



KEMPTON NEW CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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MARKING OUR DOORPOSTS

And Moses called all the elders of Israel, and said to them, Draw forth and take for yourselves an animal of the flock according to your families, and slaughter ye the Passover. And you shall take a bunch of hyssop, and dip it in the blood that is in the bowl, and you shall touch it to the lintel and to the two doorposts, from the blood that is in the bowl; and you shall not go out, a man from the entrance of his house until the morning. And Jehovah will pass through to strike Egypt; and He will see the blood on the lintel, and on the two doorposts, and Jehovah will pass over the entrance, and will not allow the destroyer to come to your houses to strike you.

And you shall keep this word for a statute to thee and to thy sons even to eternity. And it shall be that when you shall come to the land which Jehovah will give you, as He has spoken, that you shall keep this service. And it shall be, that your sons shall say to you, What is this service to you? And you shall say, This is the sacrifice of the Passover to Jehovah, in that He passed over the houses of the sons of Israel in Egypt, when He struck Egypt, and rescued our houses. And the people bent itself and bowed themselves down. (Exodus 12:21-27)

Spiritual nourishment is from the good and truth that proceed from the Lord, as all nourishment of the body is from food and drink; their correspondence also is from this, which is such that where anything of food, or that serves for food, is mentioned in the Word, good is meant, and where anything of drink, or that serves for drink, is mentioned, truth is meant. From this it can be seen that the "blood" from the Paschal Lamb, which the

sons of Israel were commanded to put upon the two side posts and upon the lintel of their houses, means Divine truth proceeding from the Lord; this, when received in faith and life, protects man against the evils that rise up out of hell; for in His Divine truth the Lord is with man, for this is the Lord's own with man, yea, it is Himself with man. Who that thinks from sound reason cannot see that the Lord is with a man not in His blood, but in His Divine, which is the good of love and the good of faith received by man. (AE 329.3)

PASTOR'S NOTES

The Lord explains in AE 329.3 that "the 'blood' from the Paschal Lamb, which the sons of Israel were commanded to put upon the two side posts and upon the lintel of their houses, means Divine truth proceeding from the Lord," and that when this truth is "received in faith and life, [it] protects man against the evils that rise up out of hell."

This story is one we can use when we pray to the Lord for help with resisting evil. Just as the sons of Israel were commanded to mark the lintel and door posts of their houses, we can ask the Lord to fill our minds with the merciful Divine Truth of His Word for whenever the "destroyer" may approach.

When the Word marks our minds, evil spirits will pass by. They will not stop to try to spiritually kill our firstborn, our innocence, because the Lord will protect us.

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Board of Trustees: The board met on September 21 and discussed the role of School Council, the budget for the past year and current year, as well as a development at the Bryn Athyn College involving the use of preferred pronouns for a transgender employee.

Regarding School Council, the board affirmed its role and suggested publishing a description of it in this newsletter, which follows.

The role of the School Council is to give input to the school administration on important matters such as hiring, school policies, curriculum changes, and long-term planning, as well as event planning and other developments as they come up. Council members should feel free to share with the rest of the council any input they receive from parents on these kinds of topics, but should encourage parents to approach the administration directly with individual concerns.

Regarding the budget, there was a surplus of approximately \$40,000 for the last fiscal year, and the current fiscal year numbers are on track so far.

Regarding Bryn Athyn College, discussion focused on a communication from the college's human resources department requiring that a non-teaching staff member be referred to by that person's preferred pronoun. Based on teachings such as "male and female He created them" (Genesis 1:27) and "the masculine cannot be changed into the feminine, nor the feminine into the masculine" (CL 32), the Kempton New Church pastors and board of trustees find that this practice violates clear teachings from the Lord. The board's discussion included the concern that this practice affects KNC because of the college's connection to the General Church (and thus to KNC). The KNC board and its officers have written a letter to the Executive Bishop offering him support in opposing what appear to be shifting employment standards at the college. We will also be exploring ways we can protect the Kempton New Church and School from the contagious effects of these developments as the Lord cautions us to in passages like True Christian Religion 120.

Pastor's Council: The Pastor's Council met on September 28 and discussed different suggestions regarding the Woods and Young Children's Services. One change likely to be made next year will be to hold a 9:00 A.M. service in the church on Woods Service Sundays regardless of the weather. We also discussed Autumn Weekends (see note further on in the newsletter), as well as the development at Bryn Athyn College that the board considered at its meeting on the 21st.

WORSHIP

The 2021-2022 SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS SCHEDULE is attached. Please keep it for your reference. (If you need a copy to be mailed to you, please contact the church office.) Many thanks to our organizer, teachers, and helpers!

- All 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, October 3

10:00 A.M. Sunday Schl Serv w/ **HOLY SUPPER**
Usher/Setup: Mark Hendricks

Sunday, October 10, 10:00 A.M. Family Service

Usher/Setup: Dandridge Cole

Sunday, October 17

9:00 A.M. Young Children's Service

Usher/Setup: Saltzers

10:00 A.M. Family Service

Usher/Setup: Gavin Stewart

Friday, October 22, 6:30 P.M. HOLY SUPPER

Contact Brett by noon on the 21st if wanting to partake.

Sunday, October 24, 10:00 A.M. Sun School Service

Usher/Setup: Mark Wyncoll

Sunday, October 31, 10:00 A.M. Family Service

Usher/Setup: Steve Hendricks

CLASSES

Saturday, October 9, 10:00 A.M., Parents-New-to-KNCS Class. Brett's office

Friday, October 15, 7:15 P.M. Youth Group

Conjugal Love class. Karla and Brett Buick's

Wednesday, October 20

10:30 A.M. Morning Class

Location: Old School Village Lounge

Topic: A continuation of our September 29 consideration of "We Hold These Truths" (a collection of thoughts from our country's Founding Fathers) in the light of some passages from the Heavenly Doctrine.

7:30 P.M. Society Doctrinal Class

Location: TBD and online

Topic: A continuation of our September 22 class – the Word and its spiritual or internal sense from *Arcana Coelestia* in the little work *The White Horse*. Subjects include the necessity and excellence of the Word; that the Word is not understood without

enlightenment, and without doctrine from the Word; that there is a spiritual or internal sense in the Word, which is primarily for angels but also for men; that there are countless things hidden there, because the Word has been written by correspondences.

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.

Tuesday, October 25, 7:30 P.M., Arcana Class

Location: TBD and online

Reading: AC 9585-9632. We will begin with the section on the Doctrine of Charity and Faith on Freedom, and then focus on the internal sense of the curtains of the Tabernacle which, in general, correspond to the truths of the spiritual heaven, while the planks (which we will study in November) correspond to the supporting good within the curtains. Those who have sewn curtains or made quilts will perhaps see just how much work it took to arrange these curtains in just the right pattern. In this case it was the pattern of the Lord's kingdom.

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.

MEETINGS

Thursday, October 14, 7:30 P.M., Society Room

Kempton New Church Annual Meeting

- The minutes of the May 13, 2021 semi-annual society meeting (attached here) will be presented for approval.
- We will hear reports from our pastor, the KNCS assistant principal, and the chairs of the Contributions Committee and the Investment Committee.
- We will hear a review of the '20-'21 fiscal year from our business manager and adopt a budget for '21-'22.

We will hold elections (absentee ballots and instructions on how to cast them are attached here). There are three positions to be filled on the Board of Trustees (nominees are John Cole, Thos Powell, and Doug Robertson), and two on the School Council (nominees are Dandridge Cole and Jen McQueen).

- With enough time, we'll consider and possibly vote on a suggested change to our bylaws with respect to how invitations to meetings may be delivered (the proposal is attached here).

From the CONTRIBUTIONS COMMITTEE

Attend the upcoming Society meeting to hear how all our contributors carried the day by providing support for the fiscal year that ended June 30, 2021 - and to hear what challenges lie ahead of us for the current year!

EVENTS

Weekends of October 9-10, 16-17, and 23-24

(Saturdays and Sundays), 11:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.,
AUTUMN WEEKENDS (food stand at the lower barn)

Friday, October 1

6:30 P.M. Feast of Charity. Society Room
NO POTLUCK DESSERT NEEDED AFTER ALL!
MENU: Chicken Marsala, mashed potato casserole, salad, bread, and pineapple upside down cake w/ whipped cream. Followed by:

7:45 P.M. Presentation by Dr. Greg Rose – “The American Idea.” Dr. Rose teaches history and political science at Bryn Athyn College. He was formerly a Middle East specialist for the U.S. Air Force and is a veteran of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Saturday, October 2, 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.

WORK PARTY to get ready for Autumn Weekends. Come put up signs and do various other much needed tasks! Thank you!

Friday, October 15, 8:00 or 8:30 A.M. to 12:42 P.M.

KNCS OLYMPIC GAMES! Once Again!
Students will begin at 8:00 A.M. with chapel that references sports in heaven, and then play all day—throughout the campus—until pickup. Parents and friends are invited to join us (watch) for any part or all of the day, including worship. Dale Smith is happy to receive any questions.

Wednesday, October 20, DEADLINE for getting

clipped Box Tops for Education to KNCS. After this, you can earn money for our library by entering your purchases online (clipping has gone out the window). We thank our supporters and Carrie Olmstead, who can help you with registering online if needed.

Saturday, October 30, 5:30-7:30 P.M.

TRUNK OR TREAT! Church lower parking lot. Attention Kempton families! The KNCS High School is organizing this just for fun! All who come are strongly encouraged to dress up. If you would like to decorate the trunk of your vehicle and pass out candy, please text (484-758-8868) or email me (shannahmcq@gmail.com) before Thurs., October 27. Hope to see you there!
Shannah McQueen, for the High School

AUTUMN WEEKENDS IS HAPPENING!

1. Hello friends! Welcome to the 25th Annual Autumn Weekends Food-Stand Fundraising Extravaganza [that we operate out of the lower barn]! A big thank you to Torrey and Kit Cooper for all their recent leadership and Autumn Weekends organizing! We – Calvin and Maggie Odhner – have agreed to carry the torch this year and are looking forward to three fun weekends: October 9-10, 16-17, and 23-24.

2. Our “Getting Ready” work party is THIS Saturday, October 2, from 8:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. Thank you to everybody for keeping this great use going!

3. The KNC website is set to take your reservations for booth help and food contributions. Please go to www.kemptonnewchurch.org, look under “News,” check out the schedule, and sign up to support this important use. *If you would rather volunteer by phone or text*, please reach out to Leesa Cooper to offer food help, or to me (Maggie) to offer booth help.

4. It has been 10 years since Calvin and I have attended Autumn Weekends, but we have always been fans, so on this short notice we are going to do our best, and we sure hope we can count on help from all of you! Thanks.

Maggie and Calvin

The life of charity is a life of uses. Such life pervades the whole of heaven, for the Lord's kingdom, being a kingdom of mutual love, is a kingdom of uses. (HH 997)

NOTICES / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Repeating Wonderful News: As shared earlier, Elizabeth Shanon was born to Judah and Lydia Synnestvedt on Saturday, September 25. We, along with Elizabeth’s family, warmly welcome her to the world!

To support the Synnestvedts with a meal, please contact Kit Cooper for how to sign up at takethemameal.com.

And Another Welcome! Damon Jonas was born to Matt and Daelen Saltzer on Wednesday, September 28. Blessings! We offer hearty congratulations and are glad indeed for his arrival. “I will not forget thee. Behold, on the palms of My Hands I have portrayed thee” (*Isaiah 49: 15-16*).

To support the Saltzers with a meal, please contact Kit Cooper for how to sign up at takethemameal.com.

ANNIVERSARIES

Marriages in the heavens do not lead to begetting children. In place of this is spiritual procreation, which is the procreation of love and wisdom... Regarded in themselves, spiritual things relate to love and wisdom. It is these, therefore, that are born of their marriages. It is said that they are born, because conjugal love perfects an angel, so uniting him with his consort that he becomes more and more a man; for two partners in heaven are not two but one angel. Therefore, by conjugal union they fill themselves with the human, which consists in willing to become wise, and in loving that which pertains to wisdom. (Conjugal Love 51)

Congratulations and Best Wishes to:

Tom and Carla Kerr

on the 2nd – 38 years

Kerry and Sabrina Wenrich

on the 11th – 13 years

Kenan and Kathleen Smith

on the 13th – 4 years

Toby and Anni Powell

on the 19th – 8 years

Thos and Laurel Powell

on the 23rd – 39 years

Luke and Sarah Heiter

on the 25th – 18 years

Tim and Arian Hungaski

on the 25th – 24 years

Dandridge and Tamar Cole

on the 27th – 19 years

And last but not least (we missed them earlier)

Gerald and Jenna van Zyverden

on August 31 – 2 years

**NOTICES / ANNOUNCEMENTS cont.**

Bell Choir: Practice is starting up again for the fall/winter season, although we still need a few more people to fill out the group. Our plan is to meet once a week (day still to be determined) from 6:30-8:00 P.M. at the church. If you are interested, please call me right away! We hope to start as soon as possible. – Roxanne Genzlinger

Thank You: Thanks to everyone who supported the Afghan refugee family. They've arrived safely in Seattle. Your thoughtfulness and kindness helped them make it through an exhausting and frightening time. Much appreciated. – Ben Pendleton

A Chance to Help: A GoFundMe page has been set up for the Adrian and Rebekah Barlup family in Hamburg (two of the Barlup children were enrolled at KNCS a while back). Adrien is suffering from health problems that are prompting them to seek support. Doing an internet search on “GoFundMe Help Adrien and his family!” should get you to where you need to be. Feel free to contact me if that doesn't work (I have a quite-long link I can share). – Carla K

Corn Stalks for Fall Decorating! \$5/bundle of 10. Porch pick-up. If interested, please call or text me. Thank You! – Michele Brown

Employment Opportunity: Our family hog farm is hiring! High school age and up may apply. We are looking for an individual to help with evening and some weekend chores. Please call Carrie Olmstead if interested.

Flyers for These Kempton Events are Attached:

- *Saturday, October 9*, The Race at the Lake [Leaser] is Back! Sponsored by the Lions Club, which is currently raising funds to install a pavilion on the lake's western shore. Also attached here is a registration form. (You can also register online.)
- *Saturday, October 23*, Trunk or Treat at the Kempton Community Center

A BIT MORE

You can live for years next door to a big pine tree, honored to have so venerable a neighbor, even when it sheds needles all over your flowers or wakes you, dropping big cones onto your deck at still of night.

– Denise Levertov

Autumn carries more gold in its pocket than all the other seasons.

– Jim Bishop

September's Bacalaureate
A combination is
Of Crickets -- Crows -- and Retrospects
And a dissembling Breeze

That hints without assuming --
An Innuendo sear
That makes the Heart put up its Fun
And turn Philosopher.

– Emily Dickinson

October

By now, it's mostly just the crickets and the geese,
But a late-departing thrush
Spoke up this morning too.
It was startling to hear against the drying out,
Sounding not at all like death
As the leaves were letting go.
Perhaps there's no denying grief,
But in that other woods
The sap is always rising.

– CGK

It was Autumn, and incessant
Piped the quails from shocks and sheaves
And, like living coals, the apples
Burned among the withering leaves.

– Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

The Apple-Barrel of Johnny Appleseed

On the mountain peak, called 'Going-To-The-Sun,'
I saw gray Johnny Appleseed at prayer
Just as the sunset made the old earth fair,
Then darkness came; in an instant, like great smoke,
The sun fell down as though its great hoops broke
And dark rich apples, poured from the dim flame
Where the sun set, came rolling toward the peak,
A storm of fruit, a mighty cider-reek,
The perfume of the orchards of the world,
From apple-shadows: red and russet domes
That turned to clouds of glory and strange homes
Above the mountain tops for cloud-born souls: —
Reproofs for men who build the world like moles,
Models for men, if they would build the world
As Johnny Appleseed would have it done —
Praying, and reading the books of Swedenborg
On the mountain top called 'Going-To-The-Sun.'

– Vachel Lindsay