

Those who lead a good life trust only in the Lord, and have no anxious cares about anything else. They are quite sure that all things work for their good, their blessedness, and their happiness forever. (*Secrets of Heaven* 2892)

The words of Scripture, "And God will be with you" refer to the Lord's Divine Providence. When the Lord is with us He leads us, and He sees to it that everything that happens, whether sad or joyful, may bring us what is good. This is Divine Providence. (*Secrets of Heaven* 6303)

For those who trust in the Divine all things are moving toward an everlasting state of happiness, and no matter what happens to them at any time, it contributes to that state. (*Secrets of Heaven* 8478.1, 3-4)

At the heart of true peace is trust in the Lord—the trust that He governs all things and provides all things, and that He leads toward an end that is good. When we believe these things about Him we are at peace. We then fear nothing, and no anxiety about things to come disturbs us. (*Secrets of Heaven* 8455.1)

Those who have a perception of the Lord's presence are aware that everything that happens to them is conducive to their welfare, and that no evil influences can reach them. This gives them peace. (*Secrets of Heaven* 5963)

Those who trust in the Lord are constantly receiving what is good from Him. Whatever happens to them, whether it seems to be advantageous or not, is nevertheless good, for it serves as a means contributing to their eternal happiness. (*Secrets of Heaven* 8480.2)

Nothing is ever permitted except what can be bent by the Lord toward what is good. (*Spiritual Experiences* 2151)

It is a fact beyond doubt that the Lord governs the universe. What's more, there is no such thing as chance, that is, evil happening by chance, but all evils are controlled in a way that not a single one of them is allowed to happen to a person that does not lead to what is good. Consequently, all evils are bent in such a way that just those, and not any others, [are permitted to] happen. So it is providence alone that governs. (*Spiritual Experiences* 1088)

The Lord's Divine Providence allows only such things as are conducive to the goal of human salvation. It banishes and expels anything that is incompatible with that good. (*Divine Providence* 296.7-8)

Humankind can never be led better than it is. The Lord's infinite power can arrange all things in the best way. (*Spiritual Experiences* 3114)

We are safe in the Lord

People who are governed by love to the Lord and love toward the neighbor are joined most closely to the Lord; and they abide in the Lord because they abide in what is Divine going fort from Him. Because of this, no evil can touch them. They are safe among all kinds of evil, eve when in the midst of the hells. Love to the Lord and love toward the neighbor hold such safety them. (*Secrets of Heaven* 6370)

Closing scripture

I will both lie down in peace, and sleep; for You alone, O Lord, make me dwell in safety. (Psalm 4:8)

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General Announcements

Women Unwind—November 2

Our once-a-month get-together will take place on Monday, November 2 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 215-266-3063.

GNCS Dine-Out Fundraiser—November 4

GNCS will have its second dine-out fundraiser of the year on Wednesday, November 4 from 4-8pm at Chipotle, 2341 Willow Road, Glenview (near Target). Please be sure to mention the GNCS fundraiser and 25% of your purchase will benefit the school. Online orders may be placed with code **6B3HV2P.** Thank you in advance for your support.

Community Gathering of Remembrance—November 8

Our Community Gathering of Remembrance is coming up on Sunday, November 8, from 2-4pm in the Glenview New Church Auditorium. This special afternoon is open to GNC and the wider community as a time to remember those we have lost, share memories, and find comfort in community. Randy Gyllenhaal has graciously agreed to moderate and guide this event.

We hope you will join us, and we can use your help! Volunteers are needed to help with set-up after church, greeting guests beginning at 1:30, bringing or serving refreshments, and cleaning up afterward. Most importantly, we would love to have members of our GNC community simply attend, participate, and help us warmly welcome our neighbors.

If you can bring food or help serve, please contact Deb Lehne, 847-778-8365. For other volunteer opportunities, please contact Jane Enis, jane.enis@newchurch.org.

Interfaith Thanksgiving Service

The annual Glenview Interfaith Thanksgiving service will happen Tuesday evening, November 24 at 7:30 pm at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church at Shermer & Central. The service will be in-person and also (I believe) live streamed. There will be a monetary offering collected. It will be divided equally between Wesley Child Care, and Youth Service of Glenview/Northbrook. A food offertory will also be taken. It will be donated to the Northfield Township Food Pantry. All are encouraged to bring staple food, pet food, or household supplies for donation to the Pantry. For a list of most-needed items, visit www.twp.northfield.il.us/pantry.htm. I hope you can make it. (Mark)

Thanksgiving Service—November 26

The GNC Thanksgiving service will be held at 10am on Thanksgiving morning, Thursday, November 26 in the Auditorium. The service will include a fruit offering that will be donated to the Northfield Township Food Pantry. Nonperishable food items will also be accepted.

Thanksgiving Chancel Assistants

We are looking for a few young people, third grade and up, willing to serve as chancel assistants helping the ministers receive the fruit offerings at our Thanksgiving Festival Service on Thursday, November 26. Please email/text me if your young person would be willing to help. Thank you! (Martha Heilman, Volunteer Coordinator marthah@glenviewnewchurch.org 847-302-7619)

Ushers Needed for Holiday Services

We need ushers for our Holiday Services - Thanksgiving Day, Tableaux and Christmas Eve Services. No experience needed - just a friendly smile! High school & up (great for service hours). Interested? Call/text or email Martha Heilman - 847-302-7619 marthah@glenviewnewchurch.org, or use the Sign-Up Genius link: Glenview New Church: GNC Sunday Morning Volunteers - 2026/27

GNCS in Holiday Parade—November 28

GNCS will once again be marching in Glenview's Holiday in the Park Parade! The parade is set for the Saturday after Thanksgiving - November 28th. It starts at 4pm and moves along Glenview Road from the OLPH parking lot to Jackman Park. We

are looking for families to march with us! It's a super fun way to get in the holiday spirit! If you are interested, please email Lisa Philbrick at lisap@glenviewnewchurch.org.

After the parade, there will be a free holiday event in Jackman Park, and GNCS is a sponsor for the hayrides. Come on out to see us!

Deck the Halls—Sunday, November 29

Please join us after church on Sunday, November 29 as we decorate for Christmas. We especially need some tall, strong folks to help hang garlands and wreaths. Please call or text Erika Horigan if you can help 847-421-6314.

Come and sing with us for Christmas Eve!

Come raise your voices and sing with us for the 2026 Christmas Eve choir! No matter what your level of experience, we would love to have you with us. We will be performing at the Christmas Eve Festival service at 5:00 on December 24. Rehearsals are on Monday evenings from 7:00-8:30 pm on November 30, December 7, 14, 21, and on Saturday, December 19 at 1 pm. To join us please contact Bonny Lundin-Scheer at 847-452-0670 or email bonnys@glenviewnewchurch.org.

"Holidays in the Park"

This event is NOT planned as a congregational invitation. Instead, it's a repeat of the "Christmas in the Park" event we held on our campus back in 2019, where we treated 160 clients of the Northfield Township Food Pantry to some holiday fun, excitement, and a yummy meal. It was one of the most successful, heartwarming events we've ever hosted! 🩶 This year we're doing it again, and we're still looking for volunteers to help put it on. If you are willing to help, just let me know, and I will add you to the mix. The event will happen on Saturday, December 5 from 4-6:30 pm (4-5:30 pm fun & games; 5:30-6:30 pm meal & dessert). **Can you help?** (Mark)

2027 Phone Directory

Work has begun on the 2027 Glenview New Church Phone directory. If you haven't already, please notify Judy Recht of any updates/changes no later than Friday, November 13 at judyr@glenviewnewchurch.org.