



KEMPTON NEW CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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HAPPY ARE THE MERCIFUL

Happy are the merciful, for they shall have mercy. (Matt. 5:7)

You have heard that it has been declared, An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth. But I say to you, Resist not the wicked; but whoever shall smite thee on thy right cheekbone, turn to him the other also. And if any man desires to have thee judged and take thy tunic, let him have the garment also. And whoever shall compel thee to go one mile, go with him two. Give to him who asks thee, and do not turn away him who wants to borrow of thee.

You have heard that it has been declared, Thou shalt love thy neighbor, and hate thine enemy. But I say to you, Love your enemies, bless them who curse you, do good to them who hate you, and pray for those who despitefully use you and persecute you; that you may be sons of your Father who is in the heavens, for He makes His sun to rise on the wicked and the good, and sends rain on the just and the unjust. For if you love those who love you, what reward have you? Do not even the publicans do the same? And if you greet your brothers only, what do you do more abundantly? Do not even the publicans do so? Be therefore perfect, as your Father who is in the heavens is perfect. (Matt. 5:38-48)

The sons of Israel had this law that they should give "an eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth" (Exod. 21:23, 24; Lev. 24:20; Deut. 19:21), because they were external men, and thus were only in the representatives of heavenly things, and not in heavenly things themselves, thence not in charity, in mercy, in patience, nor in any spiritual good;

consequently they were under the law of retaliation; for the heavenly law and thence the Christian law is that which the Lord taught in the Gospels:

All things whatsoever ye would that men should do unto you, even so do ye to them; this is the Law and the Prophets (Matt. 7:12; Luke 6:31).

Because this is the law in heaven, and from heaven in the church, therefore every evil carries with it a corresponding punishment, which is called the punishment of evil, and is in the evil as if joined with it; and from this springs the punishment of retaliation which was prescribed for the sons of Israel, because they were external and not internal men. Internal men, as the angels of heaven are, do not wish the retaliation of evil for evil, but from heavenly charity they forgive freely; for they know that the Lord protects from the evil all who are in good, and that He protects according to the good with them, and that He would not protect if on account of the evil done to them they should burn with enmity, hatred, and revenge, for these drive away protection. (AE 556.8)

PASTOR'S NOTES

It is easy to follow the Golden Rule if we are being treated nicely. When others are merciful to us, it is easy to be merciful back. But it can be very hard to be merciful when we are not being treated the way we want to be treated.

In the *Arcana* the Lord teaches, "Love is itself turned to mercy and becomes mercy when anyone who is in need of help is regarded from love or charity; hence mercy is the effect of love toward the needy and miserable" (AC 3063).

If we love our neighbor, it should make us sad for another person when he treats us badly. It should make us sad for the state he is bringing on himself. So when others do something evil to us, if we are merciful we will bless them. We will want the good in them from the Lord to win out. We will pray for

this and look for ways to support the good in a person even if he is hurting us. “[L]ove and charity in [us] become mercy when the neighbor is in need or misery, and [we] afford him help in that state” (AC 6180).

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The theme at KNCS this year is based on Isaiah 45:18: “For thus says Jehovah, who created the heavens, God Himself, who formed the earth and made her; He has established her; He has created her not to be a void; He has formed her to be dwelt in: I am Jehovah, and there is no one else.” During chapel we will be focusing on the *Book of Numbers*, the *Book of Amos*, and *Earths in the Universe*.

A Woods Service will take place on September 26. Directions: Park at the church, cross the street, and walk down the lane, following the signs. Please stay on church property—toward the left as you travel the lane toward the woods. (Closer to the above dates, we will know if parking will be available at the end of the lane for those who prefer not to walk.)

Thank you to the Nominating Committee, which has proposed a slate for voting at our annual society meeting on October 14. See its notice further on in this newsletter.

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STILL TO COME IN AUGUST

Saturday, August 28

8:30-11:30 A.M. KNC/KNCS Work Party!

Come one, come all! Maybe put your vacuum in your car on the way over?! And bring a sponge mop if you have one? And a long-handled duster? We have lots to do and could probably use some extra tools on the day. Thanks!

2:30 P.M. (Special Music begins at 2:00 P.M.)

Resurrection Service for Eugene O. Muth, Jr.

A wine and cheese reception will follow. Guests are welcome to bring a bit of additional refreshment or some flowers from their garden (vases will be available if needed). Live streamed at www.kemptonnewchurch.org

Sunday, August 29 - If not raining:

9:00 A.M. Family Service indoors. Live streamed.

10:00 A.M. Family Service in the WOODS

Usher/Setup for the WOODS SERVICE:

Curtis McQueen and James King

If raining:

10:00 A.M. Family Service indoors

Live streamed (9:00 A.M. service cancelled)

Usher/Setup: Curtis McQueen and James King

WORSHIP

Services can be heard in the library. Parents with babies or little ones are always welcome to listen to them in there, where a basket of board books (not library books, please) is also available. Please leave the room in orderly shape. Thanks!

All 10:00 A.M. services live streamed: kemptonnewchurch.org

Sunday, September 5

10:00 A.M. Sunday School Service. S.S. classes starting up again. **Teacher schedule will be shared when finalized.**

Usher/Setup: Torrey Cooper

Sunday, September 12

10:00 A.M. Family Service

Usher/Setup: Brandon Jungé

Sunday, September 19

9:00 A.M. Young Children’s Service

Usher/Setup: Wade and Maraika Buick

10:00 A.M. Family Service

Usher/Setup: Bengt Boyesen

Friday, September 17, 6:30 P.M. HOLY SUPPER

Contact Brett by noon on the 16th if wanting to partake.

Sunday, September 26

If not raining:

9:00 A.M. Family Service indoors. Live streamed

10:00 A.M. Family Service in the WOODS

Usher/Setup for WOODS SERVICE: Seth King

If raining:

(9:00 A.M. Service cancelled)

10:00 A.M. Family Service indoors. Live streamed

Usher/Setup: Seth King

CLASSES

Wednesday, September 22, 7:30 P.M.

Society Doctrinal Class.

Location: Char and Brandon Jungé’s and online
Topic: The little work called “The White Horse,” especially numbers 1-5. What is the meaning of the white horse and its Rider that John describes in Revelation 19? Why was this little work specially published as a separate booklet right after the last judgment, along with *Heaven and Hell*, *Earths in the Universe*, *New Jerusalem and her Heavenly Doctrine*, and *The Last Judgment*? How is the Lord leading to our eternal happiness by this little book? Let’s explore it together.

Attending virtually: Please contact Lawson Smith if you want to attend online and think you may not be on his classes email list, so he can share the Zoom link with you. The Zoom link will let you to attend by phone or video.

Friday, September 24, 7:15 P.M. Youth Group
Conjugal Love class. Heather and Seth King's

Tuesday, September 28, 7:30 P.M., Arcana Class
 Location: Roy Odhner's and online
 Reading: AC 9505-9584. These numbers continue with the internal sense of the furnishings in the Tabernacle, the place of atonement (or mercy-seat), the table of the bread of faces, and the lampstand, which were to be made according to what the Lord described and showed to Moses on Mount Sinai. For our spiritual dessert we will consider one of the most marvelous journeys of all time, Swedenborg's visit to the spirits of the first earth outside of our solar system.

Attending virtually: Please contact Andy Heilman if you want to attend online and think you may not be on his classes email list, so he can share the Zoom link with you. The link will let you attend by phone or video.

EVENTS

Wednesday, September 1 – First Day of School!
 9:00 A.M. School Opening in church sanctuary.
 KNCS parents are warmly invited to attend.

- Children should arrive in their classrooms by 8:50-8:55 A.M.
- There will be no afternoon classes.

9:30 A.M. onward. Tea at Tovah's! See "Notices."

Monday, September 6, Labor Day. NO SCHOOL,
 but YES to a Youth Group Car Wash!
 12:00-3:00 P.M. See "Notices."

Wednesday, September 8, 6:30-8:00 P.M. KNCS
 Grades 1-6 Back-to-School meetings for parents.
 Specific meeting times and places will be emailed.

Thursday, September 9, 6:30-8:00 P.M. KNCS
 Grades 7-12 Back-to-School meetings for parents. Specific meeting times and places will be emailed.

Friday, September 10, 7:30-10:00 P.M. Youth Group
 Social Event to open the year. At Eliza and Matthew Genzlinger's home.

Saturday, September 18, 7:00 P.M. Old School
 Village Games Night. College-age and up. See "Notices."

Saturday, September 25, 2:00 P.M. Dedication of Old School Village. See "Notices."

Every Sunday through the end of October -
 3:00 P.M. Family Soccer, weather permitting.
 All are welcome. Questions? Call Jordan Cooper.

MEETINGS

Tuesday, September 14, 7:30 P.M.
 Pastor's Council Meeting. Library

Tuesday, September 21, 7:30 P.M.
 Board Meeting. Library

COMING IN OCTOBER

Friday, Oct. 1 – Feast of Charity! Stay tuned.
Thurs., Oct. 14, 7:30 P.M. KNC Annual Meeting

From the CONTRIBUTIONS COMMITTEE

As school and church services ramp back up to a full speed, let's keep our support for the church and her uses in focus. One who loves the end also loves the means.

REPORT of the NOMINATING COMMITTEE

In preparation for voting at the KNC annual meeting on October 14, 2021:

For the three open seats on the Board of Trustees, the committee nominates Brandon Jungé, John Cole, and Thos Powell for three-year terms. For the two open seats on the School Council, the committee nominates Dandridge Cole and Jen McQueen.

From the Bylaws:

Any member of the Kempton New Church may make additional nominations provided the following criteria are met:

- a) The nomination is submitted in writing within the ten days following the Nominating Committee's announcement of the candidates [this year, this would be by 9-3-21],
- b) The nomination includes the signatures of endorsement of two members of the Kempton New Church,
- c) The candidate accepts the nomination.

– Bengt Boyesen (chair), Doug Robertson and Kendal King

NOTICES / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank You: Thank you for the thoughtful welcome basket! We are happy to be here and appreciate the kind gesture. – Jess and Dedan King

Tea at Tovah's on the First day of School: Please come to my house any time after 9:30 A.M. to celebrate the start of the new school year at KNCS! All are welcome, whether you have kids in the school or not; it's a fun time to catch up and support each other in all that goes into educating the society's children. – Tovah Smith

ANNIVERSARIES

That [in heaven, making love] is more delightful and blessed is because when conjugal love becomes a love of the spirit, it becomes more interior and purer and therefore more perceptible; for every delight increases according to perception, and it so increases that its blessedness is observed in its delight. Conjugal Love 51

Congratulations and Best Wishes to:

Mark and Genta Hendricks

on the 1st - 3 years

Jeremy and Judy Synnestvedt

on the 2nd - 49 years

Torrey and Kit Cooper

on the 4th - 11 years

Glen and Brittany Boyesen

on the 9th - 9 years

Michael and Charis Ahlert

on the 10th - 16 years

Sal and Joan Tuccio

on the 18th - 56 years

Matthew and Eliza Genzlinger

on the 21st - 19 years

Bergen and Megan Jungé

on the 21st - 8 years

Matt and Carrie Olmstead

on the 29th - 14 years

**NOTICES / ANNOUNCEMENTS cont.**

KNC Youth Group Car Wash: Monday, September 6 (Labor Day). 12:00 – 3:00 P.M. A fundraiser for our March service trip. No inside cleaning being offered, but bring your vehicle to the lower church parking lot, and we'll make the outside sparkle! \$10.

Welcome to Alison Cole! Alison has moved to Kempton and we wish her all the best with settling in. You are welcome to contact the church office if you'd like to have her contact info.

Student Arrival at KNCS:

On September 1, the first day of school, please have your children arrive by 8:50-8:55 A.M.

On regular school mornings, teachers will be prepared to receive 1st-12th graders starting at 7:45 A.M. Kindergartners are welcome to arrive starting at 9:15 A.M. Thank you to parents for not dropping off their children any earlier.

KNCS Parents, please note the updates to the attached yearly calendar:

- 1) The back-to-school meetings on September 8 and 9 will happen from 6:30 to 8:00 P.M. (not 8:30 P.M.). Dale Smith will email to you the times of your specific slots.
- 2) There will be no school for anyone on Friday, November 5 and Friday, March 25, which will be parent-teacher conferences days.
- 3) KNCS will know by March 31 if school closing will be able to happen on June 3 instead of June 10.

Church Coffee: The serving of coffee and tea after church will resume after Labor Day. Any setup people from before who wish to resume duties will be most welcome. For that matter, people who haven't done it before are also most welcome! In either case, please contact me if you are interested. Thanks – Kate Pitcairn

OSV Game Night for College Age and Up:

Saturday, September 18, 7:00 P.M. Sponsored by us, the residents of Old School Village. In the OVS lounge (use entrance on the left of the building). Bring a snack or beverage to share. Coffee will be available. We have lots of tables and lots of games and hope you'll join us for a fun evening!

Old School Village Dedication: Saturday,

September 25, 2:00 P.M. *"He will teach us of His ways, and we shall walk in His paths"* (Micah 4:2). Location: Gymnasium in the facility (3656 Route 737, Kempton). Use main entrance on the right side of the building. Light refreshments and tour will follow the service and brief program.

Basket for Baby: Kendal and Linnea King are expecting their first child! If you would like to help them prepare, I am putting together a gift basket for baby that you will find in the church kitchen throughout September. Thank you! Eden Lumsden

Empty Celestial Seasonings (tea) Boxes: I am collecting these. Please send to KNCS with a student or drop off there (or in the church kitchen), labeled for me. Thanks very much! Shayne Boyesen

Pasture-Raised Pork for Sale! Healthy meat for your family! Buy a half or a whole pig raised in Kempton out in the sunshine and with good grass to eat. Order now, ready in September/October.

\$150 deposit (goes towards final price)

\$4.00/lb hanging weight + roughly \$200-\$300 butcher fees for whole pig. *

\$4.25/lb hanging weight + roughly \$140-\$250 butcher fees for half pig. *

*Butcher fee is based on weight of pig and cut-of-meat choices.

Interested? Contact us to order or for more details. If you're interested in a smaller amount, feel free to ask, and we'll see if we can accommodate you.

– Judah and Lydia Synnestvedt

Caleb's Café Coming This Fall! Our coffee shop in the Lamb's Nest will be serving our church community on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Fridays. Look for the next announcement with our opening date and times. We will be offering coffee, teas, lattes (hot and cold), and homemade baked goods. You will be able to purchase items to-go, or come in and enjoy some cozy seating to study or visit. We look forward to serving you soon and will share more details when they are finalized!

– Roxanne and Caleb Genzlinger

A BIT MORE

But I used to visit and revisit it a dozen times a day, and stand in deep contemplation over my vegetable progeny with a love that nobody could share or conceive of who had never taken part in the process of creation. It was one of the most bewitching sights in the world to observe a hill of beans thrusting aside the soil, or a row of early peas just peeping forth sufficiently to trace a line of delicate green. Later in the season the humming-birds were attracted by the blossoms of a peculiar variety of bean; and they were a joy to me, those little spiritual visitants, for deigning to sip airy food out of my nectar-cups. Multitudes of bees used to bury themselves in the yellow blossoms of the summer-squashes. This, too, was a deep satisfaction; although, when they had laden themselves with sweets, they flew away to some unknown hive, which would give back nothing in

requital of what my garden had contributed. But I was glad thus to fling a benefaction upon the passing breeze with the certainty that somebody must profit by it and that there would be a little more honey in the world to allay the sourness and bitterness which mankind is always complaining of. Yes, indeed; my life was the sweeter for that honey.

– Nathaniel Hawthorne
Mosses from an Old Manse

Kind hearts are the gardens;
kind thoughts are the roots;
kind words are the flowers;
kind deeds are the fruits.

– English Proverb



Beloved, thou hast brought me many flowers
Plucked in the garden, all the summer through
And winter, and it seemed as if they grew
In this close room, nor missed the sun and showers,
So, in the like name of that love of ours,
Take back these thoughts which here unfolded too,
And which on warm and cold days I withdrew
From my heart's ground. Indeed, those beds and bowers
Be overgrown with bitter weeds and rue,
And wait thy weeding; yet here's eglantine,
Here's ivy!— take them, as I used to do
Thy flowers, and keep them where they shall not pine.
Instruct thine eyes to keep their colours true,
And tell thy soul, their roots are left in mine.

– Elizabeth Barrett Browning
Sonnets from the Portuguese 44