



## KEMPTON NEW CHURCH NEWSLETTER – May 2023

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### ANOINTING WITH LOVE

#### **Psalm 133**

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is  
For brothers to dwell even as one!  
It is as the good oil upon the head,  
Going down upon the beard, the beard of Aaron;  
Which goes down upon the mouth of his robes  
As the dew of Hermon, which goes down upon the  
mountains of Zion,  
For there Jehovah commanded the blessing,  
Life, even to eternity.

#### **Matthew 26:6-13**

And when Jesus was in Bethany, in the house of  
Simon the leper, there came unto Him a woman,  
having an alabaster vessel of ointment, very  
precious, and poured it on His head as He sat.

But when His disciples saw it, they were indignant,  
saying, For what purpose was this loss?  
For this ointment might have been sold for much,  
and given to the poor. And Jesus knowing, said to  
them, Why belabor the woman? For she has worked  
a good work on Me. For you have the poor always  
with you; but Me you have not always. For in that  
she has poured this ointment on My body, she has  
done it for My burial.

Amen I say to you, Wherever this gospel shall be  
preached in the whole world, what this woman has  
done shall be spoken for a memorial of her.

#### **Arcana Coelestia 9954.3**

Anointing was instituted [among the ancients] for  
the reason that the oil with which the anointing was  
done, signified the good of love; for they knew that  
the good of love was that essential thing from which  
all things of the church and of worship live, because  
it is the being of life. For the Divine flows in with a  
man through the good of love, and makes his life,  
indeed that heavenly life in which truths are  
received in good.

### PASTOR'S NOTES

In Psalm 133 the Lord gives us the image of Aaron  
being anointed with oil. The Psalm describes the oil  
as being poured on his head and then flowing down  
his beard and then all the way to the bottom of his  
robes.

In the Gospels, the Lord gives us this image again.  
This time directly in reference to Himself. The  
woman pours the precious ointment on His head  
and the Lord describes it as being poured on His  
body for His burial, again, giving us the idea of the  
oil flowing from His head down to His entire body.

These two images in the Word help us see how we  
can be anointed too.

We can be anointed by the good of the Lord's love  
(AC 9954). It can be in everything that we do. If we  
receive it first in our minds—in our will and  
understanding—it can then affect everything else  
we do. Just as it went down from Aaron's head to  
the bottom of his robes and how it covered the body  
of the Lord.

Receiving the good of the Lord's love will change  
how we read His Word and the Heavenly Doctrine.  
We will read it to live it, not just to understand it.  
This brings life to the church as we do this because  
the good of the Lord's love then motivates all that  
we do. It will change how we worship as well.  
When the good of the Lord's love flows into us it  
will come out when worship together. It will be  
present when we pray together, when we sing  
together and when we listen to the Lord's Word  
together.

Behold how good and how pleasant it is!

**HOLY SUPPER** will be offered this month during  
church on Sunday, May 7th, and Friday, May 26<sup>th</sup> at  
7:30 p.m. at the church.

*And Jesus said to them, I am the Bread of Life; he  
who comes to Me shall never hunger, and he who  
believes in Me shall never thirst. John 6:35*

**Pastor's Council met on Tuesday, April 4.**

Our discussion focused primarily on how we do family services. A trend was identified that family services have over the last several months often become more like sermons rather than talks accommodated to children. It was also discussed that there is a strong desire for families to stay together in church and that this is what led to the replacement of one Sunday School Service with an additional Family Service a few years ago. There has also been some feedback regretting that there are now fewer in-depth sermons.

Several possible changes were discussed and here is what I have decided based on the input I have received:

First, we will work as a pastoral staff to better accommodate our family talks to children. We have been making efforts to do this and I hope you have already seen a change. Secondly, on Sundays when there is a Young Children's Service at 9:00 am, the 10:00 am service will be a sermon service like the second half of a Sunday School Service (lessons from the Word and the Heavenly Doctrine followed by a sermon). All are welcome to attend these sermon services.

My hope is that these changes will better serve our young families as well as offer more in-depth sermons. Please let me know what you think as we give this a try.

**The Board of Trustees met on Tuesday, April 18.**

We adopted a budget which assumes a 4.0% payout from the endowment and an increase of \$11,500 to annual giving over last year. The salary and benefit costs are the biggest increase in the budget; the payout from endowed funds, however, is projected to cover most of those costs. The budget will be presented to the Society at the May meeting.

We also discussed ways that we can become more self-sufficient in the future and we will continue to look into our options. Finally, the board voted to spend \$40,000 from the Reserve Fund to improve campus security by installing cameras at the doors, door alarms and a better locking system for the main school door. If you have any questions, please feel free to get in touch.

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**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, May 7, 10:00 a.m. Sunday School Service.  
HOLY SUPPER. Usher/Setup: Kenan Smith*

*Sunday, May 14, 9:00 a.m. Young Child's Service.  
Setup: Dale and Tovah Smith*

*10:00 a.m. Sermon Service. Usher/Setup: Paul Schorran. This service will be like the second half of a Sunday School Service (lessons from the Word and the Heavenly Doctrine followed by a sermon). All are welcome to attend.*

*Sunday, May 21, 10:00 a.m. Sunday School Service. Usher/Setup: Doug Robertson*

*Friday, May 26, 6:30 p.m. Holy Supper at OSV.  
Usher: Seth Wyncoll*

*Sunday, May 28, 10:00 a.m. Family Service.  
Usher/Setup: Hayden Muth*

**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, May 3, 7:30 p.m.*

*Men's Conjugal Love class (with Judah Synnestvedt) at Old School Village Lounge.*

*Tuesday, May 9, 7:30 p.m. Arcana Class. Location TBD. We will finish the explanation of the twenty eighth chapter of Exodus about the tunic, miter, belt, and breeches for Aaron and his sons. And will end with "dessert", the beginning of the section on the Second earth in the starry heavens. The readings are Exodus 39-42, AC 9941-9973.*

*Wednesday, May 10, 7:30 p.m.*

*Men's Conjugal Love class (with Judah Synnestvedt) at Old School Village Lounge.*

Thursday, May 11, 10:30 a.m.

Heaven and Hell: nos. 116-125 (with Lawson Smith) at Old School Village Lounge.

Wednesday, May 17, 7:30 p.m.

Men’s Conjugal Love class (with Judah Synnestvedt) at Old School Village Lounge.

Wednesday, May 24, 7:30 p.m.

Men’s Conjugal Love class (with Judah Synnestvedt) at Old School Village Lounge.

Thursday, May 25, 10:30 a.m.

Heaven and Hell: nos. 126-140 (with Lawson Smith) at Old School Village Lounge.

Thursday, May 25, 7:15 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Youth Group Conjugal Love class at Calvin and Liza Heinrichs’, at OSV

Wednesday, May 31, 7:30 p.m.

Men’s Conjugal Love class (with Judah Synnestvedt) at Old School Village Lounge.

**MEETINGS**

Thursday, May 18, 7:30 p.m. Kempton New Church Semi-Annual Meeting

**From Your CONTRIBUTIONS COMMITTEE**

Our finances look really good as we finish our fiscal year in June. We project a balanced budget again! But we always can use a few more contributors to share the wonderful responsibility of preserving the uses of the church for another generation. If you haven't given yet, here's a wonderful opportunity to help us get above 60% of our society contributing.

And here's another thing to do...thank a KNC volunteer today!

Mark H. Wyncoll  
484 809 4022

**EVENTS**

**Ladies Handwork:** Every Wednesday, at 3:00 p.m., at Old School Village.

**Dance Steps Studio Recital:** Saturday, May 20 at 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. at the Kempton Community Center. All are welcome. – Janina Smith

**NOTICES / ANNOUNCEMENTS**

*You are invited to the wedding of*

*Levi King*

*and*

*Kayla Swartley*

*On Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at 3 p.m.*

*Special Music begins at 2:30 p.m.*

*At the Kempton New Church*

*Private Reception to follow*

**Betrothals:**

On March 11, 2023, in San Diego, California, Jared Eads and Natalie Buick were betrothed. Rev. Brett Buick officiated.

On April 1, 2023, in Kempton, PA, Levi King and Kayla Swartley were betrothed. Rev. Brett Buick officiated.

*By betrothal, the mind or spirit of the one is prepared for union with the mind or spirit of the other, or, what is the same thing, the love of the one with the love of the other.*

Conjugal Love 302

**Announcing a Birth:** Congratulations to Bennett and Alison Buick on the birth of their daughter, Ingrid Elaine, on April 22, 2023, in El Paso, Texas.

*And God blessed them, saying, Be fruitful and multiply.*  
Genesis 1:22

**Resurrection Service:** Merrily Evans passed into the spiritual world on April 8, 2023. The service will be held at the Kempton New Church on Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 p.m.

*Peace has in it confidence in the Lord, that He governs all things, and provides all things, and that He leads to a good end. Arcana Coelestia 8455*

**An Evening of Whittling at Roger's Shop:** Saturday, May 13, 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. High school age and up are invited for an evening of whittling. If you have tools or a carving project, bring that along. If not, no worries - Roger has knives, patterns and projects. And lots of bandaids! Contact Roger Schrock with any questions at 484-390-1922.

**Swing Dance:** All people high-school age and older are invited to an evening of swing dancing on the 29<sup>th</sup> of April at 7:00 p.m. in the Society Room. This event will consist of two parts: first Mr. Derrick Lumsden will give a lesson on swing dancing and then there will be an actual dance. Please come and have fun. Contact Jack Lumsden at [jghlumsden@gmail.com](mailto:jghlumsden@gmail.com) with any questions.

**Caleb's Café:** Starting in May, Caleb's Cafe will be switching to its summer hours which will be Friday (7-3) and Saturday (9-2). Any questions text Roxanne.

### **Final Call for Gift Baskets!**

Please help welcome Todd Heinrichs and Ivan Funk by bringing a food item to the church kitchen by this Sunday, April 30.

## **SCHOOL NEWS**

*Wednesday, May 3, 7:00 p.m.* 8<sup>th</sup> grade parent meeting, in the high school commons.

*Thursday, May 11 at 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.* British Literature Presentation by the High School.

*Friday, May 12, 10:30 a.m.* Boys and Girls Day at KNCS.

*From Heather King:* We welcome donations of cotton fabric larger than 20 x 30 inches to make premie baby blankets. I can pick up or it can be dropped off in the kitchen labeled with my name. Questions? Call or text Heather at 484-860-0973.

*Monday, May 15, 7:00 p.m.* Senior Project Presentations. Join us for an informative and fun evening, as our 7 seniors present their projects.

Luke Glenn: *Old Betsy 2.0*

Kaspar Fritch: *A Dying Business*

Bethany Buick: *A Trip to England*

Adele Jungé: *Kickboxing and Pilates*

Savannah Brown: *Teaching Elementary School*

Ann Brown: *Animation*

Shannah McQueen: *Cooking Up a Book*

*Thursday, May 18, 10:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.*

You are invited to the KNCS Colonial Fair on Thursday May 18<sup>th</sup> between 10:45 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. Please join us by visiting stalls at your own pace, hear talks, ask questions and possibly partake in some hands on experiences!

From Miss Riley and the Fifth and Sixth grades.

**Library News:** Thursday, May 18 is the last day to check out books from the library at KNCS, for school children as well as for homeschoolers and preschoolers from the community. And now is the time to start looking for and returning any library books you may have at your house!

### **Coming in June:**

*Friday, June 9, 10:00 a.m.* School Closing

*Friday, June 9, 7:00 p.m.* Graduation Ceremony at the Kempton New Church School

ANNIVERSARIES

And lo, a chariot was then seen descending from the highest or third heaven, and in it was seen a single angel, but as it drew near, two were seen. At a distance, the chariot glittered before my eyes like a diamond. Harnessed to it were young horses, white as snow; and they that sat in the chariot held two turtle-doves in their hands. *Conjugal Love 42:2*

*Congratulations and Best Wishes to:*

**Tom and Sandie Capparell**

on the 1<sup>st</sup> – 31 years

**Cade and Caelwen Cole**

on the 1<sup>st</sup> – 24 years

**Peter and Roxanne Genzlinger**

on the 6<sup>th</sup> – 22 years

**Derek and Brittany Childs**

on the 9<sup>th</sup> – 8 years

**Paul and Nina Schorran**

on the 9<sup>th</sup> – 36 years

**Elijah and Amanda Heiter**

on the 14<sup>th</sup> – 12 years

**Penn and Leesa Cooper**

on the 15<sup>th</sup> – 41 years

**Jeff and Gayle Britland**

on the 16<sup>th</sup> – 24 years

**Arne and Emily Bau-Madsen**

on the 17<sup>th</sup> – 53 years

**Hugh and Janina Brown**

on the 20<sup>th</sup> – 51 years

**Roger and Kathy Schrock**

on the 25<sup>th</sup> – 49 years

**R.C. and Christine Storch**

on the 25<sup>th</sup> – 21 years

**Ariel and Erin Powell**

on the 25<sup>th</sup> – 10 years

**Tyler and Katrina Long**

on the 30<sup>th</sup> – 14 years

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