



KEMPTON NEW CHURCH NEWSLETTER – August 2022

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GOD THE CREATOR

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. (Genesis 1:1)

Happy is he for whom the God of Jacob is his help; Whose expectation is on Jehovah his God, Who made the heavens and the earth, The sea, and all that is in them. (Psalm 146:5, 6)

I have made the earth, and have created man upon her; I, with My hands, have stretched out the heavens, and all their army I have commanded. (Isaiah 45:12)

He has made the earth by His power, He has established the world by His wisdom, and He has stretched out the heavens by His understanding. (Jeremiah 51:15)

Thou hast created all things, and by Thy will they are, and were created. (Revelation 4:11)

That the universe, by which is meant both the spiritual world and the natural world, was created from the Divine love by means of the Divine wisdom is attested and proved by each thing and all things in it; and this, if you will consider these things in their order and connection, you will be able to see clearly in the light that illuminates the perceptions of your understanding. But it must be kept in mind that the love and wisdom which make one in God are not love and wisdom in an abstract sense, but are in Him as substance; for God is the Very, the Only, and thus the primal Substance and Essence, which has Being and Subsistence in itself. (True Christian Religion 76)

Pastor's Notes

There is evidence of the Lord's Divine Love and Wisdom in His creation all around us. We can see this in the forms of uses and in the infinite variety found in what He has created.

Everything in the Lord's creation was made for use (DLW 307). Any object we use to do something good with was created for that purpose. Whether it is all the parts that come together in a simple object like a pencil, or the more complicated components of an electronic device, they all came into being in the Lord's creation for the purpose of being useful. We can of course use what the Lord has created for evil as well, but that is a misuse and abuse of what comes from Him. When we can see how something in the Lord's creation can be used for good, we can see evidence of the Lord.

The variety in the Lord's creation helps us see evidence of Him too—evidence of His infinity (TCR 32-33). This can be seen in the variety among all the trees around us as well as even in their leaves. If we look closely enough, no two are the same. This can also be seen as never before in the immensity of the universe. Images from the Webb telescope provide a wonderful picture of the infinity of the Lord in His creation (see link below). The Lord teaches us in *True Christian Religion* that, “The infinity of God the Creator can...be seen in the infinite number of the stars, which are so many suns, and therefore so many systems... [containing] other earths in the starry heavens upon which men, beasts, birds, and plants exist” (TCR 32).

When we begin to see evidence of the Lord as the Creator of all things, does it make sense to do anything other than follow His commandments?

<https://www.nasa.gov/image-feature/goddard/2022/nasa-s-webb-delivers-deepest-infrared-image-of-universe-yet>

HOLY SUPPER will be offered this month on Friday the 19th at 6:30 P.M. “The Holy supper was instituted by the Lord in order that by it there might be a conjunction of all things of heaven, that is, of all things of the Lord, with the man of the church; because in this supper the flesh and the bread denote the Divine good of the Lord's Divine love toward the whole human race, and man's reciprocal love to the Lord; and the blood and the wine denote the Divine truth proceeding from the Divine good of the Lord's Divine love, and this received in turn by man.” (AC 9393)

COMBINED SERVICES in the SUMMER: Parents, please note that combined services are coming up on August 7 and September 4. These begin with a children's talk, as with a Sunday School Service, but the children's talk is not followed by a Sunday School class. Instead, parents are expected to supervise their children in the barn or outside during the adult sermon (making sure people outside are not within the view of worshippers inside). All children, wherever they are, must be supervised by adults to protect them from hurting others or being hurt. Thank you to parents for pulling together to maintain a safe and orderly environment.

In the case of rain, certain indoor spaces may be used in addition to the barn, but please remember that close supervision matters in these spaces that are developed, used, and cared for by those who work in the school. All places should be left as you find them. **Available in bad weather only:** 1st-2nd, 5th-6th, and 7th-8th classrooms, and the Commons, located on the far (east) end of the school addition.

WOODS / OUTDOOR SERVICES: On Sunday August 28, and September 25, there will be an indoor 9:00 A.M. Family Service and a 10:00 A.M. Family Service in the woods. If it rains, the 10:00 A.M. Woods Service will be held indoors, **and the 9:00 A.M. indoor service will happen as well** (this is a change from last summer, when the 9:00 A.M. service would be cancelled on a rainy day).

How to get to the woods: Park at the church, cross the street, and walk down the lane, following the signs. There is also parking in a field at the end of the lane, on the right, for those who prefer not to walk. Please stay on church property (toward the left as you travel the lane), and avoid driving onto our neighbor's property toward the right.

SUMMER DOCTRINAL CLASSES: We are offering two more classes on the 1877 three-fascicle publication called *Words for the New Church* (the authors were not named).

The readings for the second and third classes are attached here, along with Issue 14, which is a summary of the first 3 issues of the original words for the New Church, for those who find themselves short on time.

Paper copies can also be picked up on the counter at the church office.

Location: Old School Village lounge, at 7:30 P.M.
Dates (Wednesdays): August 3 (Lawson Smith), and August 17 (Andy Heilman)

Words for the New Church is what got the Academy movement started and led to the establishment of the General Church. (For a further explanation of this, feel free to contact Lawson, Andy, or me.) The prologue begins:

“The Heavenly Doctrines as unfolded in the Writings of Swedenborg we joyously take as our guide in conducting the serial. Indeed as we come into a more searching culture of these Writings, we discover more and more the vastness of their scope. They find us everywhere. And these Doctrines being themselves Divine are the measure of all else... What more therefore can we have... than these grand disclosures which are the final analysis of all that has respect to GOD, and to Man, and to the relation between the two?”

CONJUGIAL LOVE DOCTRINAL CLASSES: A series of 17 doctrinal classes on “The Delights of Wisdom Pertaining to Conjugal Love” with the Rev. Judah Synnestvedt. Here is his description: Each class will feature two parts: first a lecture on the chapter of Conjugal Love, then a discussion of ways men can apply these teachings to the needs of their families, country and church (i.e. the neighbor). The in-person experience is open to men only, but the lecture portion will be livestreamed for anyone to watch remotely.

Why men specifically? Because heaven depends on the church on earth and men have a special role to play in its formation.

“The church is formed by the Lord with the man and through the man with the wife; and that after it is formed in both it is a full church” (CL 63).

“For the church on earth is the foundation of heaven... When therefore the man (hominem) of the church is in such a perverted state as no longer to admit the influx of good and truth, the powers of the heavens are said to be "shaken" (AC 4060:4).

The first two classes will be on August 10 (Chapter 1) and August 31 (Chapter 2).

Location: Old School Village lounge; 7:30P.M.

This year’s Winter Study will be on the Ten Commandments. The Lord teaches in *True Christian Religion* 329 that, “the Ten Commandments of the decalogue contain all things that belong to love to God, and all things that belong to love toward the neighbor.” I look forward to studying this series together!

The Board of Trustees met on July 12, 2022. We reviewed the budget for the past fiscal year and for the current fiscal year. Last year’s budget ended up with a sizable surplus which will allow us to draw less from the endowment than planned for FY 2021-2022 which is nice to do during downturns in the stock market. We looked at some minor adjustments to the current year budget as well.

We also discussed the ongoing challenges to conjugal love within the church. A petition has been sent to the Bishops and the Board of Directors of the General Church requesting that the church take a more permissive approach to LGBTQ related issues. There was a LGBTQ demonstration during the General Church Council of the Clergy meetings, and three papers delivered during the meetings offered novel ways of looking at LGBTQ lifestyles.

We discussed how the Executive Bishop and his two Assistant Bishops are in the midst of a process put together to respond to the petition and the papers given during the meetings.

We are hopeful that the church can withstand these challenges.

During the board meeting there was a shared sense of grief as we discussed these developments. But there was also a shared sense of confidence in the

Lord and His Word and in the wonderful blessings of conjugal love—the eternal union of husband and wife, “the precious treasure of human life and the repository of the Christian religion” (CL 457).

These beautiful words led us to think about long term financial planning for the Kempton New Church so that we can continue to support marriage in the Kempton Society in the midst of these trying times.

To the Kempton New Church, I would like to say that going forward we will continue to look to the Lord to help us meet these challenges to conjugal love charitably and wisely from the Word without compromising what the Lord teaches about marriage and adultery. He teaches so clearly that marriage is a holy institution only between one man and one woman and that same sex unions are forms of adultery.

In *Genesis* it says, “And God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. And God blessed them, and God said to them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the earth” (Gen. 1:27-28). And “therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave to his wife, and they shall become one flesh” (Gen. 2:24). And in *Leviticus* it says, “And thou shalt not lie with a male, as thou wouldest lie with a woman; it is abomination” (Lev. 18:22).

The plain meaning of these clear and unequivocal statements in the Word about marriage and adultery is thoroughly supported in the Heavenly Doctrine. Regarding marriage it says in the *Arcana* for instance, that “it is according to a law of Divine order that it is not marriage unless it is that of one man and one wife” (AC 1907) and in *Heaven and Hell* it says that “a conjunction of husband and wife in the inmosts of their minds comes from their very creation” (HH 368).

Regarding the adultery of same sex unions it says, “the various kinds of adulteries and whoredoms (such as are enumerated in *Leviticus* 18:6-30), signify the various kinds of adulterations and falsifications of good and truth” (AE 410.11).

For those of us who fall prey to any of hell’s various attacks on marriage, the Lord will save us if we go to Him in repentance. That is actually how He establishes the church.

“The communion called the church consists of all men in whom the church is, and the church enters into man when he is becoming regenerate, and everyone becomes regenerate by abstaining from the evils of sin, and shunning them as one would an infernal horde with torches in hand, endeavoring to overtake him and throw him upon a burning pile. There are many means by which man, as he progresses in his early years, is prepared for the church and introduced into it; but **the means whereby the church is established in man are acts of repentance.**” (TCR 510)

If you have any questions or would like to discuss any of this with me, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The election of trustees and school council members will take place at the society meeting on October 13, 2022.

The trustees whose terms expire this year are Kenan Smith and Mark Hendricks (2022). Terms are for three years. There are no term limits in the Bylaws, so they can be re-nominated indefinitely.

The other members of the Board are Bracken Brown and George Cauffman (2023), Thos Powell, Doug Robertson and John Cole (2024).

The members of the School Council whose terms are expiring are Daelen Saltzer and Kaemmerle Glenn (2022). Jen McQueen whose term would have ended in 2024 will also be stepping down. Terms for the School Council are also for three years and like the terms for board members there are no term limits. The other members of the School Council are and Mark Wyncoll (2023), and Dandridge Cole (2024).

The members of the Nominating Committee are Doug Robertson, chair, Chris Smith and Schuyler Heinrichs. Please speak to one of them if you have suggestions. A slate will be published in the September and October Newsletters.

Feedback from previous years' nominating processes has identified the use of nominating first term members to a second term in order to take advantage of the experience gained during a member's first term. Additionally, some society members have voiced a desire for contested elections. Regarding the holding of contested elections, the committee is free to

nominate more candidates than open seats if it so chooses, but this is not required under the bylaws.

WORSHIP

- 10:00 AM services live streamed: kemptonnewchurch.org.
- Services can be heard in the library. Parents with babies or little ones are always welcome to be in there, where a basket of board books (not library books, please) is available. Please leave the room in orderly shape. Thanks!

Sunday, August 7, 10:00 A.M. COMBINED SERVICE
Please see “Pastor’s Notes” regarding this kind of service. *Usher/Setup: Ted LaMastra*

Sunday, August 14, 10:00 A.M. Family Service
Usher/Setup: Laban Genzlinger
(Family Soccer this day at 3:00 P.M.)

Friday, August 19, 6:30 P.M. HOLY SUPPER
Usher: Ian Keal

Sunday, August 21, 9:00 A.M. Young Child’s Service
Location: Commons in the school addition
Setup: Matt and Sheila Heiter
10:00 A.M. Family Service
Usher/Setup: Gordon McQueen

Sunday, August 28

If not raining:

9:00 A.M. Family Service. Live streamed
10:00 A.M. WOODS Family Service
Usher/Setup for Woods: Seth King

If raining:

9:00 A.M. Family Service
10:00 A.M. Woods Service indoors. Live streamed
Usher/Setup: 10:00 AM Seth King

CLASSES

Please contact the minister leading the class if you would like to attend virtually. He will share a Zoom link with you (if the location has internet connection), which will let you join by phone or video.

Wednesday, August 3, 7:30 P.M.

“Words for the New Church” Part 2 (with Lawson Smith). See “Pastor’s Notes.”
Location: Old School Village lounge (3656 Rt 737)
Readings are attached here and can also be picked up at the church office.

Wednesday, August 10, 7:30 P.M.

Conjugal Love Doctrinal Class (with Judah Synnestvedt). See “Pastor’s Notes”. Old School

Village lounge. For men; lecture will be live-streamed for men and women.

Friday, August 12, 7:15 P.M.

Youth Group Conjugal Love class (with Calvin Heinrichs), at the Buick's.

Wednesday, August 17, 7:30 P.M.

“Words for the New Church” Part 3 (with Andy Heilman). See “Pastor’s Notes.”

Location: Old School Village lounge (3656 Rt 737)
Readings are attached here and can also be picked up at the church office.

Wednesday, August 31, 7:30 P.M.

Conjugal Love Doctrinal Class (with Judah Synnestvedt). See “Pastor’s Notes”. Old School Village lounge. For men; lecture will be live-streamed for men and women.

EVENTS

REGULAR THINGS:

Every Tuesday, 9:00-10:00 A.M. Weeding at the church and school

Every Wednesday, 3:00 P.M. Ladies and Girls Handwork at OSV

Every Friday & Saturday, 9:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. Caleb’s Café

Every Sunday in August (and July 31), 3:00P.M. Family Soccer. All are welcome to play or watch.

Saturday, August 27 8:30-11:30am

Work Party at the Kempton New Church

EARLY SEPTEMBER WORSHIP and Events

Sunday, September 4, 10:00A.M. Sunday School Service with Holy Supper.

Usher/Setup: Torrey Cooper

Tuesday, September 6, 9:00A.M. KNCS School Opening. No afternoon classes.

NOTICES / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reminder to KNCS Parents: Deadline for student health forms to be sent to the school office is Friday, August 5. Please be in touch with Jen McQueen if you can’t make this deadline. Thanks!

Going Away Baskets for students leaving for school: There are 3 students leaving Kempton for school this fall (2 boys and 1 girl), and we’d like to send them off with some useful items and our best

wishes. Please leave items in the labeled boxes in the kitchen (at the church). We will give the baskets to the students at church on **Sunday, August 14.**

Estate/Yard Sale – Lenhartsville, HUGE Multi-Family. Tomorrow, Saturday July 30, from 7:30am-?? Lots More added - Crafts, Fabric, Buttons, Beads, JEWELRY, Household, Vintage clothes, Stangl, Books, CDs, Toys, Nautical and MUCH more! – Tons of Neat JUNK & STUFF!
1 Mile N of Lenhartsville – Off 143 to Blue Rocks Road. Look for Signs!

Seeking a ping-pong table:

Do you have a ping pong table you’d be willing to loan the school for a few weeks? Looking for ping-pong tables to borrow for a PE unit this coming February/March. If you have a table that you wouldn’t mind loaning, I’d love to hear about it. Thank you! Katrin Junge (484)-256-7527

Concert:

The accomplished pipers of the Kutztown Pipe Band (bagpipes) are expecting to have a concert. Location: Kutztown Bandshell, at the Kutztown Community Park. Wednesday 17 August 7pm.

Job Postings:

General Church Education Contract Illustrator/Artist

General Church Education is seeking a contract/project-based artist to illustrate stories from the Word.

For the full Job Description, contact: Rachel Glenn, Coordinator of Religious Educational Programs 267-502-4959

rachel.glenn@newchurch.org<mailto:rachel.glenn@newchurch.org>

Carmel New Church School (CNCS) in Kitchener, Ont., Canada has a job opening for the position of: Director Of CNCS Recruitment & Community Programming. This is a Full Time position, starting immediately. The Director of Recruitment & Community Programming is responsible for engaging local community and making the CNCS name recognizable as a quality institution that is highly regarded. This role seeks to fulfill CNCS’s mission of being the preferred faith based elementary school in the region

*To receive a copy of the complete job posting, please email Val Younan at *

vyounan@carmelnewchurchschool.org.*.*

*How To Apply: *Candidates should submit a cover letter and resume to Val Younan in HR at vyounan@carmelnewchurchschool.org, by August 31, 2022.

From Your CONTRIBUTIONS COMMITTEE

Inflation is challenging everyone now and putting pressure on contributions to the church and school. Currently we fund the church and school this way: Income is 30% of endowment payout, 10% tuition payments and 60 % direct contributions.

Contributions make up the bulk of our income. So how can we manage these expenses during a time of inflation? If a few more folks add giving to the church into their monthly budget and our current donors continue, we can handle the increased costs. Spreading the donations among a larger pool will help everyone enjoy the church and school in these challenging times. Thanks to all who commit to this support and as always thanks to our volunteers too!

REPEAT NOTICE:

Listening: Would you like to start your morning listening to passages from the Word? “All the Year Round” is a podcast that features a daily reading from the Sacred Scripture and the Heavenly Doctrine of the New Church. You can find it at alltheyearround.buzzsprout.com, or by searching for “All the Year Round” on your favorite podcast app. I hope you find it useful! – Rev Coleman Glenn

ANNIVERSARIES

There is love truly conjugal, which is so rare at the present day that its quality is not known, and scarcely that it exists. That there is such conjugal love... may indeed be acknowledged from the first state of love, when it is insinuating itself and entering into the heart of a young man and a maiden; that is, with those who are beginning to love one only of the sex and to desire her for a bride; and still more during the time of betrothal, while it continues and progresses to the wedding; and finally at the wedding, and during the first days that follow it.

Conjugal Love 58

Congratulations and Best Wishes to:

Matt and Sheila Heiter

on the 2nd – 14 years

Schuyler and Sarah Heinrichs

on the 3rd – 4 years

Judah and Lydia Synnestvedt

on the 9th – 12 years

Dan and Erika Brown

on the 10th – 26 years

Bradley and Suzanne King

on the 11th – 38 years

Calvin and Maggie Odhner

on the 14 – 40 years

Dag and Shayne Boyesen

on the 17th – 31 years

Dale and Tovah Smith

on the 17th – 9 years

Mark and Wendy Wyncoll

on the 17th – 37 years

Rich and Suzanne Evans

on the 18th – 34 years

Luke and Brittany Price

on the 19th – 16 years

Andrew and Carrie Heilman

on the 21st – 46 years

Yorvar and Ruth Synnestvedt

on the 28th – 68 years

Gerald and Jenna van Zyverden

on the 31st – 3 years

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MOVIE NIGHTS & MATINEES AT OLD SCHOOL VILLAGE:

We at OSV invite you to watch three films with us during August. (No movie the second week of August). Every family has different standards about what their kids watch, so for more specific details about a movie, contact Ayisha Synnestvedt (215-407-3001). Feel free to bring snacks to share.

Friday evening, August 5th

Gentleman's Agreement (1947)

6:30 PM - doors open. 7:00 PM - movie starts promptly. This classic with Gregory Peck deals with the unwritten "gentleman's agreement" of anti-Semitism in post-WWII America. Gregory Peck plays a reporter who moves to a new city to take a job, only to be given an assignment of writing about anti-Semitism. He thinks there's nothing new about the subject - haven't they just fought a war to rescue Jews and others from Hitler? - until he puts himself in their shoes. Thought-provoking. Teens on up.

Saturday matinee, August 20th

Persuasion (1995)

2:00 PM - doors open. 2:30 PM - movie starts promptly. This quiet rendition of Jane Austen's book "Persuasion" makes the era feel real, with clothes and houses that looked lived-in. Everything feels natural, like we're in the house of an unprepossessing family we might know, on an ordinary day, on an overcast afternoon.

Persuasion is the story of a young woman who broke her engagement with a young naval captain 8 years ago. Now he's come back from the war, wealthy with prize money, and she has the pain of seeing him become popular with her friends, while she remains the old maid in the background. Appropriate for any age; teens on up will enjoy it most.

Saturday matinee, August 27th

The Andy Griffith Show (1960-1965)

Andy Griffith and Don Knotts star as Sheriff Andy Taylor and Deputy Barney Fife in the fictional town of Mayberry, North Carolina. There's a reason this show has been through many re-runs in the decades since it aired: it may be in black and white, but the humour is timeless. All ages will enjoy this small-town comedy delight. We'll watch several 25-minute episodes.