



KEMPTON NEW CHURCH NEWSLETTER – July 2023

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MOVING FROM HISTORICAL FAITH TO ACTUAL FAITH

Luke 4:28-30, 39-42

The [Samaritan] woman [at the well] then left her water-pot, and went away into the city, and says to the men, Come, see a Man who has told me all that I have ever done. Is He not the Christ? Then they went out from the city, and came to Him....

And out of that city, many of the Samaritans believed in Him, on account of the word of the woman who testified, He told me all things that I ever did. Therefore when the Samaritans came to Him, they besought Him to remain with them, and He remained there two days. And many more believed because of His word, and said to the woman, We no longer believe because of thy saying, for we have heard Him, and know that this is truly the Savior of the world, the Christ.

New Jerusalem and Her Heavenly Doctrine 242

The faith of knowledges before it becomes the faith of life is historical faith, the nature of which is well known, namely, that it is believed because another has said it; until this has been made man's own it is an alien thing, or something with ourself belonging to someone else.

PASTOR'S NOTES

Is there someone whose belief in the Word has left an impression on you—like the woman at the well did for the Samaritans described in Chapter 4 of Luke?

Parents can certainly do this for their children. And we can all do it for each other too. It is an important step in developing our faith. But the key is going to the Word to see the Lord there for ourself, not stopping at belief based on another's faith.

Moving out of an initial belief based on another's testimony and moving into a belief based on hearing the Lord's testimony directly from Him is a

necessary step in receiving a true faith from the Lord. That is what the Samaritans did after the woman at the well explained to them that she had met the Christ, and that is what we need to do ourselves.

The Lord teaches in the *Arcana* that we should not believe that what the church teaches is true simply because others have said it, but that we should go to Word for ourselves (AC 6047). When we do this with an open mind, then we will truly see the Lord in His Word for ourselves and be able to respond just like the Samaritans saying, "We no longer believe because of thy saying, for we have heard Him, and know that this is truly the Savior of the world, the Christ" (John 4:42)

HOLY SUPPER will be offered this month on Friday, July 21 at 6:30 p.m. at the church.

*O taste and see that the Lord is good;
Happy is the mighty man who trusts in Him.
Psalm 34:8*

SUMMER "SUNDAY SCHOOL" SERVICES: Parents, please take careful note about these services, which happen three times during the summer. During the summer 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 sermon (making sure people outside are not within the view of worshippers inside).

It is important that all children actually be supervised in order to protect them from hurting others or having to endure the bad behavior of others. Thank you to parents, individually and collectively, for pulling together to make sure our kids are protected.

In the case of rain, certain indoor spaces may be used in addition to the barn, but it's imperative that an adult be in any room in which there are children, whatever their age. Close supervision matters in

these spaces that are developed, used, and cared for by those who work in the school, to whom we need to show respect. All places should of course be left as clean and tidy as you will undoubtedly find them. Available in bad weather (only): the 1st-2nd, 5th-6th, and 7th-8th classrooms, and the Commons.

As on every Sunday, please supervise your children when church is over, whether in the Society Room or outside.

WOODS / OUTDOOR SERVICES: On the last Sunday of each summer month (July 30, August 27, and September 24), 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.

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 CLASS: This summer Andy, Calvin, Lawson, and I are offering a four class series on "What the Heavenly Doctrine Testifies Concerning Itself." The classes are based on a collection of passages first put together in 1902 by Rev. Carl Theophilus Odhner. In 1960 the Rev. Hugo Odhner published the set of passages again and wrote:

"The object in the present compilation is to present, simply and clearly, those teachings which most directly describe the nature of the revelation given through Swedenborg, who subscribed himself 'the Servant of the Lord Jesus Christ.'"

Rev. Calvin Heinrichs has recently updated the collection and re-printed the material in booklets that will be available after church on Sunday and then at the secretary's desk. We hope you will enjoy the classes.

Location: Old School Village Lounge

Dates: July 10, July 31, August 7, August 21 at 7:30 p.m.

JUNE 19TH CELEBRATION. Thank you to Roxanne Genzlinger and all the volunteers who took part in bringing us such a beautiful pageant. Thank you also to Heather King and the whole team of people who made the beautiful New Church Day gifts for the children.

"The Lord, God Jesus Christ reigns, whose kingdom shall be for ages and ages" (TCR 791).

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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, July 2, 10:00 a.m. Sunday School Service.
Usher/Setup: Derrick Lumsden*

*Sunday, July 9, 10:00 a.m. Family Service
Usher/Setup: Nathaniel Cole*

*Sunday, July 16
9:00 a.m. Young Child's Service.
Setup: Matt and Daelen Saltzer
10:00 a.m. Sermon Service. Usher/Setup: Jeremy Synnestvedt. **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.***

*Friday, July 21
6:30 p.m. Holy Supper Service. Usher: Steve King*

*Sunday, July 23
10:00 a.m. Sunday School Service. Usher/Setup: Laif Judson*

*Sunday, July 30
If not raining:
9:00 a.m. Family Service Indoors
10:00 a.m. Woods Service. Usher/Setup: Dandridge Cole, Laban Genzlinger
If raining:
9:00 a.m. Family Service
10:00 a.m. Family Service Indoors. Usher/Setup: Dandridge Cole, Laban Genzlinger*

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, July 5, 7:30 p.m.

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

Monday, July 10, 7:30 p.m.

Summer Doctrinal Class (with Rev. Calvin Heinrichs) at Old School Village. Covering chapters 1-5 in the booklet "What the Heavenly Doctrine Testifies Concerning Itself."

Wednesday, July 12, 7:30 p.m.

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

Wednesday, July 19, 7:30 p.m.

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

Monday, July 31, 7:30 p.m.

Summer Doctrinal Class (with Rev. Brett Buick) at Old School Village. Covering chapters 6-10 in the booklet "What the Heavenly Doctrine Testifies Concerning Itself."

Meetings:

Tuesday, July 11, at 7:30 p.m. Board Meeting, in the Library.

From Your CONTRIBUTIONS COMMITTEE

Thank you to all our donors and volunteers who contributed to balancing our budget for our Fiscal Year 2023, (just ended on June 30, 2023). We couldn't do it without you. The Kempton New Church is lucky to have your support!

Gratefully,

The Contributions Committee

PS: Have an idea for fundraiser for the new Fiscal Year 24...by all means give it a whirl!

West End Renovation Project Update

The Building Committee has been working hard on this project since February. The plans are coming together and about half of the estimated costs for the project are in. Contractors are very busy at this time and are getting us numbers as they are able. It

is looking like it will be late July before we will have presentable plans and all of the pricing in and can present the project and funding plan to the board before presenting it to the society.

George Cauffman, Building Committee Chair

EVENTS

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

Weeding at the church/school: Every Tuesday, starting at 9:00 a.m., from June 13 through the end of the summer. All are welcome!

Family Soccer will be held every Sunday from 3:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Contact Jordan Cooper with questions.

Caleb's Café is open every Friday and Saturday, from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. CLOSED Saturday July 1, Friday July 21, and Saturday July 22.

LET FREEDOM RING! You're invited to celebrate Independence Day on July 4th at Chris and Heather Smith's! (If it rains, festivities may happen in the pavilion.)

Order of events (come to some or all!):

4:00 p.m. Start showing up

4:15 p.m. Parade led by Katrin Jungé on Smith's property – walking people, cars, trucks, tractors - all welcome! Put together a float or just wear your best red, white, and blue swag!

Following parade, gather in pavilion for Presentation of the Flag, pledge of allegiance and National Anthem accompanied by Curtis McQueen

Races led by Calvin and Maggie Odhner

Picnic and lawn games ad lib. Please bring your own food, drinks, chairs and blankets. Smiths are providing tables for bring-and-brag desserts, BAD farm ice cream cups, coolers with ice for general use, restroom and trash cans.

If this fun line up hasn't enticed you to come yet, someone might bring water balloons for a balloon toss, Calvin Heinrichs (with Liza and Siegfried) is bringing a volleyball net, Seth King is deciding which of his awesome vehicles will come along, also plenty of new babies to share! Feel free to call Heather Smith, Katrin Jungé or Maggie Odhner with questions or suggestions.

NOTICES / ANNOUNCEMENTS

Baptism: Hannah Aileen was baptized on June 18, 2023. She is the infant daughter of Judah and Lydia Synnestvedt. *“And Jesus, calling a little child, set him in the midst of them and said, Amen I say to you...whoever shall receive one such little child in my name receives Me...”* (Matt 18:1-5)

Wedding Announcements:

Kale Odhner and Kelsey Petersen were married on May 20, 2023.

Kelsie Odhner and Chase Andersen were married on June 3, 2023.

Janina Smith and Alex Walbert were married on June 24, 2023.

Still to come: on July 8, 2023, *Asher Odhner* will marry *Clara Bichon*, from Lyon, France/NYC.

Regarded from its origin and correspondence, love truly conjugal is celestial, spiritual, holy, pure and clean, above every love which is from the Lord with angels of heaven and men of the church.

Conjugal Love 64

Volunteer Opportunity for the Kempton New Church: The church and school is looking for someone who would be willing to come to the church/school kitchen once or twice a week, to do general tidying, putting away, and washing the dish cloths and towels. It takes approximately 1 to 2 hours per week altogether. Our departing volunteer, Aileen Synnestvedt, is happy to help train in the next person. Contact Jen if you're interested! 610-756-6140

Seeking Autumn Weekends Captain(s): Torrey and Kit Cooper are stepping down as Captains of Autumn Weekends. Thank you to them for their

years of service! It is much appreciated. There are many people who will be happy to help the new captains! Please talk to Brett if you are interested.

SCHOOL NEWS

Reminder to parents of KNCS students: Please hand in your bus forms ASAP (if you haven't already). The health forms are due August 4. They can be left on my desk if you come by and I'm not here. Jen McQueen

ANNIVERSARIES

Few know from what origin conjugal love comes forth. They who think from the world believe that it comes forth from nature; but they who think from heaven believe that it comes forth from the Divine in heaven.

Arcana Coelestia 10167

Congratulations and Best Wishes to:

Ken and Ingrid Klicker

on the 2nd – 40 years

Gavin and Anthea Stewart

on the 5th – 26 years

John and Alexandra Cole

on the 7th – 16 years

Matt and Daelen Saltzer

on the 12th – 15 years

Brandon and Char Jungé

on the 16th – 40 years

Anders and Juliet Smith

on the 18th – 8 years

Thaddeus and Kaemmerle Glenn

on the 20th – 21 years

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